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## EVERYONE COUNTS Census 2020

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### WHY?

Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau must take a count of all the people living in the United States and record basic information such as age, sex, race, etc. The founding fathers felt it was so important that they mandated it as part of the Constitution in which they chose population to be the basis for sharing political power, not wealth or land.

Our whole representative democracy is based on a census. It makes sure that each community gets the right number of representatives in government (which is based on population). In fact, the population has grown so much since the last one that most believe that Colorado will add another Representative to Congress.

When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion a year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores- all of which create jobs. On average, Aurora receives approximately \$2,300 for every resident counted- no matter each person's age, address or country of origin.

The data is protected by law. Personal information like names and addresses can never be released and there is no way that individual households could be identified based on your responses. Statistical summaries of the data for geographic areas and political units are available on the Web to see how our country is changing.

### WHEN?

On or between March 12-20, households will receive either a paper questionnaire or an invitation to respond online. If these are not returned, then this is followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing and phone calls. If there is still no response, a census worker will visit the household. It is your civic duty to answer the census questions and if that doesn't motivate you, refusing to participate is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000!

## Board Bytes

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. on January 6, 2020. All Board members were present as well as our property manager.

### Business

- The estimate for the damaged fence on the NE end was given. The driver was insured, and we have received the money.
- A gutter guard company gave an estimate for the cost of putting a guard on the gutters to prevent them from clogging up with leaves, etc. The board did not vote on this as the estimate was very high and it is not a priority at the moment (we will still have gutters cleaned twice a year).
- A unit up for sale had an inspection that required the HOA to make some repairs. Work was done and the unit now has a new owner.
- We received an estimate for replacement of the swimming pool gates that need to be replaced- repairs are no longer viable. We will receive a different quote in the future.
- Other systems for the pool were presented for consideration such as cameras, key cards, etc. Further discussion will happen at a later date.
- The board continues to work on possible colors for the paint project. We anticipate that work will begin this Fall and approximately one third of the buildings would be completed- thus the entire project would take approximately three years to complete.
- Earl and Maria met with the landscaper in late December to clarify the snow removal process. Remember, they do not come until 2" and remove snow on driveways, sidewalks by the garage, and by the mailboxes. They have delivered ice melt to the north facing driveways and mailbox areas. Remember, it's really just for your driveway and not your patio area.

### Financial Report

Fewer delinquencies were reported and of course, we're on budget at this time.

### President's Report

Maria reminded board members of dates- our dinner, garage sale, and picnic. The Doubletree does not make reservations this early, so don't have date for annual meeting yet.

The meeting was adjourned, and we will meet again on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m.

## Did You Know?

The city of Aurora provides citizens with the opportunity to recycle several times a year and also resources for other items. A few examples are:

**Appliances**-Reliable Appliance, 988 Dayton St. 303-344-4014

**Books, DVDs, CDs**- Friends of the Aurora Library-2243 S. Peoria St., on Wed, Fri. and Sat.

**Batteries & mercury-containing devices**- at the Aurora Municipal Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Planning & Development Services (no rechargeable or lead-acid batteries)

**Electronics**- State law requires electronics to be recycled, not trashed. Go to [Aurora.Gov.org/Recycle](http://Aurora.Gov.org/Recycle) for any 2020 event dates

**Mattresses**- Spring Back Colorado Mattress Recycling, Commerce City, 720-515-1328 (to call for hours and pricing)

Start at [Aurora.Gov.org/Recycle](http://Aurora.Gov.org/Recycle) to find places or dates. If you can't find your item there, go to [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) and search by zip code and item for locations accepting that item nearby.

# President's Pen.....



Well, it's a new year but we have some of the same old issues. **NOISE.** Some of you still haven't figured out you live in a shared community and how to be considerate neighbors! Remember, we live in buildings that were built in the mid-1970s and although there is a firewall that separates units, I wouldn't really count on any insulation to dull noises. I've received complaints from several owners about neighbors who have TVs blaring at 2 or 3 a.m. or music blasting, mostly base, at all hours. **PLEASE,** be considerate of others. I suggest getting a headset so you can ruin your hearing but allows your neighbor to get their sleep (that should last until summer and I need to mention patio noise!)

Another issue that seems never ending, is **illegal parking.** Why, oh why, can't some people follow the rules? We have changed the towing company we will use, and they will be quicker to remove offending vehicles. Our process is still inefficient. Pictures have been taken almost daily of cars parked in visitor parking and three in one driveway- it has the date and time of the picture (that way you can't deny nor defend your behavior). Getting them to the property manager and then having him do his required duties often takes time. If you read the covenants re: this issue, you know that first you are warned, then each time is a fine and towing- on your dollar. As always, I say clean out the garage and park your vehicle there (and I'm always ignored). If you run out of space in your garage or driveway- you **MUST** park on Harvard. If you feel you should be given some sort of exception, contact our property manager for a special parking permit.

During the holiday season, a resident had a package taken from his patio porch (that's pretty brazen!) Many of you have your gates locked all the time and won't get packages delivered unless the driver feels like it's safe to throw over the fence. Many companies now offer you the option of day and time of delivery, so you'll be home or are delivered to lockers kept at places like the 7/11 down the street. I still think we're safer than a house on the street, but you just never know what lengths some people are willing to go to.

We have run into a problem with the new lights being installed on the garages. Sometimes it is simply no electrical wire exists to connect the light or boxes are backwards making it difficult to install anything different. Please have patience (I'm not sure some of you have even noticed). Right now, we have just two electricians working on this and usually they come later in the day after their regular jobs. The plan is to install the ones that don't have any serious problems and then go back to the ones that are really messed up. Yes, this will entail more expense but will make us safer in the end.

Landscapers are just finishing up on chores that were interrupted by snow such as removal of leaves. The gutters have been cleaned. Since January is typically our month of least precipitation, winter and snow should gather more force in the future months. Hope you are prepared.

Your president,  
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## Important Dates:



June 13, 2020



September 13, 2020



October ?, 2020

