

Oakmont Computer Learning Center

Using the

Internet

To Make Life Easier

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- A series of OCLC discussions
- Two more – Watch for Info
- Our “best guess”
- What to expect tonight
- Platform independent
- Questions at the end, please .

Broad Categories

- Finance
- Shopping
- Family, Friends & Sharing
- Medical
- Convenience
- Travel
- Entertainment
- The World Around Us .

Finance

- Online Banking (example: www.wellsfargo.com)
(I owe AT&T \$ 27.09)
- Brokerage (example: www.schwab.com)

Shopping

- Coupons www.valpak.com/coupons/home
- Ad Flyers (<http://www.oliversmarket.com/>)
- Amazon www.amazon.com
- Safeway www.safeway.com
- E-bay www.ebay.com

Friends, Family & Sharing

- Skype www.skype.com
- Photobucket www.photobucket.com

Medical

- HMO (www.kp.org)
- Pharmacy (www.walgreens.com) .

Convenience

- DMV Appointments (www.dmv.ca.gov/)
- Newspapers (www.pressdemo.com)
- Library (www.sonoma.lib.ca.us/)
- Weather
<http://www.weather.com/weather/local/95409?from=recentsearch>

Travel

- Mapping Programs (<http://maps.yahoo.com/>)
- Airlines (www.southwest.com)
- Online Travel Booking (www.Travelocity.com)
- Hotel/Motel/Rental Cars
- Traffic Flow www.sigalert.com
- Traffic Cameras www.video.dot.ca.gov/
- Print Boarding Passes .

Entertainment


- Local Theaters
(www.northbaymovies.com/lakeside.html)
- Dinner Reservations
- Buy Tickets
- Radio Anywhere www.radio-locator.com/
- Cofi Jukebox www.tropicalglen.com
- Pandora Radio www.pandora.com
- Movie Databases () www.movies.com
- A Word About Online Movies .

Other Helpful Sites

- Gas Prices
<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/GasStations.aspx?m=1&l=1&zip=00000&x=18&y=9>
- Bandwidth Meter (<http://reviews.cnet.com/internet-speed-test/>)
- City of SR Public Works <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/departments/publicworks/Pages/default.aspx>
- Internet “Rumor” Verification (www.snopes.com)
- Sonoma Co. Public Records <http://deeds.sonoma-county.org/search.asp?cabinet=opr>
- Check out a Contractor
<http://www2.cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicense/LicenseRequest.asp>

Final Words

- Think of the Internet like you would a big city.
- NY City Tourists asking directions...
- Practice, Practice, Practice.
- Sign up for a beginning or advanced Internet class when we come back next fall.
- This PP presentation and embedded links will be posted on the PC club's <http://opcugroup.googlepages.com> A PDF version of the links will also be available.
- **Whew**, were done – now for the....



Q & A