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SOUTH COOK COUNTY HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

In January, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) invited its member communities to discuss a novel approach to housing issues – municipal cooperation. At the end of that meeting, approximately 20 towns signed up to explore this idea a little further. Just five months later, the South Suburban Housing Collaborative (the Collaborative) is off and running, having recently hired its first Director of Housing Initiatives and now gaining national attention as a promising suburban model for addressing housing needs and an innovative example of how to use funds coming from the federal economic stimulus package.

After the initial January meeting, the interested communities formed a Steering Committee to guide the effort, which focused on how to be as strategic as possible with funding from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), a federal initiative to deal with foreclosed and abandoned homes. The hope is that by smartly targeting these limited NSP dollars, a lasting impact can be achieved in the south suburbs. To that end, 17 communities passed resolutions in support of a joint NSP application, which was submitted to the State of Illinois in early May. A similar joint application will soon be submitted to Cook County, who like the State has also received NSP funding from the federal government.

This south suburban effort was never just about NSP though. This federal program has been the initial focus, but the broader goal is to provide the participating communities with a new approach to addressing shared housing challenges, which often do not adhere to municipal boundaries. Not every community has the resources to hire dedicated housing staff. Working together allows towns to share knowledge and expertise across borders, operate more efficiently, and attract more investment. This effort can support and enhance existing economic development initiatives and help create more jobs in the area. Collaboration also provides a platform for integrating energy efficiency into housing and thoughtfully linking the intertwined issues of housing and transportation.

The efforts of the Collaborative are getting both support and attention from local and national institutions. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Metropolitan Planning Council have been supporting the Collaborative since the beginning. The Chicago Community Trust recently awarded a grant to the Collaborative to hire its Director of Housing Initiatives, who will lay the groundwork for this new effort and provide needed assistance on housing issues in the participating communities. In a national webcast, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently featured the Collaborative as one of three innovative approaches from around the country for using stimulus funding. The Collaborative hopes to keep the south suburbs at the forefront of housing policy and improve the overall quality of life in the sub-region.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Program assists employees and their families to help deal with a wide range of issues such as alcohol/drug abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, marital/family relationships, elder care, financial concerns, legal concerns, education/career concerns, and stress/anxiety/depression issues to name a few.

If your municipality is interested in participating in the Employee Assistance Program, or if you are a member and interested in custom tailored training, please contact Sheila Miller at (708) 206-1155 or sheila.miller@ssmma.org.



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30TH ANNUAL SSMMA GOLF OUTING

Our sincere thanks to everyone who sponsored, participated and assisted in any way in making this event a success. Please mark your calendar for the 31st Annual SSMMA Golf Outing on Friday, July 16, 2010.

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Sustainable Services Center

The 2009 Brownfield assessment grant continues SSMMA's innovative work to investigate brownfields in its region and move them towards redevelopment in an environmentally sustainable way. SSMMA initiated its Brownfields program in 2000 when it secured a pilot assessment grant to begin working with six member communities from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The focus of the new South Suburban Brownfields program shifted to larger industrial sites along the "I-80 East Logistics Corridor" and a strategy known as "Cargo Oriented Development" (COD). By linking brownfield redevelopment to the region's freight transportation assets, COD will generate enormous community development and environmental impacts in the south suburbs:

- Remediation of hazardous sites,
- Development sites competitive with greenfield logistics parks, a contributor to urban sprawl,
- Stable, well-paying jobs for community members linked to freight,
- Shorter truck movements in the region and a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and
- A sustainable pattern of redevelopment that hinders the creation of new brownfield sites.

While concentrating on COD sites, SSMMA will also investigate Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) sites in coalition member municipalities. The integrated development of housing, commercial businesses, and public amenities around public transportation will reduce car trips, vehicle miles traveled and carbon emissions throughout the region. An assessment of a TOD site may

lead to a greater economic development if a TOD parcel was of critical importance to a downtown area, while a COD site would have minimal impact, thus bringing a greater projected return on the investment, or if it represented a potentially greater health risk to the community.

