

Dear President Sevenich,

Attached is the letter our office recently received regarding the changes in Menasha delivery service. We appreciate you raising these concerns with our office by contacting our regional representative, Marlene Mielke. She forwarded your packet to me and I will certainly be following up on these items.

As you know, the USPS faces severe financial straits in the long term. Use of the mail has declined as alternatives such as e-mail and faxes have gained popularity. Costs have increased, however, as a result of gas prices, labor, and increased obligations to retirees. Due to these revenue losses and mandatory contributions to the pension program USPS is expecting a \$238 billion shortfall by the year 2020. We have heard frequently from Postal administrators, employees, and customers about their concerns about possible cuts in service. Senator Kohl is working in Congress to address this issue in a way that maintains regular and universal service.

In addition to proposals to move to a 5 day service, USPS is also conducting a study on the viability of its facilities around the country.

As information becomes available, I'll be sure to share it with you.

Regards,

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September 13, 2011

The Honorable Herb Kohl
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Dear Senator Kohl:

In order to keep you informed of changes within the United States Postal Service, I am providing this notification letter regarding modifications in delivery operations in Menasha, Wisconsin, 54952.

Beginning November 5, 2011, letter carriers currently working out of Menasha will begin working out of Neenah, Wisconsin, 54956. Menasha is located approximately 1.8 miles from Neenah.

This change will be transparent to our customers and will in no way impact either delivery or retail service. Occasionally, we interchange staff, equipment and other resources in order to improve efficiencies, reduce operation costs and make better use of our resources. Continuous improvement in our postal operations enables the Postal Service to fulfill its mission of providing our nation with universal service to every home and business address at affordable prices.

We will continue to provide customers in Menasha with retail, Post Office box and mail acceptance services. Customers can mail letters and packages, purchase stamps, ship items via Express Mail or Priority Mail, purchase special services and deposit bulk mailings. The current retail operation is under review and may be optimized.

Customers will likely notice little or no change in their home or business delivery service. Although most customers will receive their mail at approximately the same time each day, some customers' mail may be delivered earlier in the day and others could receive mail slightly later. If a customer has a "notice left" article (a certified letter or package that must be signed for) they can still retrieve that item at their local Post Office/Station/Branch.

The Postal Service is following all applicable collective bargaining procedures regarding employee changes and we are communicating regularly with our unions and management associations.

This operational change is just one more way the Postal Service continues to become more efficient, while delivering excellent service to our customers. Our goal is to keep the mail relevant, affordable and growing.

If you have questions regarding this initiative, please contact our local Congressional liaison LaVerne Morgan-Hill at 414-287-2530.

Sincerely,


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