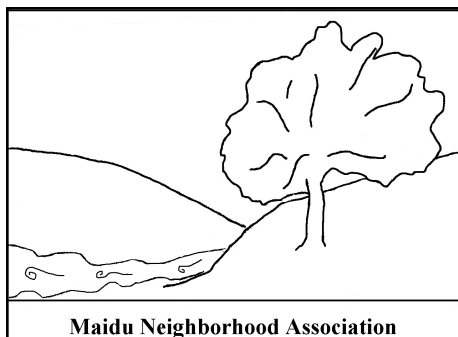


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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### Misdirected Mail Could Lead to Crime, Other Problems

By Fran Webb

What is misdirected mail? It is mail sent in your name to your specific address that gets delivered to another address. What are some of the significant risks associated with misdirected mail?

1. Lost, delayed, bills causing late fees, and or dings in your payment history, or something with a specific timeline for response that you miss with penalty.
2. Rx home deliveries sitting in someone's mailbox they haven't discovered, you need, and it might be complicated getting interim medication while the whole issue is a mystery.
3. Tax documents, bank statements, and/or any other personal, highly identifiable information that may be used in ID Theft: Employment, Social Security, Medicare Documents, Medical billing, unsolicited invitations to sign up for additional coverage, of all types of insurances and programs.
4. Preapproved credit card offers, or loan(s) in the form of preapproved checks, sent to you without your knowledge. These just flood the mailboxes unless you OPT OUT. *(See notes on next page for handling **Pre-screened Opt-outs**)\** These are mainly coming as Standard Mail which is neither forwarded nor returned to the sender. Many people find out about these credit cards when they hear from the issuing company and collections are calling or sending notices of payments due/overdue. Many people just throw these offers in the garbage. This type of mail **needs to be shredded** to reduce the risk of someone going online and opening an account.

Last year I did not receive mail at my home for five-six days, which is highly unusual. I stood in line at the PO for 25-30 minutes *(continued on next page)*

### 2017 Garage Sale - Take Time to Register

Saturday, April 29th is, to paraphrase a side-view mirror, *closer than it appears*. That's the date of the Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale, held throughout our neighborhood.

For maximum publicity for your own garage sale that day, we want to be sure you beat the **April 21st deadline** to have your address included on the map we'll be handing out that morning to shoppers as they enter the neighborhood. So it's time to register. Please use the form, below.

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#### **2017 Garage Sale Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 enclosed for April 29 Garage Sale.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to participate, but I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with map distribution or filling of balloons the day of the sale.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate a raffle prize.

Make your check out to Maidu Neighborhood Association. Send form & check to Mary Steele, Treasurer, 1390 Cloverdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661, **by April 21** to get your address listed on the map.

Questions? Send email to [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com)

## Misdirected mail (continued from previous page)

only to be told they have no idea why I'm not getting mail. I asked them to check if my mail was being held, short answer was no -- there was no hold order for my address. I was asked to go out in the lobby and wait at the half door they would have someone answer any further questions I might have. Here is what they discovered after another 20-25 minutes of waiting. A neighbor further up my street put a hold on their mail while they were not home. Their mail was collecting in their mailbox; mine was mistakenly being held on their hold order.

### **Neighbors Assumptions/Thinking**

"Oh my gosh I've got Ted's, Mary's, mail again. I'm going to walk it over to their house." It is a very nice neighborly thing to do. However, the Post Office management is claiming they have no idea there is a problem out in our neighborhood with our delivery. We are not giving them an opportunity to get to the bottom to discover what is causing the issues, how often it is occurring, what class mail (1st class or Standard), etc., i.e. the type of error. It really should be a **RARE** occurrence to have misdirected mail. And when it happens we're fortunate to live in a neighborhood where a neighbor will stop by and hand-deliver your mail.

### **Post Office Assumptions and thinking**

Since the Postal Supervisor(s) or Postmaster(s) '**are unaware**' there is a delivery problem they are not taking corrective action. What the Post Office is suggesting is to bring these issues forward to the PO's Delivery Supervisors/Postmasters allowing them a chance to research if the problems that are occurring are because of their sorting, problems in the auto-processing, and/or that additional training is needed in specific delivery techniques with the carriers.

Here is what one of the Sierra Gardens PO Delivery Supervisors suggested:

1. Write the date of delivery on the mail piece.
2. Make a copy or scan the mail piece and on that copy write the house number and street it was actually delivered to.
3. Send that copy to [Nicole.A.Vincent@usps.gov](mailto:Nicole.A.Vincent@usps.gov) or drop it off at the Post Office and allow the PO the chance to figure out what is going wrong and the opportunity to fix the problems.

