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2026 Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express Stamps Announced

First-day-of-issue dates and locations through March 2026 also revealed

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service today announced the Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express stamps it will release in 2026. There will be additional stamp subjects to be announced in the coming weeks and months. These designs are preliminary and may change.



Crab Nebula (Priority Mail)

This new Priority Mail stamp celebrates America's continued exploration of deep space with a breathtaking image captured by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. One of the most frequently observed celestial bodies, the Crab Nebula is one of the brightest remnants of an exploded star in the night sky. Located 6,500 light-years away in the constellation Taurus, Webb captured this new Crab Nebula image in vivid infrared detail revealing previously unseen features that contribute to our broader understanding of stellar life cycles. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp using a photo courtesy of NASA. Upon favorable review by the Postal Regulatory Commission, the stamp will be

denominated at the new Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope rate and an issue date will be announced.

Galaxy Pair (Priority Mail Express)

This new Priority Mail Express stamp features another astounding image captured by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. The stamp features a composite image from the Webb and Hubble Space Telescopes titled Galaxy Pair. It reveals a view of two interacting galaxies, IC 2163 and NGC 2207, located approximately 80 million light-years from Earth, offering a glimpse into the dynamic processes that shape our universe. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp, using a photo courtesy of NASA. Upon favorable review by the Postal Regulatory Commission, the stamp will be denominated at the new Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelope rate and an issue date will be announced.



The U.S. Postal Service also announced release dates and locations for announced 2026 stamp issues for through March:

Stamps	Release Date	City	State	ZIP
4c Angel's Trumpets — local ceremony	Jan. 9	Kenosha	WI	53140
Love — no ceremony	Jan. 13	Kansas City	MO	64108
Muhammad Ali	Jan. 15	Louisville	KY	40231
Colorado Statehood	Jan. 24	Denver	CO	80299
Black Heritage: Phillis Wheatley	Jan. 29	Boston	MA	02205
Lunar New Year — Year of the Horse	Feb. 3	Houston	TX	77201

Bruce Lee	Feb. 18	Seattle	WA	98109
Harriet Powers	Feb. 28	Washington	DC	20066
Lowriders	March 13	San Diego	CA	92199
Sunflowers — local ceremony	March 14	Strongsville	OH	44136
Galaxy Pair (Priority Mail Express) — no ceremony	TBD	Kansas City	MO	64108
Crab Nebula (Priority Mail) — no ceremony	TBD	Kansas City	MO	64108

Details on first-day-of-issue cities/ceremony locations for other 2026 stamps will be released throughout the year. Dates and locations are subject to change.

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