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Greater St. Louis PCC Newsletter



Happy New Year!

The PCC had an exciting end to 2023! We felt as a group that an opportunity to highlight both the Postal Service and our organization to the public on such a grand scale could not be overlooked. We worked with USPS to provide PCC membership information as well as Growing Your Business information inside bags to hand out during the parade route. To further this, the PCC members including the Postmaster of St. Louis, assisted in decorating the five Postal vehicles. During the Parade itself, our team walked alongside the Postal employees and vehicles in the parade each wearing sweatshirts emblazoned with the Greater St. Louis PCC logo. The Thanks-for Giving parade was filmed and streamed live to the public this year by local radio station Y-98. This participation helped our chapter not only cement ties with our partners with the Postal Service, but also opened a new level of visibility for our organization.



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MAGIC OF
Christmas
NEVER ENDS
it's greatest
GIFTS ARE
family & friends





Updates in St.Louis USPS Leadership & POC

Postmaster St. Louis - Diana Nygaard	314-436-4117
Plant Manager St. Louis P&DC - Michael Behrend	314-436-4160
Logistics/Transportation - Shante Blackmore	314-436-4324
In Plant Support Manager - Andre Meriweather	314-436-4438
Business Mail Entry Supervisor - Jessica Tennon	314-436-4178
Business Mail Entry Manager - Johnnie Jones	314-436-4173
Customer Relations Specialist - Estelle Bell	314-436-3395
Manager Customer Relations - Darrin Gadson	816-374-9170
MTE/MTEOR & Dispatch	314-436-3389, 314-436-5538, 314-436-4178
Business Service Network (BSN)	bsnglks-mo@usps.gov
Consumer Affairs	ksmosonsumeraffarisdepartment@usps.gov
Mailing Shipping Solution Center (MSSC)	mssc@usps.gov

2024 National Postal Forum

- ◆ Top-notch industry education
- ◆ Professional networking opportunities
- ◆ Meeting with USPS Leadership

This is the only event that brings together all senior level USPS executives, leaders of the mailing and shipping industry as well as the industry's major suppliers and partners. You can't afford to miss this opportunity to listen and learn from these champions of mail and shipping!

While we live in a high-tech world, mail remains the preeminent "high-touch" means of reaching out to customers, businesses and the world, and no one knows that better than our attendees! The NPF is the ideal way to stay in sync with all the advances and trends that affect the rapidly progressing and changing mailing and shipping industry.



NPF Mission: To be the premier educational conference for the entire mailing and shipping supply chain community to grow the industry. To facilitate collaboration of attendees through workshops, live demos and profiles and thoughtful dialogue. To showcase the latest in shipping and mailing technology, innovation, and related business needs and provide a place to recognize performance excellence in this industry.

Grace Period for Implementation of the USPS Electronic Postage Statement Requirement for BMEU Domestic Mailings

Effective: January 28, 2024

To provide mailers additional time to comply with the discontinuance of hardcopy postage statements policy change, there will be a limited-time grace period. During the grace period, the Postal Service will continue to accept and process hard copy postage statements that are presented to PostalOne! locations.

The Postal Service will allow this grace period following the implementation of this policy change on January 28, 2024. This grace period is effective through **March 31, 2024**. At that time, mailers will be required to comply with the new policy change and submit their BMEU Domestic postage statements electronically. Mailers are encouraged to adopt the new policy as soon as possible.

A Federal Register Notice (FRN) with the final ruling on the discontinuance of hardcopy postage statements was published April 25, 2023, effective January 28, 2024.

The Postal Service is discontinuing the use of hardcopy postage statements to improve efficiency by expediting the acceptance of commercial mail. Except for Electronic Verification System (eVS[®]) mailings, all domestic commercial mailings must use an approved electronic method to transmit a postage statement to the *PostalOne!*[®] system.

Mailers should be aware that there are approved third-party software options available on PostalPro at <https://postalpro.usps.com/Full-Service-Cert>.

