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## **COVID-19 Chapter II:** What the Virus Has Done

By David Norton, President



The Post Office is still open. Letter carriers are getting up every day and performing a job that has increasingly become trickier and much more dangerous in this current environment. Residents are staying at home. People have lost their jobs on a massive scale. The economy is in shambles. COVID-19 is still

a massive worldwide problem and we are still essential and we are still delivering for our customers and this country.

Where letter carriers were once dealing with unknowns about this deadly virus that is sweeping the country, getting PPE, and modifying our jobs, we are now starting to deal with the effects that COVID-19 has had on the Postal Service and our jobs as letter carriers.

The freefall of this nation's economy has had some devastating impacts on the Postal Service. The USPS is bleeding money, and it is evident in the current mail volume we are delivering. If the Postal Service is going to continue to deliver the essential goods and supplies that America needs, then the government needs to step in to give us assistance. This is a problem that only Congress and the Administration can help solve. In the last stimulus bill, they saw fit to bail out private businesses like the cruise line industry while only providing the Postal Service with a paltry debt extension. Let's hope that our elected officials come to their senses next time around. The Postal Service is the second largest employer in the nation and mandated by the constitution. To allow an institution that serves every American every day and is older than the country itself to fail would be a disgrace. The NALC has put out a White Paper on the current financial situation plaguing the Postal Service and instructions on how to contact your Senators or Congresspersons about it. Go to NALC.org or visit the NALC app for instructions. I urge every member to reach out. We are also providing information and instructions on how to call or write to your elected officials in this issue of the B-Mike.

Until this problem is fixed and things return to some degree of normality, we letter carriers are tasked to perform our jobs with this hanging over our heads. Postal management is of course treating the financial crisis and drop in mail volume as pure panic and vigorously attempting to secure undertime from every carrier. We have seen this before. Those of us that were around in 2008 after the housing crash and during the great recession remember

that the mail volume also dropped off precipitously. Where we were used to multiple trays of DPS and full coffins of flats, a lot of the time you could take your route out in a single mail tub. Where you once had an 8 hour day, you may have some undertime on the route. Some of that mail volume eventually recovered with the economy, but at the time there were some pretty hard conversations during the morning estimate process. There were times that you had undertime and times where you didn't have it. Either way, everyone had to get used to this new reality. We are in a similar situation right now. However, there are differences from 2008. Then, the Postal Service wasn't already swimming with debt because of the pre funding mandate, and we didn't have such a dramatic increase in parcel volume. Carriers everywhere are delivering the equivalent of Christmas time packages every day. With stay at home orders still in effect, there is no sign of this spike in parcel volume decreasing. This is going to affect whether a letter carrier has undertime or not. Branch 82's position on undertime is the same as it always has been: if you have undertime, then you should give it. I know there are many carriers that are delivering undertime every day already. If you don't have undertime, then you don't have it. More than likely, you will have to justify it to management, but that is fine. There are many reasons right now why you may not be able to give undertime. Management tends to paint everything with a broad brush: drop in mail volume + drop in revenue = every letter carrier has (or should have) undertime. That is just not the case, and it wasn't always the case during the great recession either. Based on the delivery profile of your route, you may have a significant amount of undertime, or not so much. It is a conversation that you will have with your supervisor. If Branch 82 can help in any way, then please call us.

Things are changing. On top of the ways COVID-19 has affected our jobs and our lives, we now have to deal with the economic reality of the Postal Service. Remember, just because we have a decrease in mail volume and just because we are pushing Congress to act on our behalf to save the Postal Service and secure our jobs doesn't mean that we can forget about the enormous health risk we are facing every day. We are delivering for America, and we are essential to this economy and this new COVID-19 life everyone is living in, but that does not mean that every letter carrier shouldn't have the safety equipment available to them to do their job as safely as possible. If you do not have access to gloves, masks, or hand sanitizer, then I want you to contact Branch 82 immediately. We can make sure you have these things available to you. We as letter carriers can adapt to the changing times we are living in, but we should never give up our rights in doing so.

