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Mac SIG & Help SIG Meetings are held at
Applewood Community Church
12930 W 32nd Avenue
Golden CO 80401
7 to 9 pm
SEE WEBSITE FOR MAP

2020 Calendar		
Help SIG	Sept 24	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Oct 20	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 22	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Nov 17	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 19	3 rd Tues
Xmas Party	Dec 22	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec	Unknown

On occasion, Applewood Community Church may have shelter obligations. You will be notified by email if DAPi meetings are to be cancelled.

Denver Apple Pi Announcements

September 2020

We are awaiting conditions to change so we might continue our regular meetings.

The Applewood Church has established COVID-19 safety regulations that DAPi members must sign in order to attend meetings. When we resume meetings, be sure to bring your signed liability waiver and release of claims form with you. The church will keep a file of these signed forms

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are putting collection of dues on hold until we are able to have meetings.

Membership dues for DAPi are \$15 per year and you will receive the monthly newsletter, *The Seed*, via email in PDF format. If you prefer, you can pay \$20 and receive a snail mail copy of the newsletter. You can bring your payment to the monthly meetings or you can mail your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004.

COMING EVENTS: TBA**REMINDERS:**

Help SIG—Call Elissa to get your name/problem on the list so our DAPi Help people will be prepared. You will need to bring your computer, your own power cord, mouse, and keyboard. Elissa will keep a sign-up list for those asking for help at the Help SIG meetings so members can be helped in a prioritized way. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Elissa at elissamc@comcast.net or at 303.421.8714. Tom King says if you have questions about Excel for Mac, the spreadsheet software program, bring your questions to the Help SIG meeting. Please call Elissa in advance. Need help with iPad, iPhone? If you would like

assistance with navigating and synchronizing your iPad and iPhone, bring them to the Help SIG meeting. Notify Elissa what help you need, and we will try to get the problems resolved.

As of September 10, 2020, the following Apple stores are open in Colorado, says The MacObserver Express:

1. Boulder, [Twenty Ninth Street](#)
2. Broomfield, [FlatIron Crossing](#)
3. Colorado Springs, [The Promenade Shops at Briargate](#)
4. Denver, [Cherry Creek](#)
5. Littleton, [Aspen Grove](#)
6. Lone Tree, [Park Meadows](#)

ADVICE FROM SAL KHAN OF THE ONLINE KHAN ACADEMY

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/08/31/khan-academy-remote-learning/>

Washington Post reporter Heather Kelly reports on how technology affects everyday life. She spoke to Sal Khan, founder of the online Khan Academy to get his comments on the sudden necessity of distance learning. For the past 12 years, Salman Khan has been touting online learning as the future of education. But even he didn't imagine us crashing into that future so suddenly and with little time to prepare.

The beginning of Khan's online tutoring began when he successfully tutored his own cousins using video classes. As a result, in 2008 he founded Khan Academy, the online nonprofit Khan Academy, and in 2014 he started an in-person school in Silicon Valley called Khan Labs School. This school had to switch to online classes in August 2020.

Read the full Washington Post report where Khan makes comments about this new world

for everybody and how it might affect school age kids and some recommendations he makes for implementing today's online schedules for kids.

**APPLE COMMITS TO 100% RENEWABLE POWER FOR SUPPLIERS**

In 2018, Apple achieved 100% carbon-neutral power supplies for its own operations. Now, in 2020, it has committed to achieve the same for its suppliers. In the Danish town of Esbjerg, the 200-meter-tall turbines are expected to produce 62 gigawatt hours each year — enough to power almost 20,000 homes — and will act as a test site for powerful offshore wind turbines. Ben Lovejoy of 9-5Mac writes that the power produced at Esbjerg will support Apple's data center in Viborg, with all surplus energy going into the Danish grid.

Although offshore wind turbines are more expensive to built and maintain, the advantage is that the wind is stronger

