
From: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 1:11 PM
To: Melissa_horste@levin.senate.gov
Cc: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Subject: Blanchard, MI - Remus, MI

Melissa

Hello, I am the Post Office Review Coordinator for the USPS Greater Michigan District. My direct phone line is 616-776-6117 or email is fine.

I was forwarded your contact information from your inquiry phone call about a constituent that contacted Mr Levin's office about the Blanchard Post Office closing and moving to Remus.

Unfortunately the constituent has received incorrect information.

Blanchard Post Office currently has a career Postmaster and the office is not suspended. Therefore under Title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations we will not perform a discontinuance review.

Currently we are reviewing all Post Offices for possible Delivery Unit Optimization (DUO). DUO is a modification of delivery operations, where we move the carriers working office from one to another. Once we have determined this movement of carriers working location is more efficient for the USPS, Mr. Levin will receive a letter from the Greater Michigan District outlining the movement with an implementation date.

This change will be transparent to our customers and will in no way impact either delivery or retail service. Occasionally, we interchange staff, equipment and other resources in order to improve efficiencies, reduce operation costs and make better use of our resources. Continuous improvement in our postal operations enables the Postal Service to fulfill its mission of providing our nation with universal service to every home and business address at affordable prices.

Customers will likely notice little or no change in their home or business delivery service. Although most customers will receive their mail at approximately the same time each day, some customers' mail may be delivered earlier in the day and others could receive mail slightly later.

If a customer has a "left Notice" article (a Certified letter or package that must be signed for), they can retrieve that item at their regular P.O./Station/Branch, as they do now.

The Postal Service is following all applicable collective bargaining procedures regarding employee changes and we are communicating regularly with our unions and management associations.

This operational change is just one more way the Postal Service continues to become more efficient, while delivering excellent service to our customers. Our goal is to keep the mail relevant, affordable, and growing.

Blanchard is currently under review for a possible DUO. The current proposal under review is the movement of the carriers to the Remus office. However this is still under review.

If you need additional information or have any further questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Melissa Vander Slik
Post Office Review Coordinator
USPS – Greater Michigan District
(616) 776-6117

From: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 3:55 PM
To: kali_fox@stabenow.senate.gov
Cc: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Subject: Information as requested

Kali

Please see attached.

If you have any additional questions, please call.

Melissa Vander Slik
USPS – Greater Michigan District
Post Office Review Coordinator
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From: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:42 AM
To: mary_judnich@stabenow.senate.gov
Cc: Vander Slik, Melissa A - Grand Rapids, MI
Subject: summary_post_office_changes

Mary

Attached is what happens with the process after the community meeting is held.

As discussed when a postmaster position is vacant it is customary for the USPS to perform an initial internal review of the post office for possible discontinuance. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal (60 day posting) if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

If we decide to move forward after the initial internal review, our next step is to notify the public(those that receive mail addressed to the Post Office under review). Each customer will receive a notification letter outlining our proposal to discontinue the office, including a Community Meeting notice, the attached process outline, a customer questionnaire and information on services provided by our Rural Carriers, "Post Offices on Wheels".

If you have any further questions feel free to call me.

Missy Vander Slik
Post Office Review Coordinator
(616) 776-6117



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USPS BEGINS CONTRACT TALKS WITH UNIONS

The Postal Service has begun contract negotiations with the National Rural Letter Carriers Association (NRLCA) (Sept. 13) and the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO (APWU) (Sept. 1).

The NRLCA — whose current contract expires at midnight, Nov. 20 — represents some 67,000 career employees who primarily deliver mail in rural and suburban areas and 48,000 non-career employees who substitute for rural career employees on their days off.

Two other unions represent most remaining postal employees. Employees represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO (NALC) deliver mail in metropolitan areas. Employees represented by the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, AFL-CIO (NPMHU) work in mail processing plants and Post Offices. The NALC and NPMHU begin negotiations next year approximately 90 days prior to their contract expiration date of Nov. 20, 2011.

The APWU — whose current contract expires midnight, Nov. 20 — represents more than 200,000 employees who work as clerks, mechanics, vehicle drivers, custodians and some administrative positions.



PMG Jack Potter, left, with Don Cantriel, national president, National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

USPS REDUCING COST & IMPROVING EFFICIENCY

The Postal Service continues to face record deficits. Estimates for Fiscal Year 2010 are expected to be a net loss of \$7 billion. Because of this several cost saving measures are being looked at that would be financially prudent and would cause very little, if any change to service. Three cost saving measures that are currently being utilized in the Greater Michigan District are AMP (Area Mail Processing), DUO (Delivery Unit Optimization) and ROR (Retail Optimization Request).

An AMP study is performed because of the decline in mail volume. The study determines if the Postal Service has an excess of employees and equipment in some mail processing operations. It determines the feasibility of consolidating redundant operations to see if any efficiencies and cost savings would be achieved. If the study determines that processing could be moved to another facility a public meeting is held in the local community to discuss any type of proposal. The Kalamazoo processing facility recently moved processing operations to the Grand Rapids Processing Center. There is a current study being performed to see if there is sufficient cost savings in moving mail processing operations from the Saginaw Plant to the Michigan Metroplex Processing and Distribution Center in Pontiac. Although some job location and responsibilities may change for our employees, the Postal Service has not laid off employees.

