

Technology Corner – by George Champine

PC disposal

Personal computers become obsolete quickly by the amazing technology progress that is being made. Because the upgrades possibilities are limited, they are usually replaced every 3-5 years. This leads to a huge disposal problem. Fortunately some companies are helping with the disposal problem. The most difficult item to dispose of is the CRT monitor because the glass contains about 30 percent lead, a serious pollutant. These devices are not accepted by the Hudson transfer station as disposal in landfills is now illegal in Massachusetts, but are recycled by the CRT Recycling Company, phone 508-427-7740 or e-mail ctr@recyclingelectronics.com. They are located in Brockton. Also, from time to time there are local “recycling days”. Last summer Intel accepted units at the StopNshop plaza (watch the local paper). One of the leaders in recycling is HP, who will accept units for recycling for a small fee. See their web site at: <https://warpl.external.hp.com/recycle/>.

Another company that accepts PCs for recycling is:

Company Name: 1st North Star Foundation Inc of Framingham

Contact: Ross Reznik, Director of IT Program

Phone: 508-270-0503

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Email: pc@northstarfound.org

Improved uses of Google

I mentioned last time that my favorite search engine is google. Google has many capabilities beyond the usual. Here are some.

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| Check spelling: | enter “spell:” followed by the word is question. The first line of the response will be the correct spelling. |
| Pictures | find pictures of your favorite personality or object (1949 Ford). Select the “images” tab and type in the name and then search. |
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