### Be Smart and Be Safe.

By Jim Baxter, Vice-President

Knock on wood. At the time I was writing this article, we had only one confirmed case of the virus in Branch 82. We must continue to be vigilant. Make sure you wipe down your vehicles and work areas everyday. Wear gloves. Most importantly as I see it, wear a mask.

Like you, I watch a lot of stuff on the TV news and the internet about the virus. One of the articles I read showed the difference of moisture from exhaling with and without a mask. Clearly, when wearing a mask we exhale far less moisture into the nearby area than when we don't wear one. We are far less likely to spread the virus when wearing a mask. So be smart and be safe and wear a mask. I know they are kind of a pain. You will get used to it. I have mine, and I am wearing it right now. Yes, right here in the office.

Don't count on the people around you to be doing the right thing. Wear the darn mask. After high school, I got a

A lot of talk is going on about the post office running out of money and having to close. I have heard on the news that the Service will run out of money as early as October and read another report that they will run out in 2023. These losses go beyond the prefunding that we have tried to get fixed for years. Either way, the Postal Service is going to need some help. The federal government is helping out cruise lines and every other type of business because of losses due to the virus. The federal government needs to step up and help out the Postal Service as well. We deliver a vital service to the American people. Since when is a cruise line a vital service, yet they get money. We are in the Constitution of the United States.

How do we get this done? Well the first thing is for all you Letter Carriers that voted for Donald Trump to write him a letter. Tell him that we are a vital service. Tell him to quit bad mouthing us. Tell him that he is mistaken when he



Ryan Gray, Piedmont



Katrina Quezada, Oak Grove



Jeff Honor, Forest Park

summer job working at Reynolds Aluminum. It was hot and dirty work. Sometimes the temperatures would be over 120 degrees. Many of the guys worked right over molten aluminum. Everybody wore masks and no one complained. Pretty soon you just got used to it.

I spoke with a buddy of mine that started with the Post Office when I did, 39 plus years ago. He told me that he had been to the doctor because he was having symptoms of the virus. Fever and difficulty breathing. He did the smart thing and called in sick, went to the doctor and was actually tested. Thankfully, he did not have the virus. We laughed that this is the first time in our postal careers that the Service is actually telling people to stay home if they are sick.

From what I am seeing on the local news, there are now plenty of test kits available. If you think you are experiencing symptoms, don't take a chance that you don't have it. Get a test. They are available. Call your doctor .

calls us the delivery boys for Amazon. Tell him that we deliver a vital service to the American public seven days a week, and that it needs to continue. Tell him to do the responsible thing and work with Congress and provide relief in hard cash. Tell him that we would settle for the same amount of money that he is giving the airlines. I think that was 50 billion dollars. Tell him that we are FEDEX's biggest customer and that if he doesn't help us out they may go out of business. You can send your letter to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC.

Secondly, we need to contact our congresspeople and senators. You can do this by calling their offices, sending emails and best of all, you can write them a letter. Tell them you are one of their constituents and that you expect action from them to save the Postal Service. Most of them will respond positively. They know that we deliver a vital service. Proof is that we are still working. You can also contact them through the NALC website. That's how I did it. It was pretty





easy and didn't take any time at all. We as postal employees have a lot of political clout. There is an average of over 2,000 of us in every congressional district in the nation. Please flex your political muscles and contact your representative in some way. If you write them a letter they will respond with a letter. I have done that many times.

I am sure that management at the local level is being told that the sky is falling and that it is their job to save the Postal Service. And of course, their way of saving the Postal Service is on our backs. This has happened before. So you need to expect to hear and see all kinds of craziness. Don't let it stress you. Continue to come to work and work smart and safe. We will know that the sky is really falling when management sends themselves back to craft, and they start doing some work that actually generates revenue. I don't mean just carrying sections from time to time to avoid penalty time and a good back side chewing

but getting a new uniform allowance and bidding a route. So let me know if this is happening, and I will start wearing my hard hat to protect myself from the sky.