A DUO is the process of moving carriers from one Post Office to another Post Office that is located nearby. This type of change can save the Postal Service large amounts of transportation costs and be primarily transparent to our customers, since both communities will retain their own Post Office for customer service. The Postal Service will continue to provide customers with retail, PO Box and mail acceptance at both locations.

ROR is the process used to evaluate retail operations. Every Post Office in the Greater Michigan District will or has undergone a retail hour review. These reviews and the resulting retail hours changes implemented, if any, are in an effort to more closely align our retail hours to the actual revenue and documented customer flow.

The Postal Service continues to look for ways to fulfill our mission to provide our customers with efficient and cost-effective service. In a time of declining mail volume and revenue, we must consider the best way to utilize our career employees with the most cost-effective methods while still providing regular and effective mail service.

The two Loma Linda folks were unhappy I found I just don't understand it many times.

Regarding the employees who work at Loma Linda, we are checking with HQ for perhaps treatment position for religious accommodations. I think it is better to understand the same rules apply equally to all postal employees.

The thing you were given is from HQ and any comment is better served from them.

Regards,
Ken

From: Ken T. San Diego, CA
To: Phyllis, Ricarda [mailto:Ricarda.Flores@mail.house.gov]
Cc: USPS OIG, [mailto:USPSOIG@Inspector.AICPVA.EA] Normal Normal
Re: North Park Post Office Postcard - "There is not a lot of time available at the post office. We thought for almost the program regarding when the postcard you would be done. We're waiting for information on program. The schedule will have something like this:
Tuesday May 24th 10:00-13:00
Wed 25th 10:00-13:00
May 26th 11:00-13:00
Thursday May 27th 11:00-13:00
May 28th 10:00-13:00
May 29th 10:00-13:00
Sat 30th 10:00-13:00

and so on until the office closes

From: Phyllis, Ricarda [mailto:Ricarda.Flores@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Brent Ken T. San Diego, CA,
Subject: North Park Post Office Postcard

Hiy Ken,

My husband almost getting a copy of the USPS Form Bulletin regarding the North Park Post Office card and a copy of the post card you put in the PO Boxes. Did you send it? If so, can you resend them?

Also, is the deadline we info before correct?

Friday, May 8, 2015 - USPS sending out notices re closure of North Park Post Office

Saturday, May 7, 2015 - USPS post card one closure date in the PO Boxes at the North Park Post Office (postcard one closure date will be placed in Lobby of North Park Post Office. (USPS will have a sign in Spanish and any additional languages if necessary)

Thank you so!

Ricarda

Re: Brent Ken T. San Diego, CA
F 447-260-5151
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From: Brent, Ken T. San Diego, CA [mailto:brentken@psf.usps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 12:16:46 AM
To: Phyllis, Ricarda
Subject: RE: Post Office CGL, NP, SAC/SD

Here is a form from you please.

What's happening with our request to meet with the congresswoman before the next session starts?

Can you check please?

Thank!

From: Brent, Ken T. San Diego, CA [mailto:brentken@psf.usps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:16 AM
To: Brent, Ken T.
Subject: RE: Post Office CGL, NP, SAC/SD

Good morning Ricarda,

Sorry, I took yesterday off. As you know we've closed the George Washington (Golden Hill) and North Park Stations. And as we discussed we are currently doing a study to see keep closing the post office in MERCED in Southern.

Does that answer your question?

Regards,

Ken

From: Phyllis, Ricarda [mailto:Ricarda.Flores@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:34 PM
To: Brent Ken T. San Diego, CA,
Subject: Post Office CGL, NP, SAC/SD

Hi Ken!

Could I describe better to San Diego is asking me to share with our office the status of the USPS Post Office closures for North Park, Golden Hill and MERCED?

Can you help me with this request?

Thank you so!

Ricarda Flores

Re: Brent Ken T. San Diego, CA
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"Phyllis, Ricarda" [mailto:Ricarda.Flores@mail.house.gov] SMTP "Brent, Ken T. San Diego, CA" [mailto:USPSOIG@Inspector.AICPVA.EA] Normal Normal
Re: Post Office CGL, NP, SAC/SD "Phyllis, Ricarda" [mailto:Ricarda.Flores@mail.house.gov]

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No more than 4hrs weeks.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Brent Ken T. San Diego, CA,
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Any idea when the study for MERCED will be completed?

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From: Brent, Ken T. San Diego, CA [mailto:brentken@psf.usps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Brent, Ken T.
Subject: FW: North Park post cards

FW: Will be delivered to all North Park address in the next few days.

Today or tomorrow we are delivering postcards to all the Post Office Box addresses, advising when a copy will be in the lobby to assist with the POB mailers.

Regards,

Ken