SSMMA is leveraging multiple sources of funding to build a progressive, sustainable future for the Southland. In 2009, the Regional Transportation Authority funded a regional study for TOD across the region. SSMMA will also prepare an application to the Economic Development Administration to improve transportation efficiency in and around its intermodal zones. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will support green manufacturing. Finally, since the filing of the grant application last fall, some south suburban brownfield sites have been considered for renewable energy uses, such as wind farms, or other green businesses. All of these programs bolster SSMMA's efforts to foster sustainable development in the region.

In May of 2009, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awarded a Brownfield Assessment Grant to the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The grant will encourage the reuse of contaminated property for redevelopment in specific sites within the Brownfield Coalition Project Area member municipalities. The six Illinois municipalities in the coalition are: Riverdale, Dolton, Harvey, Phoenix, Dixmoor, and South Holland. The grant will also enable SSMMA to create a pipeline of sites it can move from the investigation process to site remediation and clean up and finally to redevelopment by private investors. In doing so, the grant will bring environmental and economic benefits to the region that will last long beyond the grant period.

The BIG SIX In East Will, Economic Development Synergies of our Transportation Projects

The leasing of the building in Sauk Village suggests that there is a substantial opportunity for more companies that need the logistics assets of our interstates, intermodal sites, and rail access sites. All of the economic development efforts of our municipalities and our regional efforts are behind enhancing our proposed new logistics assets:

1. the South Suburban Airport,
2. the Centerpoint Intermodal Site in Crete,
3. the Southeast Service Commuter Rail Line,
4. High Speed Rail Line from Chicago to St Louis,
5. the Extension of the Metra Electric Line to the South Suburban Airport,
6. the Illiana Bypass..

Our newest idea is to analyze how each of these projects can benefit the other and that our planning efforts need to seek to present the synergies of all of these investments. Email me at reggie.greenwood@ssmma.org with any ideas on how to promote the synergies of these projects.



DIVERSITY, INC. NEWS



Diversity, Inc.'s Annual Dinner and AT&T Awards

On September 24, 2009 Olympia Fields Country Club will welcome leaders from throughout the Chicago Southland as Diversity, Inc. hosts its Annual Dinner and Awards Program. This year's dinner promises to be one of the best that Diversity, Inc. has hosted over the past 13 years. Diversity, Inc. will once again have the support of AT&T as the Diversity Awards Sponsor. Walgreens has also provided a generous donation.

Diversity, Inc., like many not-for-profit organizations, is struggling to maintain funding levels and since this annual gala is the only activity to raise funds for the organization, it is most important that all who support diverse residential communities turn out. Diversity, Inc. has held the line on the cost of attending the event to the same as it was last year. Reserved tables of ten are \$600.00 and individual reservations are \$70.00 each.

The highlight of the evening's festivities are the awards which recognize those who have perpetuated the goals and principles of Diversity, Inc. Applications are now being accepting for the various categories of awards. The awards criteria and nomination forms are available from Diversity, Inc. by email at joseph.martin@ssmma.org or by calling (708) 206-1204. If you would like to look over the categories and perhaps nominate someone you know, please contact Diversity, Inc.



Diversity, Inc. Welcomes New Members

The Village of South Chicago Heights has become the newest member of Diversity, Inc. Having the Village of South Chicago Heights as a member is great and rounds out the central corridor of the southern suburbs. Diversity, Inc. looks forward to working with Mayor Dave Owen and his staff to provide whatever assistance we can.

Thornton Township recently reconnected with Diversity, Inc. as well. Thornton Township assisted Diversity, Inc. last April when we were looking for volunteers to help out with a "Buyer Outreach Day" held on the southeast side of Chicago. The volunteers from Thornton Township included Township Administrator Debbie Kopec. Ms. Kopec was so impressed with the number of distressed homeowners assisted that day that she has requested Diversity, Inc. to organize a similar event here in the southern suburbs.

