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## NEWS



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## Vote for board members at April meeting

By Shirley Bellinghausen  
OMUG vice president

This coming general meeting should be a lead in to a new and exciting year for OMUG.

April 13 will be our election for new officers for the coming year, and of course that means we will need several new chairs to handle the various activities that make OMUG great for all the members. I may be calling you, so plan to say "yes."

You'll be given your ballot at the name tag table when you arrive at the meeting. There will be time for write-in candidates besides those listed on the ballot.

I am very pleased with the slate our nominating committee came up with. Thank you Arlene Kapner, Tonney Yamane and Bill Gortz.

Candidates are:

President—Shirley Bellinghausen

Vice president—John Acocks

Secretary—Larry Jensen

Treasurer/database manager—Max Whipps



Newsletter editor—Sister Dorothy Robinson

Webmaster—Pat Sonnenstuhl

Directors at large— (vote for three)

LD. McNall, John Marshall, and Gary Bigger.

After a little business following the balloting, the new officers will be announced. At 7:30 p.m., we will hear from one of our members, John Webster, who will share with us his knowledge of running an E-Bay business.

John will be able to use an Internet connection and actually show us how it works. It should be a fantastic program. John will begin a "Hot Topics" SIG session next month to continue our learning about E-Bay.

Another new SIG will start up this month as well.

Linux is beginning to gain position in

the operating system market. We have a Linux enthusiast and new member, Conrad Schuler, who will be starting a new Linux SIG.

If you are a subscriber to "Smart Computing" magazine you may want to read the article "Is Linux ready for your desktop?" to give you a head start before the SIG starts. Sign up with Conrad Schuler at [conrad\\_schuler@yahoo.com](mailto:conrad_schuler@yahoo.com).

We also have a new Beginners SIG facilitator in Arlene Kapner. Many thanks to Bob Stimmel, who can now go on to other things after several years as SIG leader.

Bill Gortz. I cannot say enough about his contribution, dedication and commitment to the Olympia Microcomputer User Group.

He got us back on track after a couple rocky years, reviving the club with his enthusiasm. I wish him lots of lazy days and a prayer for his continued good health.

Other retiring officers deserving of our thanks are Sandy Pishner, newsletter editor; Christie McCormick and James Gunnels directors at large.

## Web site, Reflector reside at new location

By Pat Sonnenstuhl  
OMUG Webmaster

OMUG has transitioned the website and the Reflector e-mail to a new ISP.

If you want to send a message to the OMUG

Reflector, use the e-mail address: [reflector@oly mug.org](mailto:reflector@oly mug.org).

The old [omug@oly mug.org](mailto:omug@oly mug.org) won't work. Thanks for your patience on this. I think this will work fine, and you won't notice much difference. But

some of the features folks have been wanting have been included. See if you can figure them out. At the moment if you want to unsubscribe, or subscribe you can send a message to:

[OMUGReflector@oly mug.org](mailto:OMUGReflector@oly mug.org)

To subscribe to the Reflector, you must be an OMUG member. Please send an e-mail to [OMUGReflector@oly mug.org](mailto:OMUGReflector@oly mug.org) with **Subscribe** in the subject line. In the body of the

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President:** Vacant  
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**Director at Large:** Christie McCormick, 426-9996,  
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**Director at Large:** L.D. McNall,  
director3@olymug.org

### KEY MEMBERS

**APCUG Representative:** Vacant

**Budget Committee Chair:** Vacant

**Database Manager:** Max Whipps

**Elections Chair:** Bob Steinberg

**Historian:** David Belles

**Membership Chair:** James Gunnells

**Membership Renewal Coordinator:**  
Max Whipps

**Newsletter Distribution Coordinator:**  
Loren Freeman

**Nominating Committee Chair:**  
Wes Kirkpatrick

**Scholarship Committee Chair:**  
Bob Wing

**SIG Coordinator:** Shirley Bellinghausen

**Visitors Coordinator:** Elizabeth Ross

**Special Activities Committee Chair:**  
Gary Bigger

**Public Relations Chair:** Vivian Forrester

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# Introduction to e-Bay in April

By John Marshall  
OMUG Past President

At the April general meeting, John Webster will present an introduction to the use of e-Bay, which is an Internet service for buying and selling all sorts of merchandise.

