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## GREENWOOD POST OFFICE ALERT

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Early this Spring we learned of secretive and unannounced plans by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to close our Post Office. After a public outcry in support of our P.O., we were advised that there were no active plans to actually close our P.O. but rather to relocate certain vital and essential services (mail sorting and our rural route mail carrier) from Greenwood to the Crozet P.O. Despite claims to the contrary by the USPS, many of us were absolutely convinced that this relocation of services (named **Delivery Unit Optimization or DUO** by the USPS) would unavoidably lead to the eventual full closure of our P.O.

In April of this Spring, following a community wide meeting to discuss the future of our Post Office, a hard working and dedicated group of your friends and neighbors revived and reformed the long dormant **Greenwood Citizens Council (G.C.C.)** to help serve as a watchdog neighborhood group to oversee and direct community efforts to help save and protect our Post Office from the devastating effects that would result from the implementation of the DUO process. Since that time a GREAT DEAL HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!!!

- 1) A massive, community based letter writing campaign to our elected officials (U.S. Senators and Congressman as well as State Senators and Delegates) and USPS authorities was conducted to express our full support for the continued and unaltered services of our P.O.
- 2) A community petition in support of our Greenwood P.O. was circulated and mailed to the very same elected officials and USPS authorities with a total of **over 500 signatures**.
- 3) Members of your Greenwood Citizens Council (G.C.C.) visited Washington, D.C. to meet directly with representatives of Senators Jim Webb and Marc Warner and actually met personally with Congressman Robert Hurt in his Washington Offices. (\*\*It should be noted that Congressman Robert Hurt has been a particular champion for our cause through his direct efforts to advance our concerns to the appropriate decision making authorities within the USPS\*\*)
- 4) Members of your G.C.C. drove to Richmond, Va. to meet personally with the decision makers within the USPS who had the authority to reverse USPS plans to implement DUO at our P.O.

**\*\* The end result of these combined efforts is that we have been SUCCESSFUL in having the DUO process suspended for the Greenwood Post Office!! This is a tremendous accomplishment for our community BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE \*\***

We have now learned that the USPS is proposing a new initiative called **POSTPLAN** for our Greenwood P.O. by which they intend to reduce the hours of operation from eight (8) hours to six (6) hours per day with a likely discontinuation of Saturday hours altogether. We are told that there will be a full public process in advance of this reduction in hours but, as of right now, no specific timeframe has been set or announced for any related public hearings on this new plan.

In the meantime, this is what you can do to help preserve and protect our P.O. and the valuable services that it provides to our community. **WE MUST INCREASE REVENUE AT OUR P.O.** To the USPS, it is **ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!!** The single most important thing that we can ALL do is to help increase cash flow at our P.O. Please make every effort to encourage your friends and neighbors to use the Greenwood P.O. for any and all of their postal needs (rental of P.O. Boxes, purchase of stamps, mailers and money orders). Additionally, if you know any individuals or businesses that would consider using our P.O. to purchase their postal needs, please encourage them to do so. Every little bit helps SO please do your part.

**\*\*\* REQUEST FOR DONATIONS \*\*\***

Individual members of the Greenwood Citizens Council (G.C.C.) have gone to significant personal expense to help fund our efforts. We have a pressing need of contributions to help support our continuing efforts on behalf of the Greenwood community. **Please help by making a contribution today.** There is a collection jar at the Antiques store across from the Post Office. Checks can be mailed and made payable to:

**Scott B. Peyton**

**P.O. Box 305**

**Greenwood, Va. 22943**

**\* Please write G.C.C. in the memo line of your check \***

**Any questions ??:**

**Contact Scott B. Peyton (540)456-6400 or [scott@jtsamuels.com](mailto:scott@jtsamuels.com)**

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When we receive notice from the USPS, possibly sometime later this Summer or early Fall, about the new POSTPLAN process, we will need to schedule a community wide meeting to organize our efforts.

**BE ALERT TO ANY NOTICES**

