

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Enjoy celebrating
St. Patrick's Day, Spring & Easter
all in one month!



Transitioning To A New Email Comes With Benefits

When telecommunication companies first began providing dial-up internet to customers in the late 90s, thirty years ago, the internet service came with email.

During that same time, tech companies Microsoft, Yahoo, and Google emerged. These companies were not only working on their initial service offerings of computer software, web directories, and search engines; they soon developed email platforms.

Today—Google, Microsoft, and Yahoo are leading providers of free email (Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo) globally! With users in the millions, even billions! They've reached the top because of their **user-friendly interface**, **superior spam filtering**, **large storage capacity**, and the ability for their email to be used with **their other applications**, such as *Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Publisher)* and *Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms)*—software applications many of us use with phones, laptops and computers everyday.

With superior email options available and the time and costs associated with tnics email... **we announced in January, RC would be retiring its tnics email toward the end of 2024.** Doing so allows those resources to be redirected toward our primary focus, the internet, where they would be better served.

Sign up for RC's Navigating Technology classes starting in March!

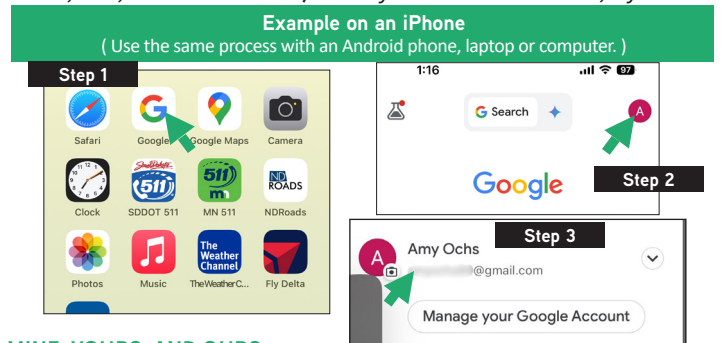
Flip to the back of this page for class schedules and more information.

SETTING UP A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Before choosing which email provider to use, ask family and friends what email service provider they're using. This will give you comfort that someone you know is using the same email you are and will be beneficial in getting assistance from family or friends.

You may already have a *Gmail* or *iCloud* (Apple) email you set up that you haven't been using. It may have been set up with a new cell phone, computer, or other device. **To check to see if you already have a Gmail account follow these steps.**

1.) Find the Google app icon on your smartphone or computer and click on it. 2.) Once opened look at the top upper right hand corner of your phone or computer screen. You may see your first initial in a circle, if so, click the circle. 3.) There you'll see the address, if you do.



MINE, YOURS, AND OURS

If you have previously shared a tnics email with a spouse or the household and you'd still like to create a household email, please create your own individual email for personal stuff for things like credit cards that are just your name, etc. More companies are adding **Multi-Factor Authentication** codes as an additional layer of security for log-ins to accounts/sites. These codes are only accessible to that particular individual by email or cell number to protect you, making it difficult to receive a code, if the person/device is not present.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS CHECKLIST

Here's a checklist to help assist you in getting started updating important people and places that currently have your xxxxxxxx@tnics.com email with to a **new email address**.

- Family / Friends
- Banks / Financial Institutions
 - Savings
 - Credit Cards
 - Investments
 - Student Loans/ Financial Aid
- Utilities / Internet Provider
 - Power Company
 - Internet Company (RC Technologies)
- Doctor/Eye Doctor/Dentists
- Insurance Agency
- School and/or Workplace
- Online Accounts / Apps
 - Amazon Account
 - Apple ID (Check to see if this is tnics)
 - Favorite Airliner App (i.e. Delta)
 - Rewards Apps (i.e. Target Circle)
 - Streaming Apps (i.e. Peacock, Netflix, etc.)

Business / Town Tnics Email Checklist

Some businesses may consider getting their own domain. For example: thebusiness@yourbusiness.com. Email domain can be relatively reasonable. Please contact RC if you have questions so we can offer some guidance.

- Customers / Vendors
- Update Email on Business
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Business Cards / Letterhead
 - Signage (if has tnics email)
- Gov't / Business Reporting



Navigating Technology classes



RC Technologies will be offering free tech classes this March and April.

We will teach **classes on streaming**, how it works and different options available and **classes on transitioning your email**. RC's **Navigating Technology classes** are free to all RC Technologies patron members and will be held at various locations in RC's service area. Class sizes will be small and will be limited to 15 people.

To register, call RC Technologies at (605) 637-5211. We hope to see you!

March Class Schedule

Date	Class Time	Topic	Location
March 5	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Streaming	RC Headquarters, New Effington
March 7	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Transitioning Email*	RC Headquarters, New Effington
March 12	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Streaming	Wilmot Community Center
March 13	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Transitioning Email*	RC Headquarters, New Effington
March 26	Cxl'd and Added To April 2 in Veblen	Transitioning Email*	Veblen Library
March 28	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Transitioning Email*	Wilmot Community Center

*Transitioning Email classes, if you have a laptop or iPad, you're encouraged to bring it.

Upcoming April Dates

Date	Time	Topic	Location
April 2	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Streaming & Transitioning Email*	Veblen Library
April 4	1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Streaming & Transitioning Email*	Corona Community Center
April 9	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Transitioning Email*	Wilmot Community Center
April 17	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Streaming & Transitioning Email*	Summit Fire Hall
April 25	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Streaming*	Wilmot Community Center
April 30	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Streaming & Transitioning Email*	Peever Community Center



Unclaimed Check Notice

RC Technologies needs your help. We are trying to locate former Cooperative patrons with capital credits due to them. Please let us know if you recognize any of the people on the list below and have a way to contact them. We appreciate your help in finding these former patrons.

If you have information about anybody on this list, please call our office at (605) 637-5211, or email csrs@rctechteam.com

Access Anywhere LLC	Greeley, Sharon
Bohnenstingl, Kristy	Hansen, Bonnie
Bartelson, Robert	Kampeska, Cheryl
Comerica Bank	LaCroix, Cheryl
Davel Communications	Loney, Jan
Demarrias, Isabelle	Racing Services Inc.
Dumarce, Maxine	Perez Silva, Efrain Curiel
Fossum, Edward or Christine	Stavick, Latisha
Frenier, Maurice	Quinn, Leah
Gough (Kostrzewski), Amanda	US Bank Vendor Management

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Other RC March Happenings...

- 1 – 2024 Youth Coloring Contest ends
- 6 – RC Wilmot Coffee Chat at The Café at 9 am
- 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- 16 – St. Patty's Day Parade in Corona
- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 19 – 1st Day of Spring!
- 24 – Palm Sunday
- 29 – RC's 2024 Scholarship Deadline
- 31 – Easter

