

Bits & Bytes

Arkansas' Premier Computer Club



October 2025

The Bella Vista Computer Club - John Ruehle Center

Highlands Crossing Center, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd Suite 208 (lower level), Bella Vista, AR 72715

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MEETINGS

Board Meeting: October 13, 2pm, in John Ruehle Training Center, Highlands Crossing Center.

General Meeting: October 13, 3pm.
Program: "Q&A:Panel of Experts ", with Woody Ogden and Pete Opland. Another opportunity to submit your computer-related questions to our panel. Questions accepted in advance or from the floor; but If you know your question in advance, email your question to Q.and.A@bvcomputerclub.org in case research is required to give the best answer.

We will meet in-person in **John Ruehle Training Center**, Highlands Crossing Center, lower level, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista, or you may attend the meeting on-line via Zoom. Zoom access information is published on our website.

Visitors or Guests are welcome.

Consider attending by Zoom if you are unable to attend in-person.

HELP CLINICS

October 4, 9am - noon at John Ruehle center

October 15, 9am - noon at John Ruehle center

Members may request Remote Help on our website at <https://bvcomputerclub.org> at menu path Member Benefits ► Remote Help .

MEMBERSHIP

Single membership is \$30; \$15 for each additional family member in the same household.

Join on our website at <https://bvcomputerclub.org> at menu path Get Involved ► Join/Renew, by mailing an application (from the web site) with check, or complete an application and pay in person at any meeting.

CLASSES

(At BVCC Training Center)

"Do I Really Need A Mesh Wi-Fi System?",
Wednesday, October 22, 9am - 11am, with Pete Opland.

Advance sign up required for each listed class: For reservations: email to

bvccedu@bvcomputerclub.org, or sign up at the General Meeting. Classes are free to Computer Club members.

Check the monthly calendar and announcements for any last minute schedule changes at <https://bvcomputerclub.org> .

NEW OR RETURNING BVCC MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members or members returning as BVCC members after an absence:

Doug Bowen

Betty Pierce

Laura Gant

BVCC FISCAL YEAR REPORT SEPT 2024 - AUG 2025

Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$4,401.21	Rent	\$6,240.00
Donations	\$5,170.00	Internet	\$1,320.00
Grants	\$1,024.73	Web hosting	\$112.95
Interest	\$243.37	Lab phone	\$65.91
Other	\$0.25	Insurance	\$350.00
Total	\$10,839.56	Safe Dep Box	\$28.00
		Advertising	\$0.00
		Equipment	\$397.97
		Supplies	\$0.00
		Software	\$0.00
Starting Balance	\$15,071.61	APCUG dues	\$50.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$2,254.73	Other	\$20.00
Ending Balance	\$17,326.34	Total	\$8,584.83

It is obvious that our budget does depend heavily on donations, which are inherently unpredictable. Donations include those received for the Spring computer raffle, for refurbished equipment, and some individual donations. More than 97% of our expenses over the last fiscal year were directly associated with maintaining our Training Center. We were also fortunate to not have any major equipment expenses last year, with the result that we ended the fiscal year in the black for the third year in a row, after a number of preceding years in the red. We know the rent for our Training Center will increase in 2026 and could see increases in other areas, but believe there is justification to be optimistic.

WINDOWS 11 KEYBOARD SETTINGS

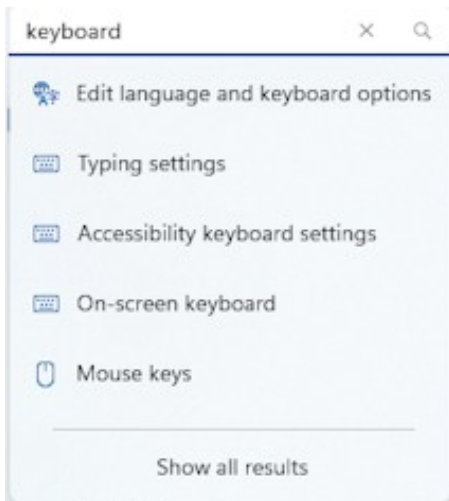
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My new home-built Windows 11 desktop PC is up and running well. After several weeks, I'm still coming across small instances of settings that need to be adjusted and it turns out that Windows 11 has changed the interface to many of those settings. One set that proved a bit challenging was the settings for the keyboard. Many owners of Windows 10 PCs that aren't supported by Windows 11 will be faced some time in 2025 with buying a new Windows 11 PC and may need to adjust their keyboard settings. I decided it would be useful to share my experience with readers this month, possibly saving them some time and hassle.

