



Inverness News

The Village With A Heritage

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Be Counted in 2010: A Complete Count Means Thousands of State Dollars for Inverness

The U.S. Census, which begins this month, will help determine state and federal funding for local governments over the next 10 years. Census information is also used for planning for hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects. The data collected by the census will also help determine the number of seats Illinois will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the basis for distributing more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local and state governments. It is very important for every Inverness resident to answer the census questions and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

How Much Federal and State Money Does an Accurate Count Mean for Inverness?

An accurate count translates into dollars for the Village. We receive approximately \$115 per person from the state of Illinois alone in the form of our local share of state income tax, state use tax and motor fuel tax revenues. In fiscal year 2010, these revenues were almost 27% of the total operating revenues received by the Village.

The last Census determined that the Village's population was 6,749. Current estimates put our population at 7,500. This equates to about an additional \$86,365 a year in these intergovernmental revenues. Multiply that by 10 years (the time between censuses), and the dollar amount climbs to \$863,650. Obviously the more accurate the count, the greater intergovernmental revenues we receive and the less we have to rely on property taxes and local revenues to support Village programs.

Quick, Easy, and Confidential

The 2010 census form will be one of the shortest in the history of the census. With only 10 questions, it takes just 10 minutes to complete. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide. Personal data provided is protected under federal law. Private information is never published. It is against the law to disclose or publish information related to names, addresses,

social security numbers and telephone numbers.

Key Dates

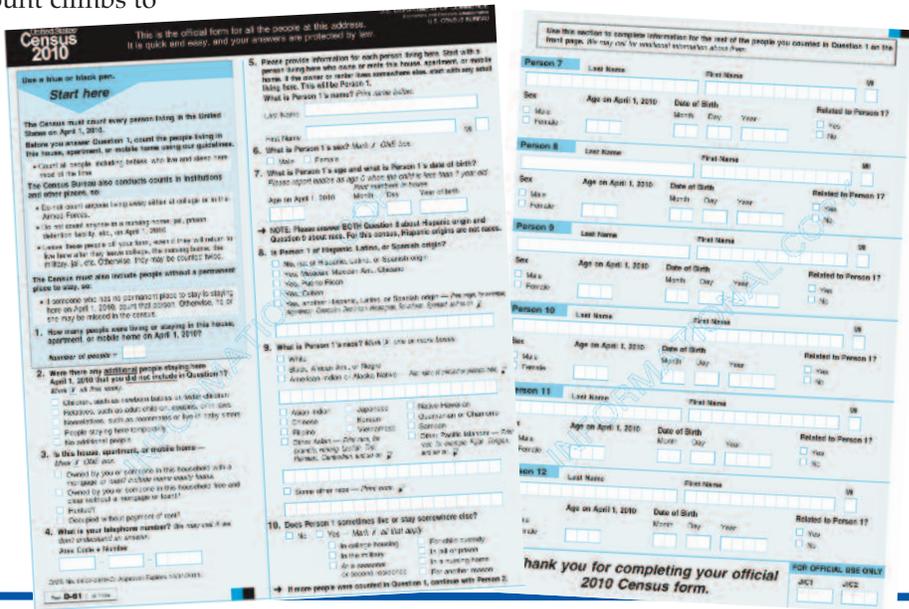
- **March 2010:** Census forms are mailed or delivered to households.
- **April 1, 2010:** National Census Day—use this day as a point of reference for sending your completed forms back in the mail.
- **April - July 2010:** Census takers visit households that did not return a form by mail.
- **December 2010:** By law, the Census Bureau delivers population information to President Obama for re-districting.

What If I Don't Receive a Form?

If you did not receive a form, call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance center at 1-866-872-6868; for a Spanish-speaking operator, call 1-866-928-2010. For the hearing-impaired, dial TDD 1-866-783-2010.

For further information and preview the 2010 census form, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.

Do your part – **Be Counted!**



Clean Water is Everyone's Responsibility

Imagine a raindrop falling from the sky. It first flows over your rooftop, across the lawn and down your driveway. At this point, the raindrop is no longer traveling alone. It has picked up some pesticides and fertilizer from your lawn, a bit of bacteria from your pet's waste or some petroleum and oil from your driveway. From there, it flows into the ditch, storm drain or nearby creek. This storm water ultimately ends up in streams, wetlands or lakes. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into these bodies of water that we use for swimming, fishing, and even drinking water.

The EPA believes that polluted storm water runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. We all contribute to the problem, perhaps without even realizing it.

By practicing healthy household habits, you can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water run-off. Adopting the following healthy household habits will help to protect nearby lakes, wetlands and the three creeks running through Inverness.

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing off your property.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand and don't rinse these spills into a nearby drainage way.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.



- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into nearby drainage ways.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.
- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate any storm drains on your property and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paints to local organizations.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping. These require less water, fertilizer and pesticides. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

For more information visit www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater or www.stormwateroutreach.com.

Have A Home Alarm System?

If you have an alarm system installed in your home, you need to be aware that the telephone number your monitoring service needs to call to dispatch police to your home has changed.

