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Meeting Notice

Meetings will be held at the Homewood Public Library until the first of the year.

Walter Palmer, Editor

New Product Introductions

Let me begin by saying that each has the usual Apple modifications - thinner, lighter, and faster. Below is a picture of the adapter for the new Lightning connector. It shows the difference between the old and the new.



iPhone 5

Nerd Porn - exposed view of the iPhone 5



The iPhone 5 is as leaked. Larger screen, incremental improvement, better camera, speaker and three (count'em, three) microphones;. Also, it has 4G/LTE for AT&T, Verison, and Sprint. Well, others outside the US, but that does not really affect us.



iPod Touch

In the words of my sone when he was three: colors. It is more of an iPod now and less than an iPhone. Improved camera, etc. Also a wrist strap - the iPhone could use one too.

If you buy a red one Apple will make a donation to fight AIDS in Africa.

iPod Nano

Back to the previous form factor. The ability to wear it as a watch is gone, unless you don't mind looking like Dick Tracy.



A summary from the Verge (www.verge.com) follows:

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['Clumsy Ninja' demoed on 5th-gen iPod touch](#)

By [Samit Sarkar](#) on September 12, 2012 02:30 pm
Clumsy Ninja, a toy-like app that lets you interact with a ninja, was shown off on the [redesigned iPod touch](#) at today's [Apple event](#).

The game features a black-clad ninja that is "fully aware of his environment," and will respond to input from the player. During the on-stage demo, the player tickled and chased after the ninja; it sounds similar to Nintendogs or Lionhead's "Project Milo" tech demo for Kinect.

[The new iPod touch: \\$299, 4-inch display, Siri, new colors, and upgraded cameras](#)

By [Scott Lowe](#) on September 12, 2012 02:21 pm
After two years of [maintaining the same aesthetic design](#), Apple has given the iPod touch a much deserved overhaul. As [rumored last week](#), Apple has redesigned the iPod touch to feature a larger 4-inch Retina display with a 16:9 aspect ratio, the same used

in [the new iPhone 5](#). Announced alongside [the new iPod nano](#), the new iPod touch is just 6.1mm thin and weighs only 88 grams, the lightest and thinnest yet. While the previous generation missed out on processor tweaks, Apple has dropped the A5...

[New redesigned iTunes announced for Mac and PC, available in October](#)

By [Dieter Bohn](#) on September 12, 2012 02:06 pm
iTunes hasn't been a fan favorite in recent years, adding in layers of cruft and slowness as Apple has packed in new features into the software. Apple itself began the process of lowering the app's importance with the release of iCloud and the ability to sync iOS devices directly to the cloud.

In addition to all of the new enhancements to the iTunes App Store on the iPhone and iPad that we saw back in June, the iTunes desktop app for Mac and PC is getting a visual makeover that brings it more...

[iPhone 4S drops to \\$99, iPhone 4 now free: Apple discontinues the 3GS](#)

By [Bryan Bishop](#) on September 12, 2012 02:00 pm
To make room for its [latest iPhone](#), Apple has just announced new prices for the rest of the line — and the iPhone 3GS isn't part of the mix. Cupertino followed a similar strategy to [what it used last year](#), with the 16GB iPhone 4S dropping to \$99 with a two-year contract, and the 8GB iPhone 4 now available for free when subsidized by a mobile carrier. It's an improved value over last year's price drop, however, when both of the non-flagship models were stuck at 8GB of storage.

[iPhone 5 coming to EE, the UK's first 4G carrier](#)

By [Louis Goddard](#) on September 12, 2012 01:40 pm
Apple has confirmed that the newly-announced iPhone 5, which features LTE, will be available via EE, the UK's first 4G network. [Announced yesterday](#), EE is a rebrand of Everything Everywhere, a joint venture between Deutsche Telekom and France Télécom — its network had been turned on in testing mode in London, Birmingham, Cardiff, and Bristol, and the company has plans to expand to at least 11 further cities before the end of the year.

The presence of the iPhone 5 will [consolidate EE's...](#)

[The iPhone 5's new iSight camera is 25 percent smaller, 40 percent faster, features new panorama mode](#)

By [Dan Seifert](#) on September 12, 2012 01:32 pm
During Apple's big press event today, the company unveiled the iPhone 5 and its brand new 8-megapixel iSight camera. The iPhone 4S' camera was considered to be the best in class when it launched last year, and the new camera on the iPhone 5 is no different. Where the iPhone 4S camera featured a f/2.4 aperture, five-element lens and backside illuminated sensor, the camera on the iPhone 5 has a smaller, but similar camera. The new camera is 25 percent smaller than the

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[Real Racing 3' demoed on iPhone 5](#)

By [Samit Sarkar](#) on September 12, 2012 01:31 pm
Electronic Arts showed Firemonkeys' [Real Racing 3](#) running on an [iPhone 5](#) at today's [Apple event](#), with a new kind of asynchronous multiplayer that's being added to Apple's GameCenter.54

[The Apple A6: a smaller processor for the iPhone 5 with twice the performance](#)

By [Sean Hollister](#) on September 12, 2012 01:25 pm
Apple's [new iPhone 5](#) has some fresh muscle inside: The Apple A6. The new system-on-chip is 22 percent smaller than the A5, and Apple says it has twice the CPU power and twice the graphical power inside.

[iPhone 5's LTE carriers include AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, and more](#)

By [Chris Ziegler](#) on September 12, 2012 01:24 pm
In the wake of the iPhone's support for LTE, carriers are immediately coming out of the woodwork to announce that their networks will be able to take advantage of it. In the US, AT&T, Verizon, and Sprint will all offer it.

[iPhone 5 to come with LTE worldwide](#)

By [Adi Robertson](#) on September 12, 2012 01:22 pm
Apple has confirmed 4G LTE on the iPhone 5, promising better performance across a [swath of carriers](#). The company touted its LTE iPhone, which will support voice and data over the network using one radio chip and a "dynamic" antenna. The phone will

also support HSPA+ and DC-HSDPA. Altogether, three models for different carriers are planned: two GSM versions and one with CDMA. Apple isn't breaking hugely new ground with this announcement — LTE has been standard for the last year.”

My wrap-up:

Expect an iPad Mini later in the year. Speaking of which, one of the speakers slipped and made reference to iPad, iPad 2, New iPad, iPad 4 and iPad Mini. Hmmmm “Apple does not comment on unannounced products.” Oh, really??

iPad Mini speaks for itself and the related rumors have been posted in these pages before. One would guess the iPad 4 will have the usual evolutionary improvements plus the “Lightning” connector.

Apple may or may not be leading the pack anymore, but it seems to be pretty good. I really do not pay attention to other companies. More important, it will sync with iTunes, Calendar, and Contacts or whatever they are called. You don't know how important that is unless you have never had it. Mrs Editor got an iPhone last winter and there is a clear advantage to the integration with the computer on a day-to-day basis. Of course, the Editor family is out of town 40% of the time, so we really need our electronics.