Like many of us in Sun City, advancing years have brought on stiffness of my hands and fingers. I can still type fairly well, but I'm a bit slower at getting my fingers off the keys. With the default Windows 11 keyboard settings, I'm prone to getting unwanted auto-repeats that I then have to go back and manually correct. In earlier versions of Windows there was a straightforward settings interface to allow specifying the auto-repeat delay and auto-repeat speed. I would set the auto-repeat delay to 1.0 seconds and the auto-repeat speed to about 2 per second.

I decided to make those same adjustments in Windows 11. So, I launched Windows Settings (WinKey+I or click the gear icon in the Start menu). On the main Settings screen's left-hand navigation pane, I clicked "Bluetooth & devices", expecting to see something about keyboard settings.





However, the only Input device shown was the mouse – no sign of my keyboard. I tried searching in “Find a setting” for “keyboard”. A popup window (see below) appeared offering me several choices, but none seemed obviously correct. I tried “Typing settings” but there was nothing there for auto-repeat.

I decided to try a Google search for “Windows 11, keyboard auto-repeat settings”. Google showed me several helpful results. Here’s Google’s “AI Overview”.

To change the keyboard auto repeat settings in Windows 11, you can use the Filter Keys settings. You can also adjust the repeat delay and repeat rate in the Control Panel.

Filter Keys

- Press the Windows key+U to open Accessibility settings
- Select Keyboard
- Turn on the toggle switch for Filter Keys
- Click the arrow button for more options
- Enable Repeat Keys

Repeat delay and repeat rate

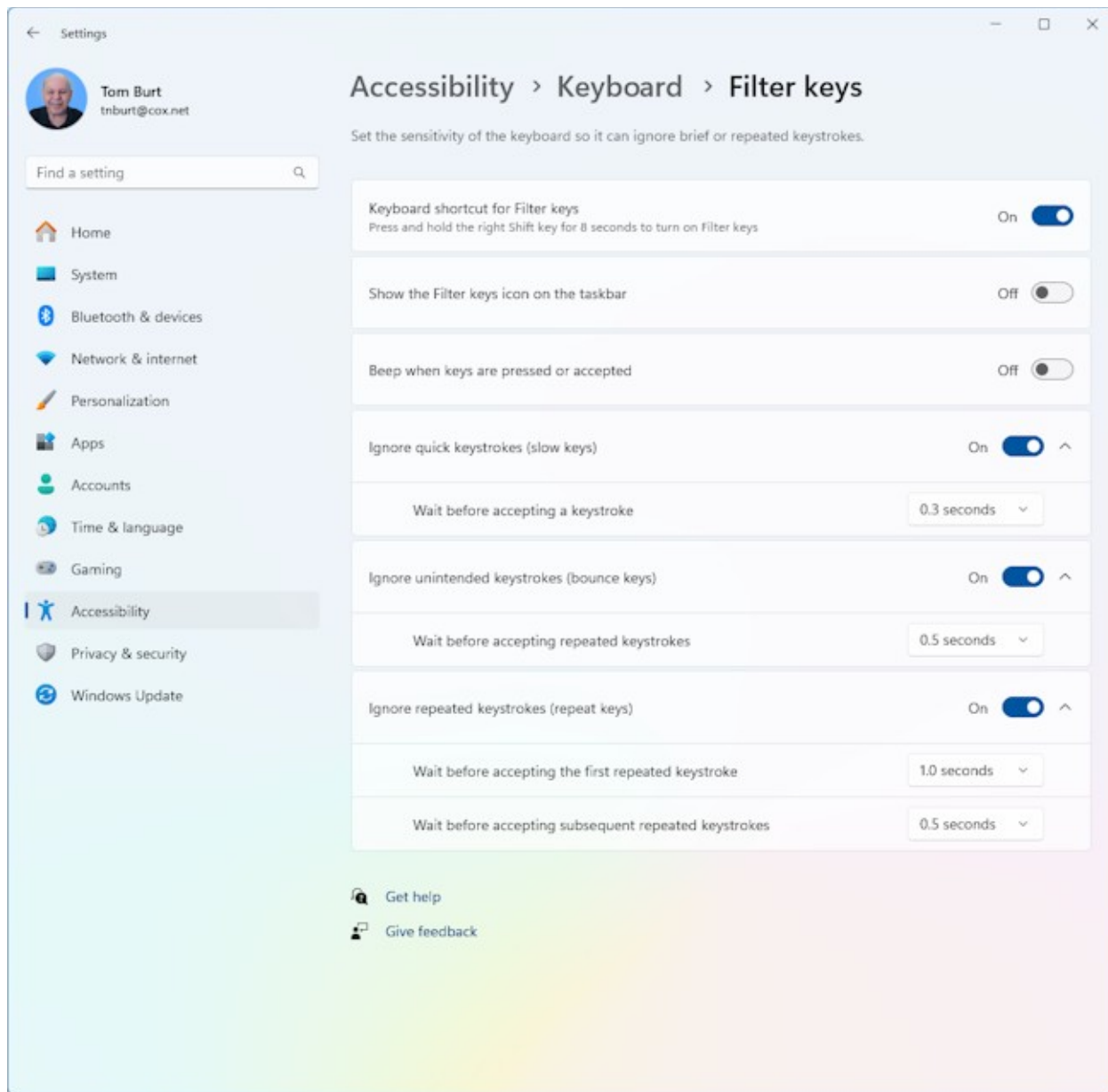
- Open the Control Panel
- Set View by to Small icons
- Click Keyboard
- Adjust the slide bars under Repeat delay and Repeat rate
- Click Apply

