

Municipal News January 2010

What is coming to Barnwell? On January 28, 2010 at the Reid's parking lot the US Census Bureau will bring their Census 2010 Educational Bus. This will be a time for all Barnwell city and county residents to find out what the Census is all about and to have any of your questions answered. The bus will arrive in Barnwell around 4pm and will be open until 6pm.

The City has erected two support signs for the Census at the Fuller Park parking lot and at five points. The City Council urges all City of Barnwell residents to fill out their questionnaires and mail them back as soon as they receive them from the Census bureau.

Why is the City in such support for a complete Census count, here are a few reasons.

1- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part on census data.

2- Census data is used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.

3- Census data determines boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

As you can see a poor census count could have a direct impact on the quality of life of Barnwell City residents.

Here are the 2010 Census Key Dates.

March 2010 Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 2010 Be counted program is implemented.

April 1, 2010 CENSUS DAY

May- July 2010 Census takers visit households that did not return questionnaires by mail.

December 31, 2010 By law the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

March 11, 2011 By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to the states.

Currently the Census Bureau is planning to have an employee set up at the Barnwell City Hall during March and April. If you have any questions or need help filling out the questionnaires, stop by City Hall and talk to the Census representative.

The City will keep reminding the residents of Barnwell how important the complete count is to us all. During the 2000 Census the state of South Carolina was 49th of the 50 states in questionnaires returned. Let's show everyone this year that we can be number 1.