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Another Day. Another Scam. Don't Fall for it.

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I wonder how many Americans this very minute are being taken for a ride and giving away their personal information to a criminal. You might be surprised. At all hours of the day, people are turning over credit card numbers and more to thugs.

As Aura writes, “When Mary Anne May received a text from UPS on the day after Mother’s Day, she assumed a family member sent her a gift that she wasn’t home to receive. But when she clicked on the link in the text to reschedule the delivery, and was asked for her credit card number, she started to get suspicious.

While Mary Anne’s caution was well-founded, millions of Americans have fallen victim to package delivery scams like this one.”

In recent days, I’ve received a number of bogus text messages on my phone. I simply report them as junk and delete them.

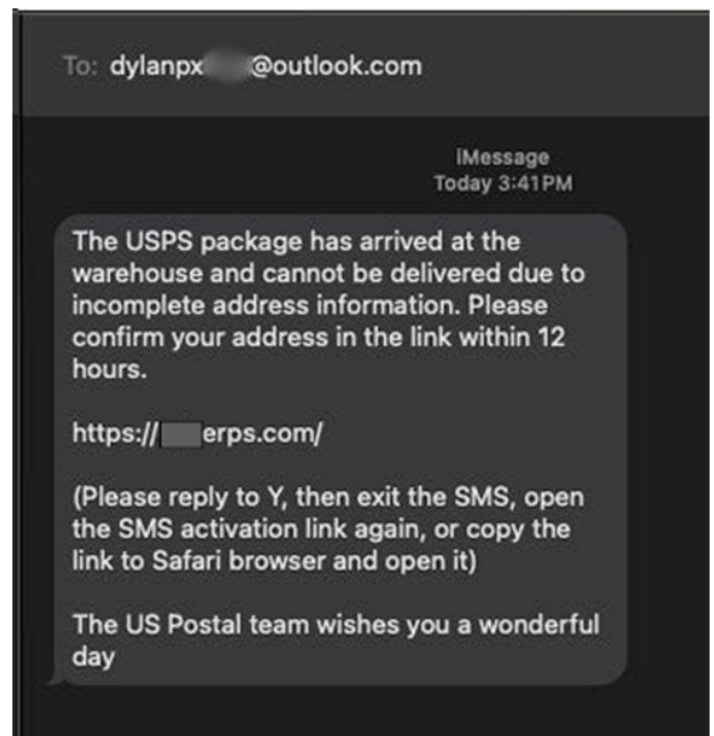
Here’s an example. The bogus text message alerts me that the US Postal Service is holding a package at its “warehouse” and cannot deliver it because it lacks complete street address details. Look who supposedly sent the text. It’s from a guy named Dylan. This is the first red flag. Think about it. USPS will never text you using a bogus email address starting with “dylan.”

Second, the letter carrier has been delivering mail and Amazon packages to my house for years. USPS doesn’t have my address? Then who’s the guy who’s been delivering junk mail to my mailbox

for years?

Third, the USPS doesn’t have “warehouses.” They don’t use that phrase. The USPS has distribution centers. And I’m very glad to know that the bogus US Postal Team is wishing me a wonderful day! Finally, the USPS doesn’t use bogus web addresses, as shown in the text. A legitimate message would read usps.com or something similar.

If I click on the link shown in the text, I’ll get a website where I can easily enter my credit card number to be scammed by Dylan or whoever is trying to turn me into a victim. Hey Dylan, have a wonderful day!



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MEETING



February 8 2025 Program

Zoom Meeting Only



- **Here's a Second Chance to get help with stuff that doesn't work.**
- **Ask the Guru !!!**
- **But PLEASE LEAVE TIME!!! So we can ALL take our turns.**
- **(And your chance for GLOATING was last month.)**



Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day means that spring is just around the corner. Back in the day, it meant getting a deluge of seed catalogs! Now we can just order them online or go to a local nursery.

Spring is a time for changes. There is a change for L.C.A.C.E. starting in March. We will be moving our monthly Saturday meeting to Alto, 1865 E Belvidere Rd in Grayslake. It will be fitting our club's needs better as there is more parking spaces and a better room setup for our zoom and in-house meetings.

February's meeting will be 'Ask The Guru'. Lester will be leading a Q&A so bring any questions you have. If we can't answer your questions, that would be a potential topic for another meeting where we get an expert to do a presentation.

As a reminder: Members are encouraged to take advantage of APCUG ([APCUG.org](https://www.apcug.org)) benefits such as their frequent Zoom meetings on a plethora of computer related topics. And Much More...

Diane Carlson

L.C.A.C.E. President



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Tech for Seniors LIVE

Ron Brown, Hewie Poplock, Bob Gostischa, Ray Baxter & Bill James

Tech for Senior- Live on Thursday

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We (The *News Journal* Staff and the L.C.A.C.E. Board Members) have noticed that some local libraries are offering free services that are very handy for people who have technical interests. And also handy for persons who wish to know about any number of things.

Some Information about some services will appear in later issues of the *News Journal*.

Such as... Cook Memorial Library has equipment to convert vinyl records and videos into DVDs.

Please speak out at meetings if you are hunting for something special.

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Quick Guide
Written by Shari Hunt



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Quick Guide
Written by Leanne Cleaveley



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HOW TO RESET WINDOWS 11 WITHOUT LOSING YOUR APPS, FILES, AND SETTINGS

– Windows 10 and 11 offer a reset feature that you can run if you're bumping into technical troubles with the operating system. But there's a downside to performing a traditional reset. All your installed applications and customized settings are lost, forcing you to reinstall and set them up from scratch, even if the reset fixes the problem. With Windows 11, however, there is another option. Find out more at [How to reset Windows 11 without losing your apps, files, and settings | ZDNET](#)

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February

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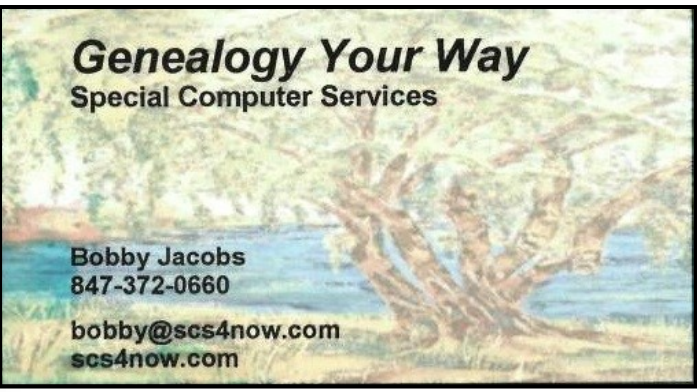



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