So the Service is starting to hire a bunch of new people. When they do that, we need a bunch of uniforms for them. It is a little tough right now getting them to the union office because we are not having meetings, but I'm sure that almost every office has someone that lives close to here and could drop them off. We are open our normal hours. Please try to work it out for our new people. Also welcome them. It is hard enough trying to learn this job but now it must be exceptionally hard. A word of encouragement would go a long way.

Let's be smart and safe. Good Luck, Jim



Caitlin Drake, Tigard



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## From the Desk of the Chief Steward...

by John Kunz, Chief Steward

As I am writing this article, the post office in Portland is hiring like crazy. This increase in staffing cures many of the problems in the offices in Portland. Most off assignment issues go away, CCAs get days off, and people may get incidental leave. Due to the increase in staffing, a lot of anger and frustration that city letter carriers were feeling goes away. This is especially true with the pandemic going on right now. Letter carriers want to do their job and go home to their families. Unfortunately this is not always the case.

Mail volume has dropped in most offices, and with this comes pressure for under time. The problem I'm hearing from most stations is that the mail volume is light, but the parcel volume is

heavy. Some offices are reporting parcel volume that is equal to or heavier than peak season. This makes sense that parcel volumes would be high due to store closures or people's reluctance to leave their homes to go out shopping. That would mean more people shopping and ordering from the safety of their computers. This is a good thing for the postal service. The more parcels we have means more revenue.

Unfortunately this is not trickling down to the offices. Instead it is no flats, you have undertime or no DPS, you have undertime. This may be true, maybe you are under, and if you are you should allow management to capture the

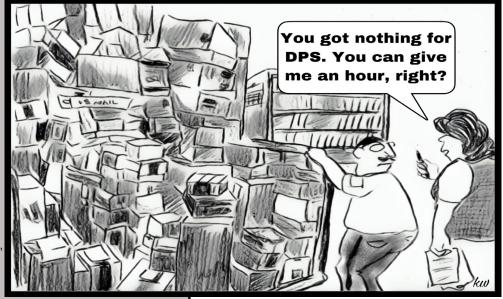
undertime. If you aren't, then you should explain the reason to management. Whether management likes it or not, parcels do take time and do provide revenue to the postal service. More parcels is a good thing, not a bad thing.

During this time of crisis due to Covid-19 remember, "WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER." Please use the tools provided to you to stay safe during this pandemic. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer should be at every office and available to any carrier who requests them. If they are not available, please contact this office ASAP. Please wash your hands frequently and maintain social distancing with your customers and fellow employees. Right now nobody knows when we will be through this.

Until next month... Your Chief Steward JKunz



Phoebe Ferguson, Sellwood





Theresa Dunas, East Portland



### **NALC CALL TO ACTION!**

### SUPPORT THE USPS IN THE NEXT EMERGENCY STIMULUS

THE NALC MAKES IT EASY.

### FROM THE NALC APP:

GO TO NOTIFICATIONS (TOP RIGHT CORNER) – GO TO ACTION NEEDED NOTICE. AFTER READING, SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM AND ENTER YOUR NAME AND ZIP CODE AS PROMPTED. YOU CHOOSE HOW TO SEND IT.

### FROM NALC.ORG:

USE THE DROPDOWN MENU AND CHOOSE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – ON THE RIGHT OF SCREEN TAP ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES. CLICK ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER. SCROLL DOWN AND ENTER YOUR NAME AND ZIP CODE AS PROMPTED. (CELL PHONE SCREENS MAY LOOK DIFFERENT.)

Tell Your elective officials the importance of your job! Tell them to support the people's Postal Service!

Better yet, write a letter to your Senator or Congressperson. Urge them to provide financial support to the Postal Service and letter carriers in the next emergency stimulus package.

See the draft letter on page 8, or write your own.

