

## **CENSUS 2010: Count Me In!**



### **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

The Highland Park's 2010 Census Complete Count Committee members have spent the last few months leading the awareness campaign, working with various community organizations to inform the public of the importance the Census data is for the City of Highland Park. The Census data will determine how 400 billion dollars in Federal funds will be divided to all communities nationwide and determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the House of Representatives. During the months of February and March, all households in Highland Park will receive the 2010 Census Questionnaire. The form has only 10 questions and all answers are confidential and protected by law. The deadline to return the questionnaire forms is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

In the months to come, the City encourages all residents to participate during the 2010 Census. During the month of March, the Highland Park Public Library will provide an information Be Counted Center for anyone interested to learn more about the 2010 Census. In addition, the Oak Terrace Elementary School will be open several days in March in order to provide assistance to anyone who requires help filling out their 2010 Census Questionnaire forms. This includes assistance in Spanish and in other languages.

### **What to Expect during the 2010 Census:**

#### **February – March 2010**

- Census Questionnaire forms are mailed or delivered to households.
- Your answers are confidential and by law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies
- Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly marked as coming from the U.S. Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States

#### **April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 - National Census Day**

- All completed Census Questionnaire forms are send back to the U.S. Census Bureau.

## **April –July 2010**

- Census takers visit households that did not return the Census Questionnaire forms by mail.
- Most importantly, the Census Bureau will NEVER, under any circumstances, ask to enter your home.
- All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name. You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity.
- Some census workers might carry a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag. If you still are not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center 312-454-2700 to confirm they're employed by the Census Bureau.
- It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend they represent the Census Bureau, or any other office of the United States Government. When the 2010 Census takes place, you will receive a letter from the Census Bureau Director, notifying you that, in a few days, your household will receive a form in the mail, or a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative.

## **December 2010**

- By law, the Census Bureau delivers population information to the President for apportionment (Congressional District Boundary).

Additional Information:

2010 Census Website: [www.2010.census.gov/2010census](http://www.2010.census.gov/2010census)

Security Concerns: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/census-taker.php>

City of Highland Park's Complete Count Committee Website:

[www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). For more details, please contact Valbona Kokoshi in the Department of Community Development at (847) 926-1853 or [vkokoshi@cityhpil.com](mailto:vkokoshi@cityhpil.com).

**SPRING 2009**

Census employees went door-to-door to update address list nationwide

**FALL 2009**

Recruitment began for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010

**MARCH 2010**

Census forms are mailed or delivered to households

**APRIL 2010**

National Census Day—use this day as a point of reference for sending your completed forms back in the mail

**APRIL - JULY 2010**

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**DECEMBER 2010**

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