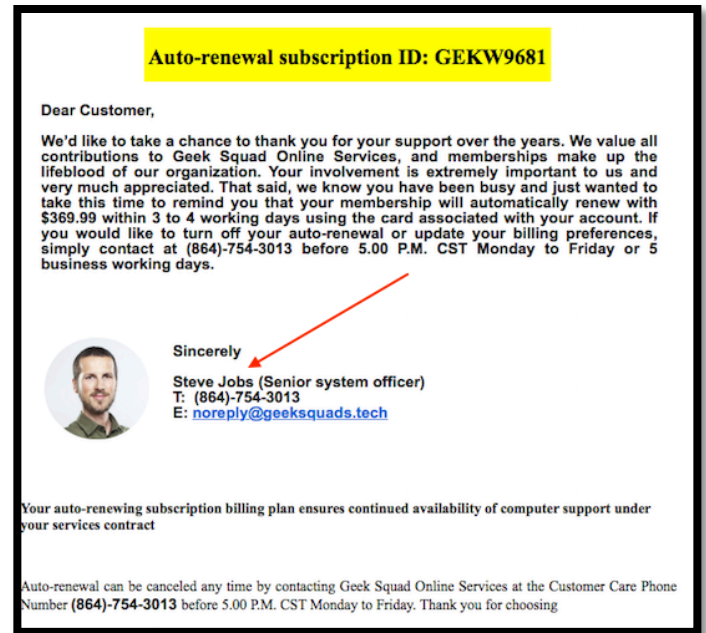


offshore with no obstacles to go around and the wind blows longer than onshore. Wind scientists are concerned with the phenomenon called "wind shadow" in these large arrays of wind towers that affect the winds and decreases its efficacy. Still, offshore winds "could produce three times as much power as an existing wind farm in Kansas of a similar size," say scientist Anna Possner and climatologist Ken Caldeira in an issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.



SCAM SENT BY GEEKSQUADS.TECH

Editor's husband received this email concerning his membership with Geek Squad Online Services. He doesn't have an account with the geeksquads.tech, so this was obviously some sort of scam. But we thought the new guy working there as a "Senior System Officer" was an interesting addition to the Geek Squad professionals—Steve Jobs. The complaints on the website "reportscam.com" says this person uses another name as well: John Empire.



Scam email from Geeksquads.tech



SENDING TEXT OR MESSAGES ON YOUR CELL PHONE

Submitted by Elissa McAlear, Secretary, DAPI

Have you experienced getting a message "can't be delivered – blocked" or something similar?

As a neophyte using my iPhone, I was trying to send a message from my iPhone to my brother and a cousin who it turns out are using Androids. After many tries, I called Apple Care and Consumer Cellular to be sure my plan includes data and texting.

- Apple Care made sure I had the SMS active for Messages in Settings.
- They reset my phone, I turned it off and later that evening I updated the iOS.

I can finally send and receive messages! I hope this helps anyone having this experience.



NEW APPLE STORE IN SINGAPORE

On September 10, 2020, the store opened with a staff of nearly 150 people who speak 23 languages. This is the first Apple store to "float" in water with a glass dome with a narrow slit at the top, called an oculus, that allows natural light, and the store has an uninterrupted view of the city from its location in the water of Marina Bay. The dome is massive and inside is the Genius Bar along with the usual Apple products and accessories all nestled inside rows of trees.

There is an underwater boardroom where entrepreneurs and developers can meet with Apple team members. There is also an elevated boardwalk and an underwater tunnel connecting to the shops at Marina Bay Sands.



"Floating" Apple Store in Marina Bay Sands -Singapore

In addition to this unusual Apple store, the Marina Bay Sands has become a major international tourist destination and it was featured in a 2018 film, "Crazy Rich Asians." The Marina Bay Sands Hotel has a rooftop infinity pool and observation deck, and other nearby attractions include the ArtScience Museum and Gardens by the Bay. See views of the rooftop infinity pool and observation deck at:

<https://www.marinabaysands.com/attractions/infinity-pool.html>



Marina Bay Sands Hotel and Apple Store - Singapore

Weather conditions in Singapore: Year-round showers; a surprising amount of lightning strikes; and heavy humidity. Being tiny, and only 1.5 degrees from the Equator, Singapore enjoys a tropical climate that is almost unceasingly warm and humid all year long. Take quick-drying lightweight clothes, waterproof jacket and umbrella. Don't take raincoat; humidity makes them miserable to wear. Take light jacket for extended periods spent in air-conditioned locations.



COOL GIFT—MAGNETIC LEVITATING BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

How about a levitating blue-tooth speaker for someone special. There are several different models and options, so check before you buy. Things to consider: battery life, sound quality and portability.

Different manufacturers have different options including: a rotating earth, USB port for charging, LED visual effects, et al.

Prices range from ~\$140 to \$48 on Amazon, but there are many other websites to look at.



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Date _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New ☐ Change
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Phone(s) _____
 Email _____
 Kind of Computer: Apple II _____ GS _____ Mac _____ OS _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$20.00 per year for a monthly hard copy of The Seed and \$15.00 per year for a monthly PDF copy. Fill in the form below or ask for an application to send with your check to the Club mailing address: DENVER APPLE Pi, 67501 Welch Ct, Arvada CO 80004. For information, call Elissa McAlear at 303.421.8714 about Apple II, GS and Mac. Email elissamc@comcast.net. Our web site is: <http://www.denverapplepi.com>

Mac SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Troubleshooter Group Help SIG meets the FOURTH Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. unless a holiday necessitates a change. Seed articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: Seed article.

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