- Electronic documentation by eDoc submission can decrease the quantity of undocumented errors.
- IMsb and Postal Wizard[®] are both options the USPS provides through the Business Customer Gateway.

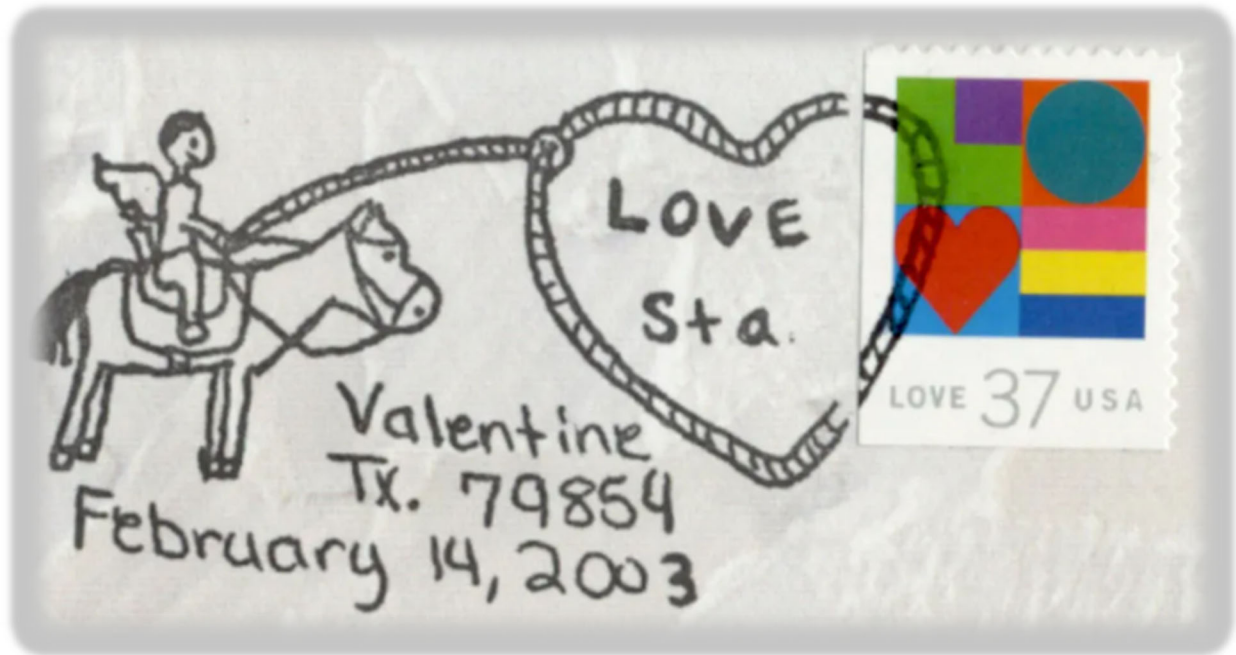
Mailers that are currently working with an approved software vendor should contact their software provider for electronic submission solutions. Electronic submission may already be an option.

Education is available on the Intelligent Mail for Small Business (IMsb) Tool and Postal Wizard through Industry webinars. For webinar information: [Electronic Documentation \(eDoc\) | PostalPro \(usps.com\)](#).

- USPS provides solutions for mailers not currently using third-party software.
- IMsb and Postal Wizard are both free to use and web-based, meaning no download or software is required.

IMsb and Postal Wizard guide mailers through the items they need to complete and submit a postage statement based on information they provide along the way.

Please direct any inquiries or concerns to the Mailing and Shipping Solutions Center (MSSC) via eMail: MSSC@usps.gov or telephone (877) 672-0007.



2024 Southern Area AIM Meeting Speakers Announced & Registration Now

CANCELLED
TO BE RESCHEDULED



2024 SOUTHERN AREA



AIM MEETING

Register Now!

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

*Please note: This will be an in-person only event, no ZOOM tie in is available.

