

Postal Service Gives Tips on Christmas Mail Preparation

With a little bit of care, holiday cards and packages can arrive on time and in good shape, says your local post office.

In addition to mailing early, postal customers are urged to properly address cards and packages with the name, house number and street (or post office box) number, and the city, state and ZIP-plus-4 Code reserved for the last line. Use of apartment numbers is also very important.

It is also a good idea to put a slip of paper with the recipient's name and address and your return address inside parcels, and be sure the addressing on the outside of the parcel includes your return address and ZIP-plus-4 Code.

Parcels will arrive at their intended destinations on time and in good shape if you follow a few simple suggestions:

Cushion: Make sure contents are well-cushioned and there is no empty space in the box.

Don't overwrap: Just use your carton for mailing; wrapping it in paper is unnecessary.

Seal properly: Close your parcel with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure sensitive, nylon reinforced kraft paper or glass reinforced pressure sensitive.

Avoid smudges: Use smudge-proof ink when addressing all your holiday packages.

Address properly, use ZIP-plus-4 Code: Put recipient's address in the lower right portion of the package and your return address in the upper left corner of only one side of the package. Be sure to include the ZIP-plus-4 code in all addresses. Remember, a wrong ZIP Code can delay the delivery of mail.

Mail early: Time it right; mail early in the season and early in the day. Small items may be deposited in collection boxes.

Use the right service: Irreplaceable items, such as cash and other valuables, should be sent Registered Mail.

For information concerning postage, rates and fees, and the location of your nearest Christmas mailing station, call your local post office.

Customers Urged to Mail Early This Holiday Season

The Holiday Season is here again. It is the busiest and heaviest time of the year for the Post Office.

During this holiday season the Postal Service will handle more than 12 billion holiday cards, letters and packages.

To handle this monumental amount of mail, the Postal Service asks customers to "Mail Early" in the Season and early in the day.

Your local post office's primary objective for the 1987 Christmas Mailing Season is, to make it as convenient as possible for customers to get their holiday letters and packages mailed in time for delivery by Christmas.

The following is a list of special activities to assist postal customers this holiday mailing season:

Mail Early Collection Boxes — Beginning Monday, December 7th, your post office will begin special collection runs to strategically placed "Mail Early" collection boxes throughout the city.

These "Mail Early" collection boxes will be marked with a green Christmas tree decal on their side. Cards and letters, deposited in one

of these boxes before 11:00 a.m., will receive more expeditious handling, earlier in the day.

The majority of these boxes will be located along main thoroughfares in your town. For the one nearest you, call your local post office.

Postal contract stations & Self Service: As an added convenience, local postal contract stations will be open outside normal post office hours and Self Service Postal Units are available to serve you 24 hours a day. Call your local post office for location and hours.

Saturday Service: Specified post offices, stations and branches will be open December 12 and 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as full service and retail mailing outlets. Call your local post office for the one nearest you.

Will Call Service: All post offices will be open for customers to pick up packages on December 12 and 19 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Call Postal Information: 294-2300. Mail early in the season—early in the day. Christmas is just days away.**

Fred Meyer to Donate Over \$425,000 to Salvation Army

Fred Meyer, Inc. announced today that it will donate over \$425,000 worth of food, clothing, toys, and household items to The Salvation Army in 12 Northwestern cities.

On Monday, December 7, trucks from the Fred Meyer holiday convoy will deliver Portland's share of the donation to local branches of The Salvation Army and The Sunshine Division. The donation, valued at

\$120,000, will take place at 8:30 a.m., at the Fred Meyer Corporate Headquarters loading docks. The docks (which face 22nd street) are located at 3500 SE 22nd.

Donations will also be made in Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Klamath Falls, Coos Bay, and The Dalles. Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham, Washington, and Boise, Idaho, will receive donations as well.

The annual holiday donation is unique in that it was begun over 60 years ago by the firm's founder, the late Fred G. Meyer.

"Mr. Meyer started this tradition many years ago," said O.B. Robertson, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Fred Meyer, Inc. "Since then, we've been able to expand the program, and help thousands upon thousands of our neighbors. It's a joyous tradition which we're proud to continue."

Petett Defends Transplants Decision

by Nyewusi Askari

When Freddie Webb-Petett appeared before the Joint Subcommittee on Ways and Means for Human Resources, she recommended that the state not fund organ transplants for welfare clients and, instead, spend the money on prenatal care for welfare mothers.

Last week, when 7-year-old Adam Jacoby "Coby" Howard died of leukemia, his mother blamed the state for not giving him a chance to live. Ms. Howard, unemployed and without health insurance, had launched a money-raising campaign after learning that Coby needed a bone marrow transplant. The fund-raising effort raised \$70,000 but fell far short of the \$100,000 needed by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle to perform the operation.

Ms. Petett, Administrator of the Adult and Family Services Division explained that organ transplants for welfare clients are expensive, and that under federal law, if a state decides to use welfare money to pay for transplants, it must pay the bill for all the clients who need the operations.

