

City of Black Jack

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CENSUS 2020

Core Message

The 2020 Census is our chance to make sure the hard-earned tax dollars we send to Washington, D.C. make their way back to Missouri. For every adult and every child that is NOT counted in the census, our state will lose \$1,300 in federal dollars every year, which adds up to \$13,000 per person over the next 10 years. In 2010, Missouri lost a seat in Congress because not everyone was counted. We can't risk losing another voice for Missouri in Washington, D.C.

WHEN WE ALL RESPOND, THE FOLLOWING HAPPENS:

-Missouri will receive more money to pave our roads, rebuild bridges, more money for other infrastructure projects, like broadband internet.

-Missouri will receive more funding for important programs like SNAP (food stamps) and more funding for health insurance programs like the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid (MO HealthNet).

-Missouri receives more funding to take care of our family, friends, and your Black Jack neighbors.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

-It is important to count children of all ages, including nieces, nephews, and grandchildren and this includes newborns, even if they are still in the hospital.

-If your child spends time in two homes, count them where they stayed on April 1, 2020.

IMMIGRANTS:

- Responding to the census is part of our civic duty. The census will not ask if you are a U.S. citizen. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to respond.

-The census will be available in many languages, it will be available online and by phone in 13 languages. The paper version for mailing will be available in English and Spanish.

RENTERS:

-It does not matter if someone is not listed on the lease or rental agreement....Count Everyone! THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU CANNOT SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH YOUR LANDLORD OR THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

-Even if you are not staying in your home or in Missouri long-term, you would still be counted where you are living at this time.

OLDER ADULTS:

-When we all respond, Medicare Part B is fully funded so our seniors can get the care they need. Also, Medicaid long-term care services can help more seniors stay in their homes.

-A census worker **will never** ask for your Social Security number, or information about your bank accounts or credit cards.

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The law is clear - no personal information can be shared



Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics - they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.



WHEN IS IT HAPPENING? Census day is April 1, 2020. You can expect to get a postcard with instructions from the U.S. Census Bureau in early March 2020. You'll be able to respond online or by phone. Starting in March 2020, you can respond at 2020census.gov. You can respond from a computer or on your cell phone. Some households will receive the census questions by mail. This is because they may have limited internet access or older adults living in the home.

Respond to the 2020 Census and make Missouri Count

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

As a resident of the City of Black Jack, you are entitled to apply for funds to make certain repairs to your home. The City has \$20,000.00 allocated annually. The funds are awarded by St. Louis County to qualified residents. Please call (314) 615-5000 for more information.

Spring 2020 Tree Limb Pickup will begin Monday, April 6th.

Limbs will be picked up on your street ONCE. Check www.cityofblackjack.com or call City hall at (314) 355-0400 for your pickup week. Limb pickup standards:

- Limbs must be 4 inches in diameter or less
- Length of limbs must be 6 ft or less
- Limbs must be placed at the curb
- Limbs must be neatly piled with the cut edge to the street
- Limbs must be out at the curb on the Sunday of your pickup week

No full trees

NOT ALLOWED



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, SUNDAY MARCH 8TH

April 7, 2020 is Election Day. Please come out and vote. Candidates are listed below:

Council Member - Ward 1

- Donald Krank (incumbent)

Council Member - Ward 2

- Sandra (Sandy) Muller (incumbent)

Council Member - Ward 3

- Leo Simmons
- Arnold Hinkle - (incumbent)
- Kenneth McClendon

Council Member - Ward 4

- Ronald Pointer (incumbent)

TALL GRASS

As we approach Spring in the coming months and grass begins to grow, please remember that your grass can not be taller than 7". Grass clippings must be cleaned up and not blown or swept to the street or sidewalk.



Just a reminder that this year is the City's 50th anniversary of being incorporated. We are in the planning stages of events for the residents to enjoy in celebration of our anniversary. We will need volunteers for some of the festivities. If you would like to volunteer, please send your name and phone number by email to assistant@cityofblackjack.com or call City Hall at (314) 355-0400; 8:30-5:00 M-F.