It is not uncommon for people to substantially augment their income by actively using this service. Many of us senior OMUG members have acquired merchandise we are no longer interested in keeping for ourselves. Yet, our children or grandchildren are not interested in having it. Still it would bring a reasonable price if offered to the eBay users around the world.

If you think you might be interested in learning about how to get started using eBay, consider coming to the April meeting, on April 13, at 7 p.m., in the lobby of the Senior Center in the Olympia Building at 222 Columbia Avenue in downtown Olympia.

If you have friends you think may be interested, please invite them too. All

OMUG meetings, including the general meetings and the Special Interest Group meetings, are open to the public without charge or membership in OMUG.

For those who wish to learn about using eBay in greater detail than will be provided in the introduction at the April general meeting, John Webster will follow up by leading a series of several SIG meetings on the topic of eBay at the Hot Topics SIG, starting in May.

The Hot Topics SIG meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the computer lab at the south end of the second floor of the Olympia building, directly above the lobby where the OMUG general meetings are held.

## In Memoriam

Two longtime OMUG members passed away at the end of February: Bob Hallgren and Ernie Liebenow.

Although both had been ill for some time, the end nonetheless came with unexpected suddenness.

They will be missed.

## Welcome New/Rejoined Members

Conrad Schuler &  
Amy Harris  
Clyde Bachman  
Philip Schulte  
Eileen & Frank Lamar  
Marilyn Gaylord  
Bill Proffitt

## Thanks For Renewing

Norman Gallacci  
Vivian & Gene Forrester  
Dorothy Vonhof  
George & Helen Lanning  
Edward Swan

# Committee functions to be clarified

By Larry Jensen  
OMUG secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., by Shirley Bellinghausen, vice president. Also in attendance were Max Whipps, treasurer; Larry Jensen, secretary; Pat Sonnenstuhl, webmaster; Chris McCormick, director at large; and John Marshall, past president. Guests present were Vivian Forrester and Merlin Montgomery.

Minutes of the February board meeting and March general meeting were accepted

At the present time we have 180 primary members (down four from last year) and 75 associate members (down 16 from last year).

The efforts of the public relations committee are paying off; we have received four applications for membership from the brochures in the past few weeks.

Vivian Forrester is working hard to get more of the brochures placed in strategic locations. She also reported that there will be an article written for the Olympian Annual Source Book on OMUG. David Belles, the club historian has indicated that he might be willing to work with Vivian on this project. The board congratulated Vivian for a job well done

Dixie Cattell has volunteered the use of her company's conference room for the newsletter mailing preparation. The location

Dixie Cattell and Associates  
2639 Parkmont Lane SW  
Suite C-2  
Olympia.

For the April elections, Shirley presented the slate of candidates. They are:

PRESIDENT – Shirley Bellinghausen; VICE PRESIDENT – John Acocks (tentative); SECRETARY – Larry Jensen; TREASURER – Max Whipps; NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Sister Dorothy Robinson; WEBMASTER – Pat Sonnenstuhl; DIRECTORS AT LARGE (3) – John Marshall, L. D. McNall, Gary Bigger.

Bob Steinberg will prepare the ballots and supervise the election at the April meeting.

There was considerable discussion of the function of various committees. It was suggested that an organizational chart would help clarify the situation. Larry Jensen volunteered to work on this.

The New Member Committee seems to be working well. Chris McCormick has been greeting people at the door. The new member packet has been very well received. It was suggested that other things might be added to it, such as OMUG refrigerator magnets, pencils, discount coupons and



mouse pads. Pat is looking into it.

The April program, after the election, will be a presentation by John Webster on eBay. John will also lead a Hot Topics SIG of at least three sessions on eBay.