Buyer Outreach Days are events where homeowners in danger of, or actually in foreclosure, can come and see if they can adjust their mortgage to make the terms more manageable. The region's banks and other mortgage lenders participate by having teams of loss mitigation staffers present to meet with their clients attending the event.

The event was really effective and most of those who participated walked away relieved that their mortgage was now more suited to their ability to repay.

The latest reports on bank owned homes in the Chicago metropolitan region shows the southern suburbs have the highest level of these distressed residences.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee, represented by Chief Mike O'Connell, Chief Greg Baker, Mr. Ed Paesel and Bud Fleming, met with the new Presiding Judge of the 6th District Court, Judge Marjorie Laws, on April 10th in her office in Markham. The meeting lasted for approximately 40 minutes where we presented her with a list of our concerns and asked for any issues that she knew of with the judges and our personnel. We also invited her as our guest to

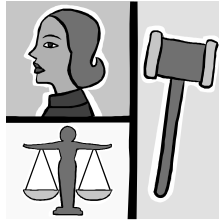


both the SSMMA dinner meeting and the monthly South Suburban Police Chief's Association luncheon. Our general feeling as we left the meeting was that it was productive and that we had established a good first impression identifying our objective to work together for the good of all. We asked to have a follow-up meeting with her when she and her staff had an opportunity to review our concerns and establish questions of their own.

Since that meeting, the Committee has not held any meetings while awaiting an opportunity to meet again

with Judge Laws. Although she did not respond to the opportunity to meet with the mayors at our dinner meeting, she did respond to the Police Chiefs at their luncheon in May.

Generally, the Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the SSMMA offices at



10:00 a.m. At the current time, we have not heard back from Judge Laws. However there have been some issues that have surfaced that will produce activity to possibly make a meeting necessary before the next scheduled meeting of September 8.



Transportation News



With the STP Program Year 2009 coming to a close at the end of September, we can review our performance and see that our South Council has awarded 10 projects with a total cost of \$23,825,000 and a federal contribution of \$12,281,000. As we enter Program Year 2010, there are a total of 13 projects identified at a program cost of \$13,654,000 and an available federal balance of \$10,370,083. There is an obvious projected shortage of \$3,283,917 which would have to be made up through advanced funding or other sources of revenue at the appropriate time.

There were TAG (Transportation Advisory Group) meetings held April 24th and May 27 primarily to monitor and update the 21 Stimulus Transportation Projects to assure everyone is on track and meeting the deadlines. A TAG meeting was held on August 18 to do the last review before our Transportation Committee meeting of September 1st. All of the Stimulus Projects need to be submitted, complete with all necessary documentation, to IDOT by the September 1st deadline or the projects will be reprogrammed.

Also approved by the Transportation Committee, at the recommendation of the TAG Committee, were the requests for additional streets to be added to the Federal Aid Urban (FAU) system. There were a total of ten (10) requests from the communities of South Holland, Harvey, Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights, Dolton, Calumet Park and Riverdale.

The CMAQ projects have now become the responsibility of our South Council Transportation Committee to monitor. All of the projects that were open in the system have now been reviewed and monitored. The current status has been reported back to CMAP and we are working toward completion of the open projects.

On July 22, the CMAP staff released the list of recommended CMAQ projects for PY10 and PY11 funding. These projects are available for review and public comment at the CMAP website until August 30, 2009. Final approval by the CMAP Policy Committee and the Federal Highway Administration will occur in October or November. Our council has five (5) projects recommended for approval. They are:

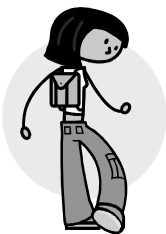
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| 1. Riverdale CSXT Barr Rail Yard Switch Engine Retrofit | \$3,900,000 |
| 2. IDOT I-394 at Sauk Trail (PY 2011 & 2012) | \$ 648,000 |
| 3. Tinley Park 183 rd Street at Oak Park Avenue (2011,12,13 14) | \$2,208,000 |
| 4. Oak Forest 158 th and 155 th Street Sidewalk Project
between Laramie Ave and Cicero Ave. | \$ 138,400 |
| 5. IDOT Lincoln Highway Chicago Road to State Street | \$ 408,000 |

We have been given our tentative transportation spending marks from PY2010 to PY2014. All member communities are encouraged to submit requests for projects to be considered for our STP Program at any time. The new STP Program will be under review and revision in the next few months so this is an appropriate time to submit any projects for consideration.

