

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO *New Marlborough* RESIDENTS

Subject: 2020 United States Census

This year, there will be a federal census mailed to you in March by the U.S. Census Bureau. This census is performed every 10 years.

The 2020 United States Census is separate from this annual street listing, which is often called the local census. This annual street listing document is used to confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status up to date. It is important to return **both** your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020.

The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that New Marlborough and Massachusetts gets our fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. *Representation in the United States Congress and the Electoral College is based on United State Census responses.*

Frequently Asked Questions about the U.S. Census:

Q: What is the United States Census?

A: The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. This mandatory count is required by the U.S. Constitution.

Q: Who gets counted?

A: Everyone. All people residing in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, background -- citizens and non-citizens. **Federal law protects the personal information you provide during the census.**

Q: When will the census happen?

A: March 2020. The United States Census is conducted every 10 years. Census invitations will be mailed or delivered to every household in the nation starting in mid-March. The survey will ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household or where you reside most of the year, as of April 1, 2020.

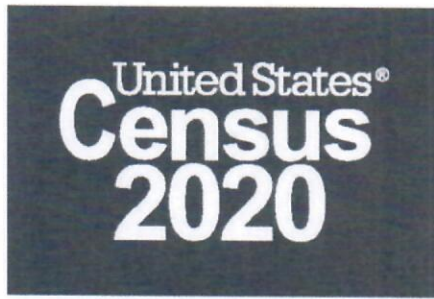
Some of the programs that use Census data include:

Fuel Assistance	Mass Health	Section 8 Housing Vouchers	Head Start
Transportation	Unemployment benefits	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	

Make the BERKSHIRES count! Please make sure you fill out your Census form online or in paper.

If you have any questions concerning this annual street listing, you may contact the Town Clerk's Office at 413-229-8278. If you have questions about the 2020 United States Census, you may call The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Census Division at 1-833-MA1-2020.

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**Make the
Berkshires
Count!**

In 2020, the U.S. must count everyone in the country. It is called the Census. This is different from the annual municipal census which is included in this mailing. Please fill out both the Annual Municipal Census and the US Census. You will get a notice about the US Census in early March and reminders over the following month. When you get the notice, please go online to fill out the US Census.

The US Census will decide how much state and federal dollars are sent to our area for a wide range of programs. Some of the programs that use Census data include

- Fuel Assistance
- School Funding
- Head Start
- MassHealth, Medicare, and Medicaid



In addition to funding, the US Census is used to determine our representatives in Congress and the Massachusetts legislature.

If you do not fill out the US Census, these programs could lose money in our area and we can lose seats in Congress and the Massachusetts Legislature. We need you to be counted!

The US Census needs to be completed for everyone living in your home on April 1. This includes newborns and all other children, and anyone who lives there even if they are not related to you, such as a roommate or partner. The Census is completely confidential and no personal information submitted is shared with any other government agency.

This US Census will be online for the first time. If you do not have a computer, check your local library, senior center, or city/town hall for hours when you can complete the census on a computer there. If you feel uncomfortable with the online survey and do not respond to it, a paper survey will be sent to you in the mail in early April that you can use instead.

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