IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO NORTH READING RESIDENTS

→ 2020 United States Census

In March 2020, there will be a Federal Census mailing by the U.S. Census Bureau to all households. The Federal Census occurs every 10 years.

The 2020 United States Census is <u>separate</u> from the North Reading annual street listing, which is often called the local census. The local annual street listing mailing is used to <u>confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status up to date.</u> It will be important to complete <u>both</u> the North Reading annual street listing/census form <u>and</u> the United States Federal Census in 2020.

The 2020 Federal Census count will be used to ensure that North Reading and Massachusetts gets their 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 States Census responses.

Frequently Asked Questions about the U.S. Census:

Q: What is the United States Census?

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

Q: Who gets counted?

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

Q: When will the Federal 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. The survey can be completed 'on-line.'

If you have any questions concerning the local annual street listing, you may contact the North Reading Town Clerk's Office at 978-357-5230.

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.