As a reminder, Transportation Committee meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday each month at the South Chicago Heights Village Hall located at 3317 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights at 2:00 p.m.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



South Suburban students will have an easier time getting to school on foot and bike thanks to funds the state released last week to fund Safe Routes to School projects. Blue Island, South Chicago Heights and Monee were awarded \$313,240 for infrastructure and programming improvements.





Safe Routes to School is an international movement that works to enable students to get to school in safe and healthful ways. Find out more information at www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes.

The Illinois Safe Routes to School program is 100% funded with no local match.

Steger School District 194 was awarded funds for pedestrian and bicycle safety. The Steger School District, South Chicago Heights and Steger Police Departments are determined to get more students walking and biking to Saukview School. In 2003, 2005 and 2006 eighty-nine pedestrian and bicycle crashes occurred within one and a half miles of Saukview. The Steger School District will educate children and parents on walking and biking safety and hold a Walk to School Day event to show parents and students how easy and fun it is to walk to school. However, encouragement and education don't stop drivers from speeding. Two speed-feedback trailers will be set up at Illinois Route 1 and 30th Street as a traffic calming measure. Thanks to the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program, Steger has a comprehensive plan to slow drivers, encourage students to walk and bike and ensure they are doing it correctly.

The Village of Monee was awarded funds for a sidewalk and crosswalks on Will-Center Road. Currently, every child attending Monee Elementary School is bused. Monee Elementary School was built at the edge of town without sidewalks connecting a subdivision to the school property. Installation of this sidewalk will allow 110 students who are currently bused to have the option of active transportation. Most of these students live within a half mile of the school. This sidewalk will also eliminate two bus routes and the emissions that go with them. The Village of Monee and Crete-Monee School District 201U have been working toward this day for almost two years. Last October they participated in International Walk to School Day by closing Will-Center Road to traffic and having the entire student body walk to school. This got the community excited about walking and giving their children this opportunity to be healthy and active.



Sidewalks and signage will be installed in Blue Island with their SRTS funds. Ten schools in close proximity will benefit. Blue Island has sidewalks throughout their community, but some are in disrepair. This SRTS funding will repair these sidewalks to allow a smooth surface for walking and biking. Western Avenue goes through the center of Blue Island and separates neighborhoods from schools. Cars do not always follow the 20 mph school zone speed limit. The signage will give drivers awareness that students are in the street and they are required to slow down. School District 130 and the City of Blue Island use many encouragement activities to get students walking and now, thanks to SRTS funds, crossing this major arterial will be safer.

CAR FREE DAY

Here is an excuse to explore other ways of getting around.



On Tuesday September 22nd, Active Transportation will partner with RTA, Pace, Metra, CTA and communities around the region for Chicagoland Car-free Day. The event is part of World Car-free Day, the one moment when people around the world pledge to go sans auto.

The day will only work if we get everyone involved. The more people we get to pledge to go car-free, the more fun the day will be! Plus, when you take the pledge on our website, you get a coupon for a free cup of Caribou coffee. (We're not that crazy to ask you to go caffeine-free.)

Get your community involved.

We are looking for partner towns, villages and organizations. There are plenty of ways you can promote Car-free Day to your residents or members.

