

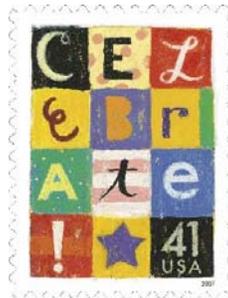
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Take Time to Celebrate

New Stamp Celebrates Good Times Across the Nation



(Note: To download a 300 dpi image of the stamp, visit <http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2007stamps/definitives/downloadcenter.htm>)

WASHINGTON, DC — The new Celebrate! stamp, issued today, helps Americans celebrate everything from birthdays to engagements, to anniversaries and more. When good times call for good wishes, this stamp adds a touch of cheer to special greeting cards and gift packages.

The 11 a.m. event will be held at the Americover Stamp Show in the Pavilion Foyer at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Stamford, CT. Frank J. Marshall, plant manager for the Stamford Mail Processing and Distribution Center, will host the event and Tatiana Roy, USPS Manager of Marketing will serve as the dedicating official. Americover Stamp Association officials Foster Miller and Christopher Lazaroff will provide remarks.

Stamford Mayor Danell Malloy and Gov. Rell are issuing Proclamations recognizing the issuance of the *Celebrate!* stamp in Stamford. Representatives of the Connecticut congressional delegation are expected to attend.

The stamp design is as unique as the occasions we celebrate. Artist Nicholas Wilton of San Geronimo, CA, designed the Celebrate! stamp under the art direction of Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD.

The stamp design consists of 12 colorful blocks arranged in 4 horizontal rows, with 3 blocks in each row. Each block in the top 3 horizontal rows contains a single letter of the alphabet, and together the blocks spell out the word Celebrate. The 3 blocks in the bottom row contain an exclamation point, a star and the denomination.

Starting Aug. 17, the stamps can be purchased online at the Postal Store on www.usps.com/shop, by calling toll-free 800-STAMP-24, at philatelic centers nationwide and at local Post Offices.

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