The May program will be Whittle Picks for the Digital Home, presented by Dave Whittle

## SIGS

Arlene Katmer will take over the beginner SIG in March. John suggested that we advertise this SIG for the benefit of newcomers

A Linux SIG will begin in May, led by Conrad Schuler

John brought the Certificate of Honor from the Senior Center for OMUG's participation and partnership with them.

John also requested help in setting up for general meetings. He suggested folks come at least an hour earlier for the meetings, and we suggested a memo go out on the Reflector reminding folks to come early.

The Executive Board approved moving our website over to Parcom to improve our access and have more control over our Reflector. Pat will handle this transition and make the appropriate contacts. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

## OMUG Income & Expenses February 2006



**Income: \$284**

[Dues-\$320, Interest-\$4]

**Expenses: \$519**

[Newsletter Copying-\$115, Internet SIG Supplies-\$33, PowerPoint Class Handouts-\$175, Public Relations Committee Supplies-\$105, Membership Committee Supplies-\$41, SSSS Donation -\$50]

**Net Deficit: (\$519)**

<b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$3021</b>	<b>2/26/06</b>
<b>Scholarship Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$1849</b>	
<b>Checking Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts Total:</b>	<b>\$5070</b>	
<b>To Be Deposited:</b>	<b>\$300</b>	
<b>Current Treasury:</b>	<b>\$5370</b>	

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# Why settle for blah; make your PC colorful

By Lee Alexander

Macon Users Group, Franklin, N.C.

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**Y**ou can make your PC more colorful and distinguish folders by using icons other than the ubiquitous manila folder.

## Icons

Right-click a folder and select properties; under the Customize tab, click the Change icon button and you will see more than 250 icons to choose from. Actually, the file, Shell32.dll, contains 1484 icons on my system. A good many of these are duplicates in different sizes and color depths. Sizes range from 16 x 16 pixels through 96 x 96 pixels; color depths can be 16, 256, or True colors (24-bit for a range of 16,777,216 hues).

Using one of my favorite free utilities, IrfanView, you can view and do minor editing such as changing size, color depth, and rotating the image.

**TIP:** Open an IrfanView window and Drag the file Shell32.dll into it. You can then see previews of the icons, one by one. If you want to do extensive editing of folder icons, create a shortcut to shell32.dll on your desktop. Then right-click on it and choose "Open With" - Irfanview.

I have created an Excel spreadsheet with a brief description of about 100 selected icons – Shell32Icons.xls.

## Acrobat Reader

This free utility is much in demand of late as many program manuals are now written in the .pdf (Portable Document Format) format. A few handy keyboard shortcuts are:

Adobe uses <Ctrl> L (instead of F11 as in Microsoft products) to toggle full screen view.

Toggle the toolbars with F8.

Use the right/left arrow keys to advance/go back a page.

## Adobe Photoshop, Etc.

You can hide the floating palettes in Adobe products (such as Elements), by hitting the <Tab> key. It is a toggle; hit it again to bring them back.

## Word Toolbars

You can create a toolbar button for easily inserting a symbol into a document. Right-click a toolbar and select Customize and the Commands tab. In the categories pane scroll down and click on All Commands. In the right pane, Commands, click on Symbol: and drag it to a toolbar. This will open the Symbol dialog box. Click the symbol to be attached to the button and click OK.

The toolbar button now displays the font name (Symbol) followed by the symbol number. Since this is not very friendly information, we can change the button's appearance. With the Customize dialog box opened, right-click the button and choose Name: . To make the button resemble the symbol it's attached to, use the <Alt> key and the four digits on the number pad for that symbol. You can add a graphic to the button by clicking on Edit Button Image. You're then presented with a simple grid and color palette upon which you can draw simple shapes.