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To whom it may concern:
My name is
I live in in your district/state.
As a letter carrier, I urge you to support direct aid to the Postal Service in the next pandemic response bill.
The Postal Service is facing massive losses as a result of the economic shutdown just like the airline and hotel industries that have been helped.
Although we have been self-sufficient for decades, we need direct assistance during this crisis.
We serve 160 million American businesses and households every day. It is vital to them that the Postal Service receive sufficient funding to maintain operations and survive.
Nearly a third of letter carriers have served in the military, and the Postal Service is the largest employer of veterans outside of the Department of Defense.
Seven days a week, postal employees are risking their health to sort and deliver medicines, lab tests, online purchases, Treasury checks, public health information, and more.
Once the public health crisis passes, the Postal Service will be more necessary than ever to promote economic recovery – especially for small businesses and citizens in rural America.
According to the Postmaster General, without immediate Congressional action, the Post Office will run out of funds to fully operate by September.
Please support an immediate and significant injection of money and secure, regular appropriations for the Postal Service until this crisis is over. Thank you.
Sincerely,



Robert Scarpelli, Gresham
Charles De Frank, Beaverton
Henry Lui, Holladay Park
Michael Duncan, Evergreen



## Last Punch Bunch



## Remembering and Supporting Veterans

by Bruce Hall, Veterans Representative

This year I write this article with not just concern for veterans, but for each and every one of you! We are experiencing very confusing and concerning times with the Covid-19 pandemic. There is insecurity and instability everywhere. We all need to stick together and look out for one another. I will share my annual message about Memorial Day including dates of some events that normally take place. However, due to the dealings with the pandemic and our efforts to overcome it, these events might be canceled. We'll have to play it by ear! With these thoughts in mind, read my article with the listed dates for normal Memorial Day events. (Also, if you or someone you know needs some assistance, let me know!)

The month of May has several days which encourage us to remember and support veterans. May 8th is V.E. Day and marks the Victory in Europe in WWII, May 16 is Armed Forces Day and honors all our armed forces, and May 25 is Memorial Day. Take advantage of these special days.

Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 25. It is a sacred day to all veterans. The actual designated date is May 30. but it was changed to the last Monday in May, creating a three-day weekend. This change actually undermines the meaning of the day in some ways, but we can put meaning back into Memorial Day by celebrating it as a Day of Remembrance. Veterans Day, which is observed on November 11 each year, honors and thanks all veterans who have served or are now serving.

Freedom is costly. Many veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice to give Americans freedom, which most people take for granted. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. On Memorial Day, we can honor the nation's dead veterans by remembering their service and their sacrifice.

There are many ways that we can pay tribute to those veterans who have sacrificed so much for us. These include:

\*Pausing for a few moments of personal silence (All Americans are asked to pause for a moment of Respect and Remembrance at 3pm.)

- \*Attending commemorative ceremonies
- \*Placing flags on grave sites
- \*Wearing "Buddy" Poppies
- \*Flying your flag (Remember that on Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to the top of the flag pole.)

Memorial Day events in the Portland area:

- \*Ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery at 10am
- \*Services at Oregon Vietnam Veterans Living Memorial in Washington Park at 11am

Personal as well as public acts of remembering should be part of our Memorial Day observances. Whether done collectively or individually, it's the thought that counts. Let's make this a true Memorial Day, not just another day off work. Honor those who have sacrificed so much to provide freedom, as we build memories on this Memorial Day.

Here are a few facts about Memorial Day. HISTORY: Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Memorial Day was born out of the Civil War and a desire to honor its dead. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan In the proclamation it stated that "May 30, 1868, would be designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country." The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. It became Memorial Day in 1873. The South refused to acknowledge the day, and honored their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed on the last Monday in May with the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, which ensured a three-day weekend for Federal Holidays.

POPPIES: In 1915, Moina Michael was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" and she wrote her own poem: "We cherish too, the Poppy red, That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies, That blood of heroes never dies." She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later, Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France, she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help shortly before Memorial Day in 1922. So, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948, the Post Office issued a red 3 cent postage stamp with Ms. Michael's likeness on it.



The VFW distributes "Buddy" Poppies made by disabled veterans, and the American Legion also has a poppy program. You can "Help the Living" and support veterans by giving a donation to these organizations distributing poppies, and you can "Honor the Dead" by wearing a poppy.

Hopefully, veterans will support veterans also. It is a continual fight to maintain or increase benefits for veterans. There are numerous veteran's organizations to join which are working to support and protect veteran's benefits. Veterans can't just passively expect others to support them, but must support one another.

