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## *Happy Labor Day!*

XPO will be closed on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in observance of Labor Day.

For most of us Labor Day means two things: a day off and the end of summer. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the U.S. and Canada since 1894! Enjoy your Labor Day!

## **Industry News**

### **USPS Sustainability 2012 and Beyond**

Will the USPS sustain 5-day or 6-day delivery? Will they meet their retiree and health care payment obligations? Has the USPS been overfunding Retiree obligations? Does the US government owe the USPS billions of dollars? Will the USPS be able to negotiate with its largest unions?

These questions and the answers will no doubt have tremendous impact on the USPS. But, how much of an impact will it have on your business now and throughout 2012? Join the DMA Webinar on September 20th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET. To register, go to [www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org)

### **H.R. 2039 Could Cripple Non Profits**

With the USPS looking to downsize, some of America's favorite nonprofits that rely heavily on direct mail fundraising could become a new kind of charity case.

That's because legislation to restructure the money-losing agency includes a provision that would eliminate reduced postage rates for nonprofit mail.

Under Rep. Darrell Issa's bill, the 40 percent discount that nonprofits have been getting for the postage rates on their mailings since Congress authorized it in 1951 would be reduced by 5 percent a year, and to 10 percent after six years.

Read more: [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)

### **Australia/New Zealand delays**

International Carriers, including USPS have experienced delays into Australia and New Zealand. They have experienced trade winds which have subsequently caused

airline lift issues to these two countries. These winds are typical in October, however this year they began in July. Airlines have had to travel around the wind, which means they require larger aircraft to accommodate the extra fuel required. Space on these aircraft for mail has been very difficult.

In addition, this delay was coupled with a strike action by Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service that began on August 4th. The strike caused delays in clearing customs.

## **Upcoming Industry Events**



### **National PCC Day – 21 September, 2011**

A rewarding nationwide celebration of the role Postal Customer Councils have in helping businesses succeed. Join your local PCC to hear a live broadcast by Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe give a state of the union on the USPS and what the future holds for mailers.

XPO will be exhibiting at the following PCC events:

#### **Denver PCC - PCC Day Event**

American Mountaineering Center, Golden, CO

#### **Greater Illinois PCC - PCC Day Event**

Medinah Banquets, Addison, IL

#### **Phoenix PCC - PCC Day Event**

F1 Race Factory, Phoenix, AZ

#### **Los Angeles, Van Nuys, Santa Ana PCC - PCC Day Event**

Sheraton Hotel, Universal City

#### **Dallas PCC - PCC Day Event**

USPS Texas Processing and Distribution Center, Coppell, TX

#### **Sacramento, Bay-Valley, San Francisco,**

#### **North Valley PCC - PCC Day Event**

Courtyard by Marriott, Fairfield, CA

#### **Inland Empire and San Diego PCC – PCC Day Event**

Wilson Creek Event Hall, Temecula, CA

## **Upcoming Worldwide Holidays:**

Please note this is meant as a general guideline, it would be impossible to list all holidays here. You can check our website for a more complete list of holidays. If you have a question regarding a specific area of the world or country please call our customer service department at 1-866-784-8444.

### **September 2011**

**Sep 1- Constitution Day, Slovakia. Independence Day, Uzbekistan. President's Address, Mexico.**

**Sep 2- National Day, Vietnam.**

**Sep 3- Australian National Flag Day, Australia. Independence Day, Qatar. Independence Movement Day, Tunisia**

**Sep 4- Civil Servant's Day, Venezuela.**

**Sep 5- Labor Day, United States.**

**Sep 6- Armed Forces Day, Sao Tome & Principe. Independence Day, Swaziland. Labor Day, Palau.**

**Sep 7- Independence Day, Brazil.**

**Sep 8- Independence Day, Macedonia.**

**Sep 9- Independence Day, North Korea, Tajikistan.**

**Sep 10- Gibraltar National Day, Gibraltar. Teacher's Day, China.**

**Sep 11- Patriot Day, United States.**

**Sep 12- National Day, Cape Verde Islands.**

**Sep 13- Librarian's Day, Argentina.**

**Sep 14- Finding of the True Cross, Greece. San Jacinto Day, Nicaragua.**

**Sep 15- Independence Day, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua.**

**Sep 16- Constitution Day, Papua New Guinea. Independence Day, Papua New Guinea, Mexico.**

**Sep 18- Independence Day, Chile**

**Sep 19- Armed Forces Day, Chile. Independence Day, St. Kitts & Nevis**

**Sep 20- Liberation Day, East Timor**

**Sep 21- Independence Day, Belize, Malta**

**Sep 22- Days of Liberation, Bulgaria. Independence Day, Mali.**

**Sep 23- Autumnal equinox, Mexico, United Kingdom. Independence Day, Armenia. National Day, Saudi Arabia**

**Sep 24- Heritage Day, South Africa**

**Sep 25- Armed Forces Day, Mozambique**

**Sep 26- The September Revolution, Yemen**

**Sep 27- French Community Holiday, Belgium**

**Sep 29- Rosh Hashana, (evening) US, Canada, United Kingdom**

**Sep 30- Youth Day, Turks & Caicos Islands**