Tips on Digital Photography and a PC Windows Picture and Fax Viewer

This versatile (for photos) utility is often overlooked in the availability of photo editors. As it is included with the Windows Operating System it is a "freebie" readily at hand. Typically, unless you have set file associations otherwise, double clicking on a photo will open it in the Viewer. The toolbar at the bottom has some handy features that are not immediately intuitive. The Previous and Next buttons allow you to view all the images in the folder of the first photo you selected. The Screen icon will start

an automatic slide show; the Zoom, Rotation, and Delete are self explanatory. However, the Print icon can surprise you – it opens the Photo Printing Wizard. As you step through the Wizard, the Layout Selection provides a variety of print configurations from 8.5 X 11 to a 35 print "contact sheet."

If you have set a file association to open your photos in an editor, you can create a shortcut to the Picture and Fax Viewer on your Desktop or in the Quick Launch Tray. Right-click in the area you want the shortcut and choose New | Shortcut. In the Shortcut wizard, enter C:\Windows\system32\shimgvw.dll (assuming your Operating System is on the C: drive). Name the shortcut and click Finish. On the first use you will have to choose the program, Picture and Fax Viewer, and check the box to "Always use selected program ..."

Note that if you right-click and choose Edit, you will open the Paint program. The next-to-last button closes the viewer and opens the photo editing program associated with the file type.

## Harrys Filters

Harry's Filters 3.0 is a Photoshop-compatible plug-in which can be used in dozens of different image editing applications e.g. Photoshop, Paint Shop Pro, Corel Photo-Paint and many other. It includes 69 effect filters, an Animation feature, options for saving and opening presets and an instant preview feature.

Harry's Filters 3.0 is freeware. You can use them for whatever you like, but you aren't allowed to distribute them without the author's permission.

Be sure to read the instructions about extracting the zipped file to the folder containing your photo editor.

At this point, the website link I had entered is no longer valid. This brings up a salient point – rather than hold on

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## Reflector

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message type your full name and e-mail, and membership status.

To remove or change your e-mail, follow these steps:

To be removed (unsubscribe) send an e-mail to

OMUGReflector@olymug.org

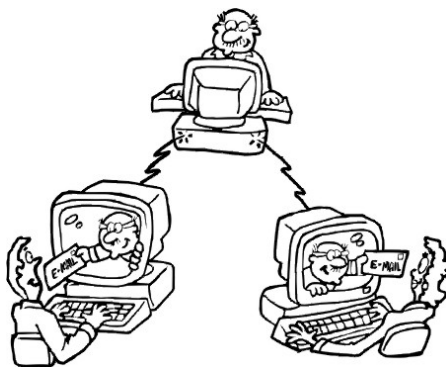
Put **Unsubscribe** in the subject line. In the body of the e-mail, type the following:

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To change e-mail addresses:

Use the unsubscribe instructions (above) for the old e-mail address.

Use the subscribe instructions for the new e-



mail address.

Remember to also let OMUG know about changes in your e-mail address. Send changes to our database manager at:

treasurer@olymug.org

The Reflector is a way of communicating with other

members of OMUG about topics related to your computer, and to learn information about our meetings, programs and upcoming events.

Please, when you send an e-mail to the Reflector, put OMUG and then the

topic in the Subject line of your e-mail.

You will receive messages and if you 'reply to all' you will be replying back to the total membership on the Reflector, and to the person who wrote the initial e-mail.

The reflector is a great

place to ask a computer-related question, and is the one way we have of communicating with all members of OMUG to disseminate information about upcoming events and meetings.

Periodically you will receive a list of all of the folks on the Reflector for reference.

If you wish to know more about the Reflector, visit the site <http://www.olymug.org/reflector.htm>

Please contact me if you have further questions, or any problems using the Reflector. I can be reached at OMUGReflector@olymug.org.

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## Colorful PC

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to old links (the dynamic nature of the World Wide Web is in constant flux, always changing) it is better to Google the topic or subject to get the latest information.

LCD Usage with a Digital Camera

The disadvantage of using the LCD, as opposed to the optical viewfinder, the camera is not braced against a body part (your head). It is difficult to avoid camera shake when the camera is held at arms length. Try tucking your elbows into your sides and exhale before pressing the shutter release — don't punch it.