[Start now](#)

Central Area – KS-MO District - Arnold Post Office Closed

Effective January 31, 2024

The following Post Office will be closed. All operations at this location will be suspended.

Arnold Post Office
1314 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold, MO 63010-9998

All drop shipments are being diverted to the following location.

South County Post Office
5636 Telegraph Rd
St. Louis, MO 63129-9998

Postal Retail Service, PO Box Mail and Packages attempted will be available at the following location.

USPS Mobile Postal Retail Unit
2184 Michigan Ave
Arnold MO, 63010
Hours: Mon-Fri 9a.m. – 5:30p.m. and Saturday 9a.m. – 2p.m.
Packages attempted will be available at the Mobile Postal Unit the following day.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our customers.

Greater St Louis PCC Annual Sponsorships

The Greater St. Louis PCC would like to invite your company to be a Corporate Sponsor. In 2023 we changed our format and started offering more educational classes. We increased our membership by 47% and our event attendance by 22%. We plan to continue offering this format in 2024, most sessions are available in-person/Zoom, and some be in-person only. We believe in our goal of bringing more value to the mailing and shipping community in 2023 and plan to do more in 2024.

Your Sponsorship will allow us to offer informative programs and share the latest USPS news. It will strengthen our ability to bring expert speakers to our sponsored events and will support our ongoing mission to educate and inform the local mailing, shipping, and marketing communities.

Sponsorship Levels Available

Major Sponsor: \$500.00 Your company will receive:

- Name recognition at all our annual events/ meetings including the golf tournament (640 attendees)
- Your Logo will be displayed on our website with a click-through to your own corporate website ([average 1300 visitors each month](#))
- Contact information on our website
- Acknowledgement at all major events/meetings (2 major events with 50+ attendees, 10 education classes with 45+ attendees)
- Your Logo on all e-mails sent to members and non-members. (42 e-mail blasts sent to 760 members/non-members)

Event Sponsor: \$300 Your company will receive:

- Name recognition at all our annual events/ meetings including the golf tournament (640 attendees)
- Acknowledgement at all major events/meetings (2 major events with 50+ attendees, 10 education classes with 45+ attendees)
- Your Logo on all e-mails sent to members and non-members. (42 e-mails blasts sent to 760 members/non-members)

Website Sponsor: \$200 Your company will receive:

- Your Logo will be displayed on our website with a click-through to your own corporate website
- Contact information on our website (average 1300 visitors each month)

PCC Day / Conference \$100.00 Your company will receive:

- Name recognition at PCC Day/ Conference (50+ attendees)

Golf Tournament Hole Sponsor: \$100 Your company will receive:


- Logo displayed on signage at one of the holes. (100+ attendees)

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@pcc-stlouis.org

We appreciate our sponsors




Upcoming Events

 **February 14, 2024**
PCC Lunch and Learn—USPS ground Advantage

REGISTER NOW

 11:30AM to 1:00PM

 **1356 Public House**
1356 Big Bend Road
Ballwin, MO 63021



Join us as USPS Director of Shipping & Commerce Strategy, Steve Jarboe comes to St. Louis to discuss all things Ground Advantage. Ground Advantage is a new product available nationwide as of July 2023. It provides a simple, reliable, and more affordable way to ship packages in two-to-five business days across the continental United States. It is also a key element of the Postal Service's shipping service growth strategy as part of the 10-year "Delivering for America" plan.

USPS Ground Advantage Key Features:

- Packages delivered in 2-5 business days across the continental United States.
- Free package pick up service at home or in-office.
- Business customers can use USPS Ground Advantage and USPS Ground Advantage Return packages. Customers can purchase up to \$5,000 in additional coverage.



INTRODUCING
USPS Ground Advantage™

- 2–5 day delivery¹
- Free insurance up to \$100²
- Ounce-based pricing up to 15.999 oz^{3,4}
- Pay by the pound from 1 to 70 pounds^{3,4}

SHIP
AFFORDABLE