Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive postponed

The 28th annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive, scheduled for May 9, has been postponed. NALC and our national partners are fully committed to rescheduling the food drive later this year. A date has not yet been set.

In addition to the generosity of residents across the country, the annual success of the food drive is largely due to the efforts of letter carriers, other postal employees, postal customers, community volunteers and many more. Their safety is of paramount importance. Much of the country is currently under shelter in place or similar advisories, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and public health authorities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued guidelines that include social distancing. While it is unknown how long these guidelines will remain in place, it is highly unlikely that those involved in the food drive will be able to safely participate in mid-May.

NALC and our national partners—the U.S. Postal Service, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association, Valpak, United Way Worldwide, AFL-CIO, Valassis, Kellogg Co. and CVS Health—know well that food assistance is a critical need for many during this difficult time, and we remain strongly committed to helping those in need in the communities we serve across the United States. Even aside from the current crisis, one in eight Americans, including millions of children, seniors and military veterans, are unsure where their next meal will come from.

We look forward to once again holding the largest one-day food drive in the country when it is safe to do so. Americans across the country donate food during the letter carrier food drive, which is held annually on the second Saturday in May. All food collected stays in the local community and helps stock homeless shelters, food pantries, church shelves and more. While we cannot safely conduct the 2020 food drive on its traditional date, we encourage those who would participate to consider donations that can be safely made to food banks in the form of food or financial assistance. Letter carriers, our national partners, community supporters and volunteers will be prepared to Stamp Out Hunger® once again when it is safe to do so.

Convention deadlines approaching

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the status of NALC’s 72nd Biennial Convention, scheduled for Aug. 17-21, remains uncertain. NALC will continue to provide the latest updates in The Postal Record and the NALC Bulletin, on the NALC website at nalc.org and through NALC’s social media channels.

With that in mind, information is provided at right regarding convention deadlines in the event the convention can proceed as normal. Additionally, new information about convention hotels and various things to do on the island can be found on the convention page of the NALC website.

Deadlines for the 72nd biennial convention in Honolulu are approaching quickly. Delegate eligibility lists for the convention have been mailed to all branches. The lists must be completed and returned to Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine’s office at NALC Headquarters no later than June 18 for branch representatives to be registered as delegates to the convention.

All proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution to be submitted for consideration at the convention must be received by Rhine’s office by June 17. That date is 60 days in advance of the convention, as prescribed by the Constitution. Proposed amendments will appear in July’s Postal Record for the membership to review. Resolutions to be considered by delegates also must be received by the June 17 deadline in order to be printed in the Resolutions and Amendments book provided to delegates. Resolutions received after June 18 still may be considered at the convention.

Branches wishing to sell items in the designated branch sales area during the convention must contact Rhine’s office to secure guidelines and forms. The completed forms must be returned to Headquarters by June 18.

Go to nalc.org for more convention news.