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The 2020 Census

The other day I was having lunch with friends and upon leaving the restaurant, a stranger approached the three of us and asked if we were interested in temporary work as census takers. The interaction caught me off guard. I recall political chatter about the census a year or so ago, it eventually quieted, and here we are with the count beginning mid-March. We know of the importance of the count but a little research revealed that there is a lot more to it—especially as it relates to senior citizens.

Census data determines the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, is used to distribute federal funds for essential programs to local communities, and is the baseline for accurate data about our population. An accurate count of senior citizens will ensure programs such as Medicaid, Older American Adult Title grants, Supportive Housing for the Elderly, Low Income Energy Assistance and many other programs that support older adults will receive fair funding.

For the first time in history, the primary way to respond to the census will be through the internet. There is still the option for a paper response and a phone method has been added for 2020. Many may find the new changes confusing and may not respond to phone calls due to the amount of phone scams and marketing calls that are prevalent- not to mention the election and polling calls that will be commonplace in the coming months. If you would like assistance in participating in the census, Village Friends will be happy to help. In case you are wondering, I passed on the opportunity to be a census taker but want everyone to be counted.



Save the Date

Village Friends will host our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Awards on Sunday, April 26 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Saugahatchee Country Club. All volunteers and subscribers will be invited. A formal invitation will be mailed late March/early April. For now, save the date.



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Reminder for subscribers

Please call (334) 209-4641 and leave a message with your requests and we will return your call. Please provide as much advance notice as possible so we can match you with a volunteer. Life happens! Let us know if you need to cancel.

Upcoming Events

Lunch Buddies ****New Location****

Thursday, March 19, at Ole Times Country Buffet in the Auburn Mall at 1:00 p.m. RSVP to vfvservices@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Call if you need a ride.

Supper Club

Wednesday, March 25 at Baumhower's Victory Grill located at 2353 Bent Creek Rd Auburn at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to jimdisque10@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Call if you need a ride.

Office Hours

Every Monday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and by appointment.

By the Numbers

- 8 Personal Visits
- 1 Contractor Referral
- 1 Home Maintenance
- 3 Technology Assistance
- 7 Shopping Trips
- 22 Medical Appointments
- 22 OLLI EVENTS
- 28 Other Appointments
- 1 Trip to VFVV Event

Village Friends volunteers filled 93 requests in February 2020

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