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Happy Birthday Stamps Make A Come Back in 2026

First-day-of-issue dates, locations for spring and early summer releases also revealed

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service today announced two new stamps to be released later in 2026: Happy Birthday and a nonprofit-price stamp featuring a summer sunset. Additional stamp subjects will be announced in the coming weeks and months. These designs are preliminary and may change.



Happy Birthday

For the first time since 2021, the Postal Service will issue a stamp designed especially for birthday invitations, cards, letters and packages. "I am excited that we are issuing new Happy Birthday stamps. Many customers have [submitted ideas](#) for occasion-specific stamps such as these and we are pleased to be able to fulfill this request from the public," said Lisa Bobb-Semple, USPS stamp services director. Lisa Congdon designed the stamp using her own artwork. The project was art directed by Greg Breeding.

Summer Sunset

Summer Sunset is a new nondenominated, nonprofit-price stamp intended for bulk mailings by authorized nonprofit organizations. The stamp features an oil painting of a sunset in Menemsha, a small fishing village in the town of Chilmark, MA, on Martha's Vineyard by local artist Rachael Cassiani. "Sunsets are universally appealing," said Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS who designed the stamp. "A postage stamp that celebrates looking out over a body of water at the end of a summer day seems to fit well for a nonprofit organization." Summer Sunset will be sold in self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000.



The U.S. Postal Service also announced release dates and locations for many stamp issues in spring and early summer.

Stamps	Release Date	City	State	ZIP
Figures of the American Revolution	April 10	Washington	DC	20066
Happy Birthday	April 18	Providence	RI	02904
A Day at the Beach <i>(local ceremony)</i>	April 24	Burlingame	CA	94010
Route 66	May 5	Phoenix	AZ	85026
Bald Eagle: Hatchling to Adult	May 14	Wabasha	MN	55981
Summer Sunset <i>(no ceremony)</i>	June 25	Edgartown	MA	02539
Declaration of Independence	July 4	Philadelphia	PA	19104

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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