

**RALLIES IN PORTLAND, OREGON
NOVEMBER 7 - 9**

photos below from today's, Wednesday's, Tuesday's & Monday's rallies
Portland Observer article attached
The Skanner article attached
video -- <http://www.katu.com/news/local/133390718.html>



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Daily Rallies at Portland Post Offices

to

Save Saturday Delivery & Door to Door Delivery

(Monday, Nov. 7th, 7:30- 8 am, Creston Station, 5010 SE Foster)

(Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 7:30- 8 am, Piedmont/ MLK Jr PO, 630 NE Killingsworth

(Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 7:30- 8 am, Rose City Park Station, 2425 NE 50th)

(Thursday, Nov. 10th, 6:30 – 7 am, University Station, 1505 SW 6th)

Letter carriers rallied in front of various Portland post offices on a daily basis this week to draw public attention to the crisis facing the postal service and the impending default on November 18th if Congress does not act.

Absent Congressional action, the Postmaster General is proposing massive post office closings, reducing days of delivery and door-to-door delivery as well as huge workforce cuts. HR 2309 in the House & S 1789 in the Senate mirror the PMG's proposals.

“The cuts are not necessary. The postal service is not broke. Despite competition from the internet and the severe recession, the US Postal Service had remained profitable. The financial problem was created by Congress and Congress can fix it,” says Jim Cook, president of Portland-area National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 82.

Cook points to a 2006 Congressional mandate which forces the USPS to pay about 10% of its budget, \$5.5 billion per year to pre-fund retiree health benefits 75 years in advance within 10 years. That cost accounts for 100% of the agency's deficit, according to the NALC.

House Resolution 1351, which has a bi-partisan majority of co-sponsors, would address the pre-funding issue.

The bill is bottled up in committee as the November 18th deadline looms.



University Station, this morning



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Rose City Park Station, Wednesday morning



Letter Carrier's Union President Jim Cook advises Rose City Park carriers that postal management has warned the union that any carriers caught picketing in uniform will be immediately suspended pending removal from the postal service



Piedmont/ MLK Jr Post Office, Tuesday morning



Creston Station, Monday morning (more photos available)