



12/28/2024

To: The Residents of Sudden Valley

RE: Mail Theft

To all residents,

Mail theft in the city of Bellingham has increased in the past few months. It appears that it has now moved to the Sudden Valley area as of a few weeks ago. Please know that we are aware of this theft, and we are taking steps to replace the locks on all the CBU's (mail receptacles) in Bellingham, starting with the Sudden Valley community. The new locks will provide more security than the current locks that are installed. The locks have been approved and ordered; however, I do not have an anticipated delivery date for them yet.

In the meantime, I want to ensure that you are aware of steps you can take to help reduce the chances of mail theft occurring:

- Please pick up your mail daily, preferably before the sun sets.
- Any outgoing mail that you may have please consider dropping it in a nearby blue collection box. The nearest collection boxes are located at:
  - 1941 Lake Whatcom Blvd, Bellingham WA 98229
  - 2410 Alabama St, Bellingham WA 98229
- If you elect to place outgoing mail in the outgoing slot of the mailboxes, please do so in the morning hours (preferably after sunrise and before the carrier has come for the day).
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your letter mail and packages that are scheduled to arrive, you can do this at: [www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm)
- Be vigilant and if you notice suspicious activity please report it to the local police immediately.
- You also have the option of coming into our facility at 3150 Orleans St, Bellingham WA 98226 and placing your mail on hold in the office. Where you can come in at your convenience to our retail window with ID and pick up your mail until the locks have been changed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zoe Russom".

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Zoe Russom

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