

Are You Afraid of a Little Mouse?

The year is 2006 and everywhere a new language is being spoken. This language has changed common words that at one time had clear and universal meanings. Now they have dual meanings not always readily understandable to the uninitiated. Words such as:

- *Virus- not the one you get from very close contact with other living organisms, but a problem transmitted to you computer from other computers, that affects the way your computer works.*
- *Worm- not what the early bird gets, but the “contaminating” information that has caused your computer virus.*
- *Mouse- not the small rodent, but the appliance connected to the computer that moves the “cursor”.*

Are you afraid of a little mouse? The computer education program at the Newton Senior Center can help you to overcome your fear and step into a new world of endless possibilities. At the Newton Senior Center you can register for, “one teacher/ one student” beginner (Basic) classes in the use of the computer. Each class takes place in a small, private space, perfect for asking questions without feeling uncomfortable. Students with absolutely no knowledge of computers find themselves speaking the language and enjoying themselves thoroughly. The Senior Center also offers courses for students ready for more advanced computer use: *word processing, internet use, and budget*. These courses may have one or two students per teacher.

Students should be 55 years or older, have a computer at home to practice on and interested in learning on a PC (personal computer), not a MacIntosh.

*If you think it is time to face your fear of that little mouse, come to the Newton Senior Center on Wednesday, October 11 for Orientation/ Registration, at 10:00. The course runs 6 weeks at a cost of \$40 (includes a book). Be prepared to pay at time of registration. Classes are individually scheduled at this time. Students are taken in order of arrival. Those unable to attend the registration may call, 617-796-1670 **after** 1:00 on October 11 and choose a time slot not already filled.*