

Greater OK PCC Newsletter

What happened in July!



On July 29, the Greater OK Postal Customer Council (GO-PCC) and Tulsa Postal Customer Council (TPCC) hosted Part II of the "Work Place Reimagined" Summer Series, via ZOOM. These sessions feature a panel of three industry experts and a postal representative. GO-PCC Vice Chairman Roy Walker served as the moderator. The meeting consisted of a question and answer session where each panelist had the opportunity to answer the same questions presented. Over thirty-five members attended the session.

Coming in August!

Make plans to join the Greater OK Postal Customer Council (GO-PCC) and the Tulsa Postal Customer Council (TPCC) for our third and final session of our "Work Place Reimagined" Summer Series. The third session will feature a panel of industry experts and a postal representative. The virtual session will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 9:00am – 10:00am CDT.

The challenges of COVID-19 compelled businesses and companies to adapt to a whole new way of conducting day-to-day operations. To successfully emerge from this crisis, the changing needs of employers and employees had to be considered to shape the company sustainability. The panelists will discuss the best practices implemented in their workplace that helped their businesses continue to be successful during the pandemic and move forward in the future. We will also feature virtual tours of American Fidelity Assurance Co., Resource One, the U. S. Postal Service, and informational Public Service Announcement (PSA) from the OKC Chamber of Commerce.

Our featured panelists will be:

- Bob Kahle, Chief Operations Officer, ResourceOne, Tulsa OK
- John Rohrer, Manager, AFPress, American Fidelity Assurance Co., OKC, OK
- Gary Schones, Sr. Membership Manager, OKC Chamber of Commerce, OKC OK
- Julie Gosdin, Arkansas/Oklahoma District Manager, U S Postal Service, OKC, OK

To receive an electronic invitation to attend this event, send <u>your email address</u> to Sonya Dulan, Customer Relations Coordinator at <u>sonya.r.dulan@usps.gov</u>.

USPS Announces Proposed Temporary Rate Adjustments for 2021 Peak Holiday Season

The United States Postal Service filed notice today with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) regarding a temporary price adjustment for key package products for the 2021 peak holiday season. This temporary rate adjustment is similar to one in 2020 that anticipated heightened peak-season package and shipping demand, which typically results in extra handling costs.

The planned peak-season pricing, which was approved by the Governors of the Postal Service on Aug. 5, would affect prices on commercial and retail domestic competitive parcels – Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First-Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Return Service. International products would be unaffected. Pending favorable review by the PRC, the temporary rates would go into effect at 12:00 a.m., Central Time, on Oct. 3, 2021, and remain in place until 12:00 a.m., Central Time, Dec. 26, 2021.

This seasonal adjustment will bring prices for the Postal Service's commercial and retail customers in line with competitive practices. No structural changes are planned as part of this limited pricing initiative.

"Delivering for America," the Postal Service's 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. The Postal Service has some of the lowest mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping. These temporary rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-season volume surges similar to levels experienced in 2020. The forecasted additional revenue from the time-limited increase will depend on the volume of packages shipped between Oct. 3 and Dec. 26, 2021 – the period the Postal Service historically considers its holiday peak season.

A full list of commercial and retail pricing can be found on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm.

The PRC will review the prices before they are scheduled to take effect on Oct. 3, 2021. The complete Postal Service price filings with prices for all products can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at *prc.gov/dockets/daily*. The price change tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at *pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index*.

The Postal Service's "Delivering for America" 10-year plan aims to reverse a projected \$160 billion in losses over the next 10 years. The Plan's growth and efficiency initiatives will spur cash flow and savings to make \$40 billion in capital investments over the next 10 years – including approximately \$20 billion towards the Postal Service's mail and package processing network, facility upgrades and procurement of new processing equipment.

Save the Date

GO-PCC Membership Drive Meeting Thursday, October 21, 2021 Cattlemen's Steakhouse 1309 S Agnew Ave OKC, OK 73108 Stay Tuned!

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