If you don't have the ability to send the message to Ms. Vincent via email see if the neighbor you are delivering to does and work together to resolve the problem.

Keep this in mind—it used to be **RARE YOU WOULD EVER BE A VICTIM OF ID THEFT.** **CURRENTLY IT IS BECOMING AN EPIDEMIC**, costly, and very time consuming, so let's all help one another have more secure mail delivery day in and day out.

### **Tip to Make It Easy for All Our Delivery People**

I made a 2"x 4 " name plate using index stock (postcard , index or recipe card stock) and taped it to floor on the inside opening of my mail box. Make it legible, dark, and as large as will fit on your card of 2 lines (Name, house number and street address). I used painters tape (maybe you'll have a better idea).

\* (Note from previous page on **Prescreened Opt-outs**) You may limit "Prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit file. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may **opt-out** with the nationwide credit bureaus (TransUnion; Experian; Equifax) at **1-888-567-8688**. These opt-out options may be for specific time periods or permanent. However, you do have the option of changing your opt-out choices at your discretion.

## Keep Kids Alive Drive 25(KKAD25)

by Jim Kidd

Neighbors, Spring is in the air. Your KKAD25 sign on your garbage can might be a little worn. If you would like a new decal for your garbage can, I can drop one at your home. Please send me your address and I will put one on your doorstep. Yes, you need to put it on the can. :)

- Jim Kidd, [jckidd@hotmail.com](mailto:jckidd@hotmail.com).

*Neighbor Ad:*

**Pool Repair and Services – Kaysen's Sparkling Pools**  
Owner, Jeff Kaysen – 916-834-9182, CA Contractors License: 964987

## Bingo! Having Fun And Helping Oakmont Students

by David Allen

"We manage a bingo parlor?" That was my disbelieving response when I learned that some of the funds used to support local Oakmont High School students comes from managing a weekly bingo session at the Grand Oaks Bingo Hall on Auburn Boulevard. Monies generated at the Saturday matinee session are used to support performing arts, sports, even testing fees. Parents can volunteer their time working at this bingo session in lieu of writing checks for band trips, sports equipment and the like.

When I was asked to volunteer at bingo, I thought back to playing bingo in elementary school and vague ideas of rows of folding tables and chairs in a church hall. Was I ever surprised. Bingo is a business many non-profits use to generate badly needed funds. Players come from all walks of life, forming a diverse community that enjoys time spent with friends playing this ever-popular form of gaming. As a volunteer, parents and former students help manage nearly all aspects of the operation from cashiering and game sales to paying the winners. It's exciting to be a part of this business that does so much for our kids.

If you're an Oakmont parent, give volunteering a try. If you're as mystified about bingo as I was, come to Grand Oaks and play. You'll be pleasantly surprised how much fun it is. Only \$30 for the regular session. You'll have a great time while supporting Oakmont High School kids in the our neighborhood.

As an incentive to play, bring this month's newsletter to one of the Saturday Oakmont sessions for \$15 off the standard buy-in for up to two people. It's located at 7919 Auburn Blvd, right next to Fireside Lanes Bowling. Doors open at 8 AM. Speed bingo at 10:00 AM. Early Birds at 10:30 AM. Regular session at 11:00 AM. The session usually ends around 1:30. Oh, and there's an on-site cafe serving delicious breakfast and lunch items right to your table. You can't miss! I hope to see you there.

## Still not sure about joining the 2017 Garage Sale?

Still not decided? Based on past Sales, about 100 homes will participate making it a great way to get visibility for your own garage sale. So join us for the big event. You get a lot for your donation of \$10:

- Coordinated advertising in local papers and online.
- Listed and pinpointed on our map of Garage Sale locations. The maps will be available to visitors at entrances to the neighborhood as well as online.
- A garage sale kit to get you started.
- A chance at a prize from a local business.
- Throughout the year, you'll know your donation is helping us put on events like National Night Out, the Park Clean-up and the Santa-in-the-Neighborhood celebration as well as other neighborhood activities.

If you are ready to participate, fill in the form at the bottom of the front page and send it in! Or just mark your calendar for April 29th and be a shopper!

**If you want to promote your business** by contributing a raffle prize for our Garage Sale participants, please use the form on the cover. We want to thank you in our next issue!

Our next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 7 pm at Sargeant Elementary, 1200 Ridgecrest. We meet in the Activity Room which is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby. Please come! It's a chance to get to know us and hear what's happening in the neighborhood.

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