As we think of veterans and their needs, let's remember that veterans like to be honored for their service, but not pitied for it. They like the respect of their fellow citizens and appreciate help for the wounded. They don't need special handouts to succeed, but our veterans face many problems such as unemployment, injuries, financial problems, etc. We need to realize that praise for a job well done goes much farther in expediting readjustment than misplaced pity. Don't feel sorry for them, but honor them by helping them. Also, let's help and support one another. Have a memorable Memorial Day!

### ACTIVE DUITY

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TOM TOTTEN, son in law of Lee Travis (retired) Army, S. Korea DMZ

CONNOR SHEEHAN, son of Pat Sheehan (retired) Army, Ft. Houston

**MATTHEW UNDERWOOD**, son of Rick Underwood (River District) Marines, Camp Pendleton



## Meet The Steward: Richard Shay, East Portland steward

Hello. My name is Richard Shay. I'm a steward at East Portland. I've been a carrier for 5 years. I started out as a CCA at Rose City, and I've been at East now for four years. This is my third year as a steward. My first year was as an alternate, and last year I became a full steward.

I became a steward somewhat by accident. I was nominated, somewhat to my surprise. I continued to be a steward because I see it as an actionable path of philosophy, a way to put my beliefs toward some pragmatic concrete goals. Too often I see people decry some abstract set of beliefs but not live those ideas. As a steward, I feel I can affect real change.

I live with two cats and try to garden outside my little apartment. I like to read and collect books and when I'm not being a nerd as steward, cat lady, or book collector, I like to hike and ski.

May we continue the good fight in solidarity.

## Hello Again From The Office Of Your Secretary-Treasurer By Matt Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer

I hope and trust that this finds you and your family well. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have major consequences for letter carriers and the Postal Service. With new information coming in quickly and changing rapidly, I understand everyone's hunger for answers and information. However, I ask everyone to please take a moment to verify or consider the veracity of the source before passing along "information." Please, please do not repeat the multitude of misinformation floating around online. If people have questions they can call us. Telling them the truth about what is going on is easy. Trying to convince them that everything they think they already know isn't true, is hard. Please help us out and only spread the right information.

At the time I'm writing this, plans for the next stimulus package are being developed. The NALC is pursuing appropriations to maintain the USPS's finances through the crisis, and hopefully by the time you read this we will have succeeded. If not, we'll need your help. The Postal Service is projecting the impact on its revenues because of the pandemic and the shutdown of the U.S. economy to be both devastating and immediate. Although package volumes are up as we deliver goods for families forced to stay home by the crisis, other mail volume, as many of you know, is way down. By the end of the year, the Postal Service expects total volume to fall by over 50 percent. Congress must step in to provide financial appropriations to the Postal Service, the way it did for many other industries including the cruise industry. Obviously the USPS needs saving not just because it employs hundreds of thousands of people in every congressional district in the country or because it employs so many veterans or because it truly binds the country together. It needs saving as a place where all Americans can find a living wage job with benefits and retirement in every city and town in the USA.

The post office is in many ways an exemplary American employer. The Postal Service is one of the leading employers of minorities and women, with minorities comprising 39 percent and women comprising 40 percent of the workforce. 21 percent of employees are African-American; 8 percent are Hispanic; 8 percent are Asian-American/Pacific Islander; and 0.67 percent are American Indian or Alaska Native. For three years in a row the Postal Service was in Hispanic Business magazine's annual "Diversity Elite 60" list of best companies for Hispanics, the only federal agency on the list.

It's been a multicultural and diverse workplace for a longtime. "Because historically it was less prone to racial discrimination than other employers and offered a way out of poverty, the post office has historically been one of the

largest employers of African Americans," said Philip Rubio, a former letter carrier and an assistant professor of history at North Carolina and A&T State University. Rubio is the author of There's Always Work at the Post Office: African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice and Equality. "It was a job that brought status, security, decent pay and benefits, and elevated many African Americans into the middle class, enabling them to buy homes and send their children to college,"

"In 1865, the U.S. Post Office opened to black workers. The jobs were attractive to educated African-Americans who found their skills were not appreciated in the private sector. By World War One, 10 percent of the Postal Service's work force was African-American. It became a magnet for African-Americans who gravitated to the one place where they could take the test and they knew once they got in and became career employees, they were set."