House Speaker Vera Katz, D-Portland, and Senate President John Kitzhaber support Ms. Petett's position. Their support was voiced during a meeting of the Legislative Emergency Board.

There are those, like Portland's Democratic Rep. Tom Mason, who believe that the Legislature's decision raises serious medical and ethical questions. He wants the state to restore full funding for organ transplants, and said he



Freddie Webb-Petett

thought the funding could come from the expected budget surplus for the 1987-89 biennium. The restoration would cost the state about \$1 million a year. Administrators estimate the budget surplus at about \$140 million, however, because of the state's current expenditure limit, the money cannot be spent.

At the meeting, it was revealed that the \$36 million in the state's emergency fund is in danger of being depleted. The cost of fighting forest fires this summer, additional costs for state worker's compensation insurance and costs for a host of human resource needs are blamed for the predictions.

Ms. Petett's position has generated favorable responses in the Black community. Welfare recip-

ients, especially single-parent mothers and low-income families are pleased that they won't be sacrificed for the few.

Joann, a single, unemployed mother of three, explains: "Around here, there has always been the feeling that the people in Salem don't care about what happens to welfare clients. I know that I'd much rather see the state spend money in ways that will benefit a lot of people instead of the few who would benefit from the transplant program. If the operation cost \$100,000 dollars, you can bet it's going to cost twice that much trying to pay for the medical expenses after the operation."

The state estimates that over a two-year period, funding organ transplants may only save 34 lives.

PGE Briefs

Winter Weatherization — December and January:

PGE employees are participating in the Community Energy Project, which is providing free energy education and conservation techniques to Portland area residents this winter.

Beginning in December, and continuing until January, a project is underway to provide free weatherization to 100 senior citizens in the North and Northeast parts of the city. PGE is providing educational materials, and financial support for the project. Company volunteers will also do minor weatherization, including weatherstripping and caulking.

An estimated 100 homeowners within PGE's service territory have been selected by social service agencies to participate in the project. (The weatherization will occur on various dates throughout the winter.)

Contact: Carol Dillin, 226-8514.

Santa Visits Kids on Burnside December 16:

Santa Claus is paying a visit to needy children, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 3:30 p.m., at the Carousel located on SW First and Salmon.

For the second consecutive year, PGE along with Mental Health Services West is providing an afternoon of fun and holiday cheer to about 60 street children. The youngsters will ride on the carousel, receive Christmas stockings, and have a chance to chat with Santa.

PGE volunteers are also collecting clothes to donate to the children, many of whom reside at the West Women's Hotel and others who live on the streets.

Contact: Carol Dillin, 226-8514 or Kathy Carlson, 220-3131.

Christmas Breakfast at William Temple House — December 25:

PGE volunteers continue a holiday tradition of serving Christmas breakfast to the needy at the William Temple House, Friday, December 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2063 NW Hoyt.

Low-income, senior citizens, the unemployed, and those who don't otherwise have a place to share a Christmas meal are invited to participate in this special event. The Christmas breakfast is sponsored by PGE in cooperation with Sky Chef, which is providing the food. Approximately 300 people are expected to attend.

For the past 22 years William Temple House has served the community as a counseling center that provides monetary, material, and mental health assistance to those in need.

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Multnomah County Library Offers New Outreach Services

Three new services that will benefit Multnomah County residents who find it difficult to get to a library are now being offered by the Library Outreach Services Department of the Multnomah County Library.

The services include **books by mail** for some rural boxholders and eligible homebound patrons, **large print books by mail** for those homebound persons who can read only large prints and **library lobby service** to several retirement facilities, senior centers and nursing homes. All services are free for those who qualify.

Books by Mail

"Offering books by mail is an efficient way to serve rural boxholders in specified zip code areas who live a considerable distance from their nearest library branches," says Sarah Ann Long, Multnomah County Library director. "The program

also provides books and other materials to people who, because of illness or infirmity, find it difficult to leave their homes."

All branch libraries have books-by-mail catalogs that contain applications for the service, says Mary Ann Miller, manager of Library Outreach Services (LOS). Multnomah County rural boxholders who live in the northwest section of the county (the part of the St. Johns area with the zip code 97231) and those who live in the far eastern area of the county (rural boxholders in Gresham, Troutdale, Corbett, Fairview and Cascade Locks/Bonneville with zip codes of 97014, 97019, 97024, 97060 and 97080) are eligible for the services. Any homebound county resident may request certification through Library Outreach Services (221-7722).

Multnomah County Books By Mail is provided through a contract with Washington County Coopera-

tive Library Services.

Large Print Books By Mail

Homebound patrons who are able to read only large print may also request certification by LOS. A library staff person will visit the homes of those who request the service in order to verify need.

Library Lobby Service

Library Lobby Service is in place for retirement facilities, senior centers and nursing homes. During two-hour once-a-month visits, library workers deliver carts of books to the centers and trained volunteers register patrons, check books out/in and take requests for specific titles.

Library Outreach Services currently staffs 33 bookmobile stops each month as well as van delivery to 141 homebound individual patrons and 26 nursing and retirement homes.

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