### Flash as a fill-in.

Using flash as a fill-in in outdoor shots, such as when the subject is backlit, can reduce the shutter speed. If your camera has the ability, check the shutter speed and aperture after such a shot. When flash is forced, digital cameras typically compensate by lowering the shutter speed and/or increasing the aperture.

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## White Balance.

If your photos have an overall cast of color it could be a function of the White Balance. In a photo editor, find a patch of near-neutral gray and check the RGB color levels. They should be nearly equal in value. A free utility, Pixie, can check this for you. You can download the program from [www.nattyware.com](http://www.nattyware.com).

Color Management Schemes

Color schemes can conflict, if you use more than one of them. Select the color profile of either the printer or the photo editing software, not both. With inkjets, a greenish tone could indicate that no color scheme has been applied; a reddish hue may indicate two color schemes have been applied.

See More Thumbnails in Win Explorer

Hold down the <Shift> key when selecting the Thumbnail view to eliminate file labels = more pics per screen.

Auto-reduce Photo File Sizes

Windows XP has a neat feature to

adjust the file size of photos for transmission over the internet. Select the photo(s) and right-click on one. From the pop-up menu, choose Send to and Mail Recipient. This will bring up a dialog box, Send Pictures via E-Mail. The radio button Make all my pictures smaller is selected by default. Click on Show more options to see 3 degrees of reduction.

Although it creates a message with the reduced file size photos as attachments, you do not have to send the message. You can right-click on an attachment and from the pop-up menu select Save as or Copy to put it on the Clipboard. You then simply delete the message without sending it.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this article as long as it is kept in context with proper credit given the author. The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

## Beginners

**Leader: Arlene Kapner**

New management - New format - New schedule. Our class will meet in four-week cycles. It began on March 27 and will continue on the following three Monday nights from 7 to 9. We will learn about menus, how to format a page, how to save, cut/copy and paste, how to create interesting and useful fonts, how to create a letterhead, how to store files and folders, and a host of other tasks to get started in word processing. You must sign up in advance to ensure a spot in class or to get on a waiting list. The next class cycle will begin on May 22 and continue on May 29, June 5 and 12.

## Digital Imaging

**Leader: John Gerech, jgerech@olywa.net**

Digital Imaging is the creation, manipulation, and output of any form of image using a computer. We don't care how it gets into the computer: digital camera, PhotoCD, Scanner, drawing, or any other form.

Our main focus has been Adobe PhotoShop, but we'll look at any other programs that interest you. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in Capital High School's Graphic Computer Lab at 2707 Conger Ave. NW in Olympia.

## Hot Topics

**Leader: John Marshall, omugmarshall@comcast.net**

The newest Hot Topic is personal finance software programs, led by Wim Verhoef.

This subject holds promise for learning how one can make use of appropriate software (such as Quicken, Microsoft Money, or others) to facilitate management of one's personal finances. From budget building, to check book balancing, to investing, there is a software program to help.

This SIG meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St., Olympia.

## Windows

**Co-Leaders: Max Whipps, max.whipps@comcast.net & John T. Marshall, omugmarshall@comcast.net**

Collective wisdom is the key. This SIG will discuss any aspect of the various Microsoft Windows operating systems. Share your Windows problems and solutions with the group and we all gain!

Normally meets on the month's fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in the computer room (2nd floor) of The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St, Olympia.

## Paintshop

**Leader: Vacant**

This SIG is temporarily suspended. Normally, it works with the Jasc Paint Shop products and is for the beginner and intermediate learners. Programs covered include Paint Shop Pro, Paint Shop Pro Studio (a new program) and Paint Shop Photo Album. There is no set structure and subjects are covered as determined by persons attending. Anyone interested in leading this SIG should contact Shirley Bellinghausen.

## OMUG Lunch Bunch

**Facilitator: Loren Freeman, loren0060@comcast.net**

This social interest group, formerly known as the Kingfishers, is a gathering of fellow OMUGers who just want to spend some quality time getting to know each other. They also enjoy the freedom to discuss the world of personal computing, OMUG, world politics and the current plight of the stock market. As Loren says, we're at the picket fence of OMUG.