Using the Filter Keys method first, I pressed the Windows key + U to reach the Accessibility settings and then selected Keyboard and then turned on the Filter keys toggle.

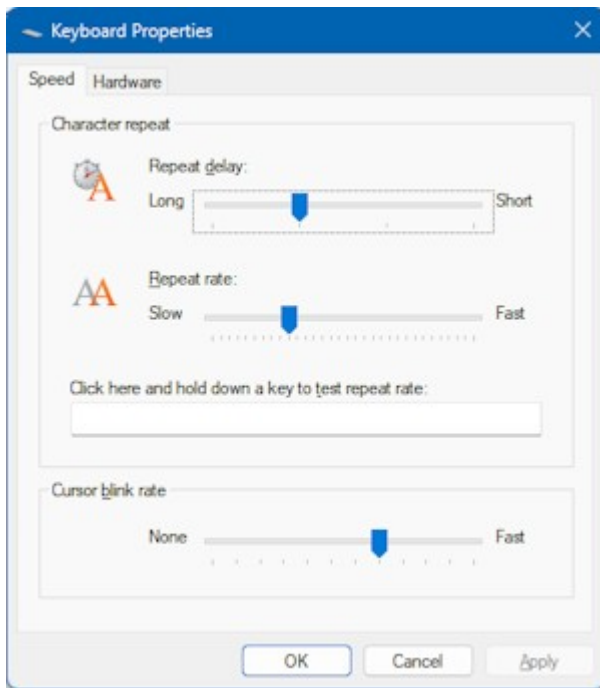


I then clicked on Filter keys to open the Filter keys settings dialog (shown below). There are quite a few settings options there, including some for repeat delays and repeat speed.

The Filter Keys method was rather obscure and took quite a few clicks to achieve the desired result. Worse, the settings didn’t work quite as expected. However, there were several new settings in the “Filter Keys” interface, so you may want to explore it.



The Google search's **Control Panel** steps proved to be much simpler and the same as for earlier versions of Windows. I had not thought to try using the Control Panel. I've gotten used to just going to Settings. The Keyboard Properties dialog is shown below.



To reach the Control Panel, I used the Taskbar's Search tool, entering "control panel". When the search showed the icon to launch the Control Panel, I decided to right-click the icon and select "Pin to Start" so that it would be quickly accessible in the future.

As shown in the image to the right, I used the sliders to set both the Repeat delay and Repeat rate settings to be slower than the defaults. This has helped reduce undesired auto-repeats.

Final Thoughts

As the Windows 10 user base moves on to Windows 11 sometime this year, I think one of the challenges will be migrating the many end-user settings from Windows 10 to the new Windows 11. Microsoft has put in many changes to the Windows 11 Settings user interface. This will slow down the setup of new Windows PCs as new users struggle to find where specific settings have moved and also to understand new settings that weren't present in Windows 10.

Early on, it may be effective to revert to using the old Control Panel in "small icons" mode.

