

## National Association Of Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 9, 2009

*"As a letter carrier, I visited people's homes, and saw many families struggling on a daily basis to make ends meet. Being a part of the NALC food drive gives me a chance to help."*  
— Dave McGann, retired letter carrier.

Close to 3,000 letter carriers throughout Oregon will join with letter carriers across America to collect donations of non-perishable food from their postal customers during the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Post Offices in Coos Bay, North Bend, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Powers and Sixes will be participating in the national food drive event, with all the food donated going to South Coast Food Share

pantries within the participating communities. South Coast Food Share, a program of Oregon Coast Community Action, is the regional food bank for the area and a member of the Oregon Food Bank – which supports the National Association Letter Carriers Food Drive throughout Oregon. Oregon Food Bank and Oregon Coast Community Action are united to feed hungry families, because no one should be hungry.

To participate and donate food, look for a plastic, yellow

food drive bag that will be delivered to mailboxes in the first week of May. Donors can fill the bag with nutritious, nonperishable food on Friday night and place it by mailboxes early on Saturday morning. Most wanted foods include: tuna fish, soups, stews, chili, canned fruits, vegetables, beans, rice and pasta.

Do NOT include glass items, homemade items or previously opened containers.

Letter carriers will collect food donations left by mailboxes and take the bags to local post offices where volunteers from pantries in the South Coast Food Share network will sort and pack the food for transportation to local pantries. All food will be provided to hungry children and families in Coos County through Emergency Food Boxes. Donated food will remain in the community.

If you miss your letter carrier's daily visit, or to participate in Powers, donors can drop off food at local Post Offices by Wednesday, May 13.

Sixes Post Office will also provide a drop site in case any of the area's 60 postal customers want to drop off additional food.

"As families throughout the South Coast struggle with layoffs and evictions, more and more families are in need of Emergency Food Boxes," said Mary Schoen-Clark, CEO of Oregon Coast Community Action. "Now more than ever our community needs to come together to support hungry children and families that are facing hunger for the first time, or again and again. We hope you will join us in donating to this fantastic food drive and salute the hard work of your letter and rural carriers to feed hungry families."

The NALC food drive is made possible by support from the U.S. Postal Service and many Oregon unions and other organizations, including the Oregon Rural Letter Carriers Association, Oregon Food Bank, and OregonLive.com. For more info. or to make a cash donation, call (541) 888-7024 or visit www.orcca.us.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE KRIEGER AND SENATOR JEFF KRUSE TO HOLD SERIES OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

On Saturday, May 9th, State Representative Wayne Krieger and Senator Jeff Kruse will hold a series of Town Hall meetings. They will update you about the state of the budget and other important issues. The public is encouraged to attend and hear what is going on in Salem and ask questions. In these difficult economic times they are interested in the concerns of their constituents. The meetings will take place at the following locations and times:

Bandon - In the "Glassed in Picnic Room" at the Port of Bandon from 10:00 A.M. until 11:15A.M.

Coquille - At Frazier's Bakery from 12:00 P.M. until 1:15 P.M..

Myrtle Point - At the Kozy Kitchen Restaurant from 1:45 pm until 3:00 P.M..

Winston - City Hall at 4:00 P.M.

Representative Krieger and Senator Kruse look forward to seeing you and welcome your questions and comments.

For more information please call 503-986-1401.

## National Day Of Prayer, May 7, 2009

"Prayer...America's Hope" is the theme for this year's National Day of Prayer-its 58th consecutive observance-on Thursday, May 7. Locally, Mayor Mary Schamehorn has signed a proclamation naming May 7 as a day of prayer here in Bandon.

For our 15th consecutive annual local observance, the Bandon Ministerial Association invites people to gather in front of City Hall for a 20-minute "prayer break" during the lunch hour-from 12:10 to 12:30 pm. That time will be spent in prayer for our nation and our leaders (federal, state and local), our military and public safety workers, our churches, our families, and other areas of our lives, without regard for religious denomination or political affiliation.

Throughout our history, America has turned to God in times of conflict and peace. Ever since John Hancock signed the Congressional Order establishing the first Day of Prayer in 1775, days of prayer have been a part of the American experience. The National Day of Prayer tradition began on February 19, 1795, when President George Washington issued a proclamation setting aside a day of public

thanksgiving. Our modern observance was established by law when a resolution was unanimously passed by Congress in 1952, and amended in 1988, specifying the first Thursday in May.

The Declaration of Independence asserts that people have unalienable rights that are Godgiven, and based on this belief, these rights are not given by government, but are the government's duty to protect. George Washington's first act as President of the United States was to pray after having taken his oath of office. Since that time, prayer has been offered at each Presidential Inauguration. The Supreme Court and both houses of Congress begin each day with prayer. State legislatures have the right to open their sessions with prayer. Annual National Day of Prayer Proclamations have been issued by Presidents, Governors and Mayors-including the last several Mayors of Bandon.

The National Day of Prayer reminds us to humbly seek God's direction and grace for our leaders, for those who put themselves in harm's way on our behalf, and for ourselves, not just on this day, but every day.

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