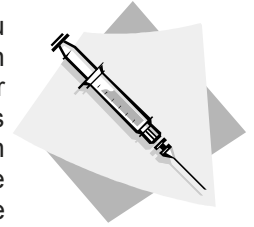
To become a partner, contact Ethan Spotts, Active Transportation Marketing Director at 312.427.3325 x 287 or ethan@activetrans.org.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The Homeland Security Administrative Advisory Committee generally meets on a bi-monthly schedule. As a result of one of the meetings, Mr. Dan Coughlin of the Cook County Emergency Management Agency spoke at the SSMMA

May business meeting to discuss the issues being addressed through the Agency. He provided information on access to funding for local disasters, how to declare a local disaster such as flooding, tornados, etc. and who to contact. He left information for all of the Mayors to contact him with any questions.

At our latest meeting on August 14, a major concern that has developed is that of the H1N1 Flu Virus. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) have identified the age group of 6 months to 24 years as the projected target ages for inoculation. Identifying the zip codes where the largest population of these age groups reside has been done. The Councils of Government (COG's) will be called upon to help distribute information from the CDC and CCDPH to their communities. Fact sheets and other informational materials are being developed for presentation and distribution to municipal officials as soon as they are complete.



PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Public Works Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the SSMMA offices at 9:30 a.m. There have been several issues that the group has been following for some time. The issue of salt has been a source of concern in regard to the potential of its availability and cost, but as of this writing, it appears that the municipalities have been awarded an adequate amount for a reasonable cost. At the next meeting, a poll of the communities will be taken to assure everyone is being treated fairly.

At the Committee meeting in May, there was a presentation from the Cook County Mosquito Abatement District to provide information on addressing mosquito problems, identifying the source and how to obtain assistance when needed. Information was distributed and extra materials were left for members not in attendance and to pass out to the general public.



At the Committee meeting of June 25, Mr. Dan Coughlin, Coordinator of the Cook County Emergency Management Agency came to speak to the Public Works Directors, Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs in a joint meeting. Mr. Coughlin gave an overview of available funding through CCEMS and FEMA, new funding that will become available for equipment and materials, and how to request financial reimbursement during emergency incidents such as flooding, tornados, major fires or other disaster occurrences. Another item of importance discussed by Mr. Coughlin was information regarding how a disaster is declared and why it is necessary to have the local Mayor declare the disaster. In addition, the importance of the language in mutual aid agreements was mentioned. Regarding agreements, Mr. Coughlin said that there are still several municipalities that have not yet submitted signed agreements with Homeland Security for the radios being distributed to Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and that these signed agreements must be returned to Cook County before receipt of the radios can occur.



Other topics of discussion were of that of training, table top exercises, equipment availability and who to contact in the case of emergencies. Mr. Coughlin provided information on all of the questions and left everyone with important contact phone numbers. He was also quick to point out that many of our local police and fire department personnel are very actively engaged in many of the activities of Homeland Security.

The Public Works Committee has offered three training programs over the last several months. On April 17, a training on shoring and trenching was provided at SSMMA by the Department of Labor and on April 22 a training on bloodborne pathogens was also provided at SSMMA by the Department of Labor. Finally, on July 23 training was provided by NICOR Gas and JULIE regarding hidden dangers. This training was held together with Southwest Conference of Mayors' communities and attracted more than 120 attendees. Plans are in the works to schedule another CDL training in the near future.



SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION

The Single Family Rehabilitation Program is moving forward very slowly due to the questionable commitment to the program by Cook County in regard to funding and purpose. Our agency has completed six projects, but we are still awaiting approval of six more rehabs and at least eight emergency rehabs.



At the SSMMA business meeting on June 18, Commissioner Joan Murphy was in attendance to hear our concerns, the reasons for them and why we feel the program is in jeopardy. Also in attendance were representatives of two other south suburban single family rehabilitation agencies who also echoed our concerns as a testimony that we are not the only ones concerned. At the conclusion of the meeting, Commissioner Murphy indicated that she will work with us to assure the program does move forward and remain effective. We will report all progress as time goes on.