The OMUG Lunch Bunch meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., at El Sarape restaurant, 1200 Cooper Point Road in West Olympia. The El Sarape is located in the new section of the mall near the Gateway Computer Store and the new Post Office.

# Internet

**Facilitator: Bob Elves, bob\_elves@yahoo.com**

**NEW TIME!** The purpose of the Internet SIG is to learn more about using your browser, e-mail, and surfing the Internet. We start the meeting with an informal question and answer session. If you have a question about where to find something or want to show us some new, wonderful site, bring it along. If we run out of things to share and talk about, I will bring up an Internet topic that may be of interest to the group.

Internet novices are most welcome. We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., at The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia.



# OMUG Supporters

We are thankful for the many people, organizations, and businesses who support OMUG.

Below is a list of a few who have given back to the community by assisting OMUG in its mission to help computer users help computer users and their community.

Supporters provide services and discounts, give of their time, provide space for OMUG activities, introduce OMUG members to new products, share knowledge and expertise, provide OMUG with software and hardware, or provide educational opportunities. All of them are appreciated.

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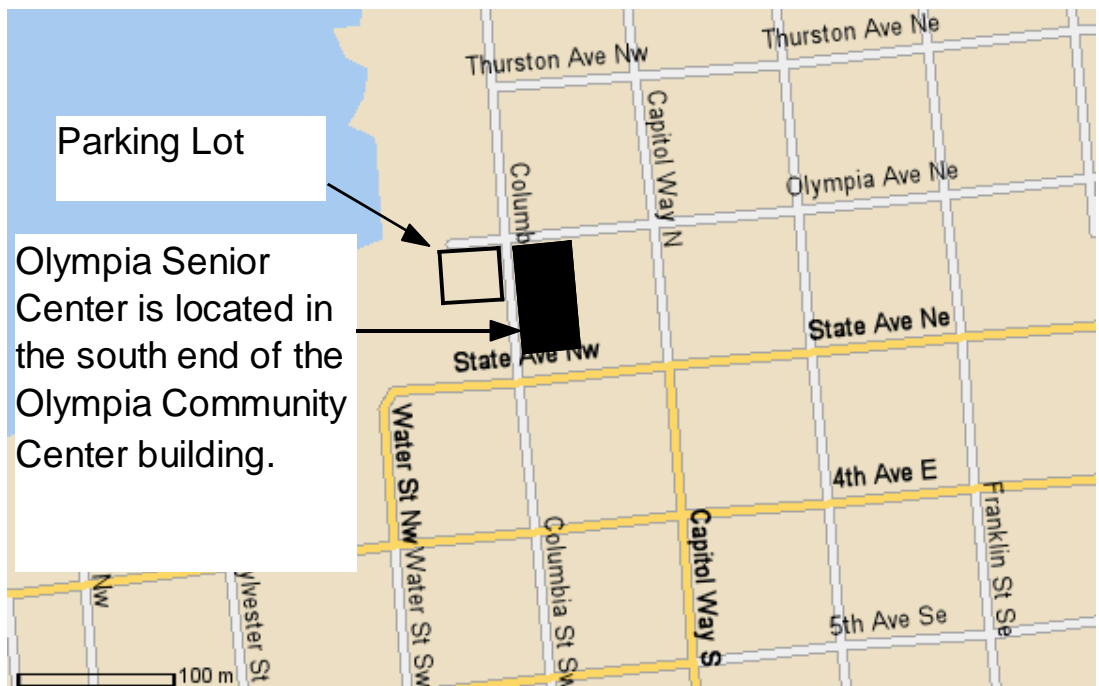
## MEETING LOCATIONS

Capital High School:  
2707 Conger Avenue NW  
in Olympia. Follow the  
signs to the computer lab  
from the lower parking lot.

El Sarape Restaurant:  
1200 Cooper Point Road in  
West Olympia near the  
Gateway Computer Store.

The Olympia Center:  
222 Columbia Street NW in  
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The Lacey Senior Center:  
1147 Willow Street SE in  
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