For everything we've done to employ and unite the country, we haven't asked for any tax payer money in the last 40 years, even during the great recession. So I think that it's really not asking too much for a little help from the government now. Hopefully by the time you read this we've already got it. But if we haven't, we're going to need everyone's help to get congress the message.

Until next-time I remain yours in solidarity,

Check www.nalc.org or visit the NALC app for statements from **President Fred Rolando, MOUs** and other updates regarding COVID-19.

## **MDA** Report

By Abe RedCloud, MDA Rep

Hello fellow survivors! It's a crazy time in our lives right now. I know that I have never been through anything like this in my lifetime. I hope all of you are staying as safe as you can. Here's some info on the upcoming and current MDA events:

### **CURRENT MDA EVENT:**

The raffle is still on like Donkey Kong! Here is the info:

#### **Ticket Prices:**

\$5 a ticket or for \$20 you get 5 tickets.

#### Prizes:

1st Place = Go Pro Hero 7 2nd Place = Ipad mini 4 3rd Place = \$50 Visa card

Drawing date: Sunday July 12th

If public gatherings still aren't allowed in July and our picnic is canceled, then I will update all of you on a new date for the drawing. If you're currently working, PLEASE buy a ticket! With this epidemic the fundraising for MDA is massively down this year, so we need your help everyone! Please give your steward at your office \$5 for a ticket today! If you're a steward and don't have tickets, please call the union hall and they can send out a packet of tickets to you. We appreciate your help!

#### **NEXT MDA EVENT:**

The next event is **BRANCH 82'S ANNUAL LABOR BOWL!** Our new date for this event is Sunday August 2nd. Please put this date on your calendar. Here is the info:

Location: Kellogg Bowl, 10306 SE Main St, Milwaukie, OR,

97222

Date: Sunday August 2nd Registration: 11am - 12pm Bowling: 12pm - 2pm

**Minimum Entry Donation**: \$60

Food and Drink: Pizza and soda for all bowlers. Beer available

for purchase

**Theme**: You pick your own team theme!!!! That's right, you come up with your own team theme and then we will have voting and everyone on the winning team will get a prize!

**SPECIAL RAFFLE**: If you raise at least \$100 for your entry, then you will get raffle tickets for a special prize. This is the only way to get tickets for this special awesome prize! The more money you raise, the more tickets you get for this raffle.

So please put **Sunday, August 2**nd on your calendars now and start saving from each paycheck. Ask your friends and family if they either want to come bowl with you or if they will give you a donation to help you bowl and get in that special raffle! Last year we had 130 bowlers!!!! Let's do that again!! If we do, then I think we could raise \$10,000 with this event alone!!! Help me spread the word to everyone you know, and then we can all witness Branch 82's Annual Labor Bowl be a HUGE success!



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### RHYME TIME:

"In 2020, we made the most money. For MDA, let's all say Hooray! Raffle came first, along with this verse. Aiming super high, higher than the sky. Fingers are crossed tight, hopefully this soars to a new height! Tickets are being sold, and everyone has been told. COVID-19 has hit us, getting TP is a big fuss! Self quarantine is in effect, stay 6 feet away to not infect."

New Verse "Masks here and masks there, there are masks everywhere! Some bought in a store and some homemade, wonder if this fashion will ever fade?"

Take care everyone! In Solidarity, Abe RedCloud





Surprise! Rose City Park carrier Billy Brink was treated to birthday shenanigans. Happy Birthday!

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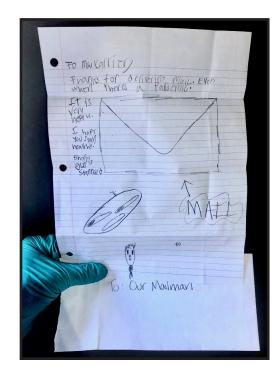
Matt Duncan, Sellwood



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Thank You note to Jason McQuilliams, Rose City Park



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