CALL FOR PRIVATE ACTIVITY VOLUME CAP PROJECTS



For 2009 eight of our home rule communities have ceded their excess Private Activity Volume Cap to the Illinois Finance Authority to create an Industrial Revenue Bond volume cap pool that can be used for certain projects in our region. At this point, the pool is worth over \$9.8 million. As we move through the twelfth year of the pool, our primary objective remains leveraging volume cap to facilitate job creation and economic development in our region.

If you have a potential project in your community that could use Industrial Revenue Bonds as a financing tool please contact Eileen Santschi at 708-957-3631 to request an application.

Additionally, the volume cap pool also has carryover bonding authority from unused volume cap for the years 2006 through 2008. The carryover volume cap available totals just over \$17 million. This particular volume cap can be used to finance affordable assistive living facilities. If you have a potential project of this type please contact Eileen for more information.

RECYCLING

Latex paint is not hazardous and is not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Paint should not be placed in your normal garbage while in liquid form. It can be mixed with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or strips of newspaper. When it is dry, the material can be placed in the garbage with other household trash. Another option is to allow the contents to air dry in the can and then recycle the can and lid. If it cannot be recycled, leave the can, with the lid off, next to your normal garbage.

Several Ace Hardware Stores, through Earth Paints Collections Systems, will recycle **latex** paint for a nominal charge per container. This fee helps to offset the cost of recycling the paint and containers.

Per container recycling fees*

- 1 – Quart - \$1.50
- 1 – Gallon - \$2.50
- 2 – Gallon - \$3.50
- 5 – Gallon - \$8.00

*All recycling fees are charged per container regardless of the amount of paint in the container.

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Chicago Heights
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708-755-0880

Homewood
18410 Governors Hwy
708-799-8286

Oak Forest
15541 S. Cicero
708-687-2730

Orland Hills
9545 W. 167th St.
708-460-8140

Tinley Park
16725 S. Oak Park Ave.
708-429-2770

New Lenox
358 West Maple
815-485-3040



If your local Ace Hardware Store is not listed above, call them to see if they participate in the program.

For more information about the Paint Collection Center visit the web site www.earthpaintscs.com.



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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

Counting Everyone Once—and Only Once—and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representatives in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$3 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census

programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian—as well as language guides in 59 languages—will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about *how* we live as a nation—our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more—are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census website at <http://www.census.gov/2010>.

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2010 Census Key Dates



February - March 2010

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.



March - April 2010

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.



April 1, 2010

CENSUS DAY



May - July 2010

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.



Dec. 31, 2010

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president.



March 2011

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

The Census: A Snapshot

- ▲ **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- ▲ **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- ▲ **When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- ▲ **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ▲ **How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- ▲ Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- ▲ Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- ▲ Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- ▲ With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- ▲ By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

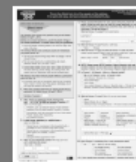
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CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.



**We can't
move forward
until you
send it back!**

Important Dates

September 1	Transportation Committee Meeting (South Chicago Heights Village Hall)
September 10	Public Safety Committee Meeting (Association Offices)
September 15	Diversity, Inc. Monthly Meeting (Association Offices)
September 17	SSMMA Dinner Meeting (Georgios Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St., Orland Hills)
September 24	Diversity Dinner & Awards Celebration (Olympia Fields Country Club)
September 24	Public Works Advisory Committee (Association Offices)
October 6	Transportation Committee Meeting (South Chicago Heights Village Hall)
October 8	Public Safety Committee Meeting (Association Offices)
October 15	SSMMA Business Meeting (Association Offices)
October 22	Public Works Advisory Committee
October 23	CSEDC Quarterly Forum (Location TBD)
November 3	Transportation Committee Meeting (South Chicago Heights Village Hall)
November 12	Public Safety Committee Meeting (Association Offices)
November 17	Diversity, Inc. Monthly Meeting (Association Offices)
November TBD	Public Works Advisory Committee
November 26-27	SSMMA Offices Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
December 3	SSMMA Holiday Dinner Meeting (Location TBD)

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