



Hello and welcome to the fall everyone! Wow the mornings should got colder all of a sudden didn't they? One minute you have comfortable t-shirt weather, and the next minute you're scraping the fresh dew off the windshield. That's New England though, isn't it?

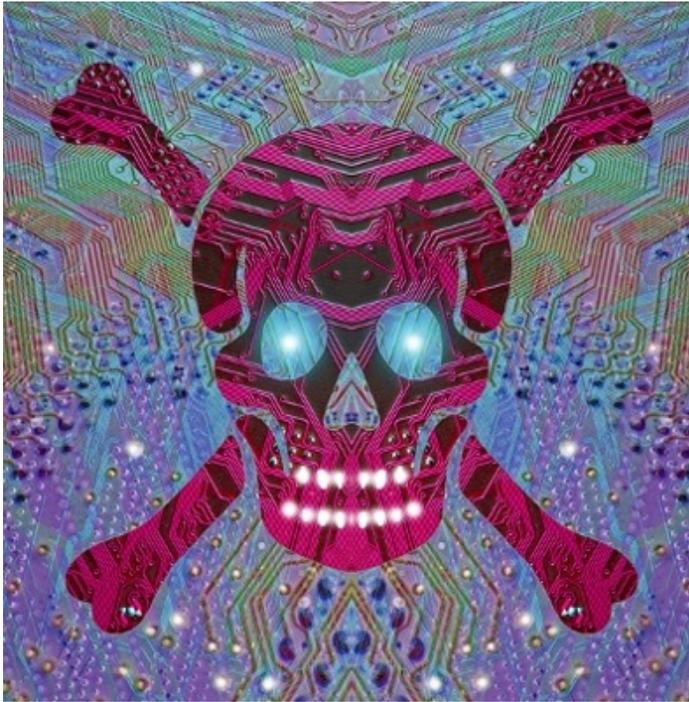
Fall also means football and hockey! We were sad to see the Red Sox get knocked out of the playoffs so early, but have high hopes for both the Bruins and the Patriots!

What also hasn't cooled off is the world of cyber-criminality. What's more fitting is October is recognized as National Cyber-security Month. As we had mentioned last month, we'll be rolling out a new suite of cyber-security services to better protect you, your family and your business.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helder'.

**Ransomware Is Exploding... Is Your
Business Ready For The Blast?**

Employee Spotlight



When it comes to Internet threats, ransomware is the one that causes the most fear, especially for small and medium-sized businesses, as it should. According to the Cisco 2017 Annual Cybersecurity Report, ransomware is growing at a yearly rate of 350%. It's time to make sure that you're doing what you can to stop your business from becoming another ransomware statistic. Here's five very good tips that will help you avoid becoming a victim of the next big ransomware attack!

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Bradley Card

Meet Brad, who has recently joined our team at the Helpdesk position.

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SMiShing: A New Mobile Computing Scam



This is why you must be aware of SMiShing scams

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3 Ways To Improve Your Business' Data Security





On July 29th, it was discovered that cybercriminals had “exploited a U.S. website application vulnerability to gain access to certain files,” according to the company. In the statement released on August 7th announcing the breach, Equifax reported that those responsible had managed to access information including names, birth dates, addresses, Social Security and Driver’s license numbers. 209,000 people also lost their credit card information, and dispute documents with personally identifiable information were accessed affecting another 182,000 people.

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iPhone X or Google's Pixel 2: Which Do You Choose This Fall?

Data security, always an important topic, has been made even more urgent by the Equifax data breach.

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Apple Releases iOS 11.0.1 Fixing Mail Issues



Last week an apparent email issue surfaced with Apple devices running the new iOS 11.0.1.

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Charity Scams Are Very Real. Here's How To Dodge Them



Even though you may want to donate to people suffering from hurricanes, there are illegitimate charities out there that want to make a quick buck off of your generosity.

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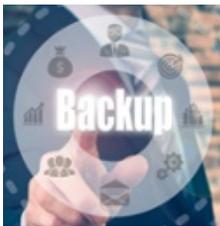


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News You Can Use

How Much Damage Can The Weather Do To Your Business? Lots.



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How to Find the Best VPN for Your Privacy

With all of the talk about the FCC and Net Neutrality in the recent news, a lot of computer users are concerned about the amount of privacy afforded them by their Internet service providers--and

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there"

Will Rogers



"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

John F Kennedy

Brain Game

For this month, we're going to provide you with a zoomed in image of a piece of technology and have you guess what it is!



Click on the button below for a bigger picture and clue.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Each person with the correct answer will be placed into a hat and drawn on Wednesday (10/25) so that everyone can get a chance in getting a \$10 Dunkin Donuts Card.*

Connect





rightfully so. Regardless of whether the net neutrality ruling was justified (hint: it wasn't), users are finding that they have to take their privacy into their own hands. The easiest way to do so is with a Virtual Private Network.

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3 Tips to Turn You Into An Outlook Power User



Microsoft Outlook is one of the most popular email clients in the world, especially for small and medium businesses. The most recent version of Outlook has some cool features to make your life easier. Below are three Outlook life hacks to help you make the most

of your tools.

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Giving Back

Every week we have at least one representative of the Machado family to work the St. John's Food for the Poor. Here's we have Helder and Billy with Frank Carol from the Small Business Service Bureau. Also this month, we'll be taking part in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk right here in Worcester. Want to help or join? Great! Here's where you can find out more information.



Frank Carol of the Small Business Bureau, Billy Riley and Helder Machado

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Machado Consulting has a team in place to take part in Making Strides against Breast Cancer on October 15th located at Institute Park here in Worcester. If you'd like to join us in walking, or donate to the cause, please find our team page by clicking the link below.

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St. John's Food for the Poor

Make a donation to St. John's Food for the Poor Center at 44 Temple Street, in the heart of Worcester. Your gift helps serve the local families and individuals who fall into Worcester's homeless, poor, and marginalized population.

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