

Recap on 2020 Census Municipal Ideas Exchange

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- There is \$1,400 Federal dollars attached to each person counted in the Census that comes to University Park and so subsequently, we lose \$1,400 for each person that is not counted because they don't complete the census information.
- The State of Illinois is going to lose a congressional district and is on the verge of losing another one if all Illinois residents don't complete the 2020 Census.
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers has formed a Complete Count Committee and each municipality should have a representative on it. They are gathering useful information that communities could use in making that connection with hard to count individuals. SSMMA will have census information about municipalities that would be helpful. This organization also has been awarded funding for Census activities. We need to make sure when we will be able to apply for the funding. Spoke with Kyle Smith, who is the Housing & Community Development Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and gave him my information so I will know when we can apply for those funds. He indicated to me that they plan on giving priority to those applications that focus on technology in helping our residence complete the Census. I'm taking that to mean tablets that we can use to set up areas where residents can come to use the internet to complete the Census. I'm sure the mayor will also be getting this information.
- Residents will get census card or letter in March and will be able to go online March 26, 2020 to complete the Census.
- Lansing Library is partnering with Lansing's Complete Count Committee. Their library staff has been trained on being able to answer questions residents may have on the Census. "We Count" has been purchased for small children to read with their parents about the Census. They are making Census folders for their faith based communities with bulletin inserts for their worship services.
- We heard from AgeOptions and was referred to their webpage to see how to reach the seniors in the community.
- March 27-29, 2020 is Census Worship Week-End. My thoughts were this is when we could make Census folders for the churches.