The new number is (847) 590-3478. Northwest Central Dispatch Agency, who dispatches for the Inverness Police Department, has already notified alarm companies of this change. However, we encourage you to contact your monitoring company to make sure that they have made this change to your individual record to ensure that the police arrive at your home as quickly as possible in an emergency.

Road Resurfacing and Repair Program Continues This Spring

The Village Board recently directed the engineering firm of Gewalt Hamilton Associates to prepare the plans and specifications for the resurfacing of 6 miles of Village roads. Streets included in the 2010 program are:

Aberdeen Road	Roselle Road to Baldwin Road
Ardmore Avenue	
Ayrshire Lane	
Braeburn Road	
Florence Avenue	
Inverray Road	
Haman Road	Ardmore Avenue to south end
Haman Road	Bradwell Road to Roxborough Place
MacBain Way	
Marie Drive	Dundee Road to curve
Poteet Avenue	Palatine Road to south end
Roberts Road	Palatine Road to south end

Rosemary Avenue
Roxborough Place
Sunset Drive
Stuart Lane
Warren Avenue
Williams Road
Williams Road
Withorn Lane

Williams Road to Haman Road
Haman Road to west end

Roberts Road to east end
Florence Avenue to north end
Ardmore Avenue to south end

An additional 37 streets will receive some patching. The total cost estimate is approximately \$2.2 million. Bids will be considered in May with work scheduled to take place from June through September, weather permitting.

As the plans are finalized, more information will be available on the Village's web site, www.villageofinverness.org.

Coyotes: Uninvited Neighbors Who Have Made Themselves at Home in the Suburbs

Have you noticed that coyotes have become increasingly bold and brazen? They are no longer a hunted animal and therefore have lost their fear of humans. As more and more trees are torn down in suburban towns to make way for new construction, coyotes cling to whatever woodland areas they can find.

Coyotes are sometimes seen during daylight hours, but are most often on the prowl from dusk to dawn. They are often described as having a German Shepherd-like appearance, with long-thin legs, a tapered muzzle and long pointed ears. Their fur ranges from dull yellow to gray. Adult males weight approximately 25-40 pounds, while the females are smaller. The peak of their breeding season is late February to early March. In April and May, the pups are born with an average of 5 to 7 in a litter. When their preferred food source of small rodents, rabbits and mice is scarce, they may be attracted to pet food left out at night.

Reports of "dog snatchings" by coyotes are on the



increase. Small dogs left unattended and off leash can look like inviting prey to a coyote.

Ten tips for preventing coyote encounters:

1. Keep small pets (cats, small dogs and other pets) indoors or on a leash from dusk until dawn.
2. Feed your pets indoors. Or if you feed them outdoors, do so during the day and be sure you never leave pet food out at night.
3. Make sure trash is not left outside in bags and that all trash cans have secure lids.
4. Install motion sensitive lights in your back yard and around your house.
5. Don't leave fruit, berries or compost on the ground or uncovered. Pick up fruit that falls to the ground.
6. Keep compost piles securely covered. Cover new compost material with soil or lime to prevent it from smelling. Never include animal matter in your compost; it attracts coyotes. If burying food scraps, cover them with



at least 12 inches of soil.

7. Don't overflow birdfeeders. Hang them high or in areas that are not accessible to coyotes.
8. NEVER feed coyotes. Coyotes that are fed by people often lose their fear of humans and develop a territorial attitude that may lead to aggressive behavior.
9. Clear brush and vegetation to remove habitat for small animals that may attract coyotes and to remove areas where coyotes can hide while stalking their prey.
10. Always keep pets on a leash when walking in parks, forest preserves or residential areas.

The Village does not trap coyotes. However, residents who feel that it is necessary to remove coyotes from their property are permitted to hire a licensed trapper at their own expense.



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Spring is Just Around the Corner
Brush Up on Bicycle and Jogging Safety

As spring approaches and the weather outside gets nicer, many citizens take to the streets and ride their bikes or go running. Here are some common sense tips from the Inverness Police Department to help you remain safe while enjoying these activities:

- ▲ **When riding your bike always wear a bicycle helmet.** A helmet can reduce your risk of serious head injury. The helmet should be snug on your head and always secured. The Village Code requires anyone under 16 years of age to wear a helmet when riding or being carried on a bicycle.
- ▲ **When running or bicycling wear appropriate clothing.** Wear bright or

- reflective clothing, especially at night.
- ▲ **Obey all traffic signs and signals.** Bicyclists are responsible for following the rules of the road just like motor vehicles. Accidents can and do occur when bicyclists do not obey traffic laws. A bicyclist is not a pedestrian and does not automatically have the right of way.
- ▲ **Be observant.** Always pay attention to what is happening around you. Always watch out for cars, bicyclists, pedestrians and animals. Use voice commands, eye contact, and hand signals to inform others of your intentions to stop or turn.



You can also help the police when out running or riding your bike. You are another set of eyes for the Inverness Police Department. If you observe suspicious activities or incidents call 911 and report them. It may turn out to be nothing, but let the police check it out...better safe than sorry.
Finally, the Police Department has personal flashing red lights, free of charge, that affix to your clothing or a dog leash for better visibility. Stop by and pick one up at the Police Station.

Want to Learn About Fraud Prevention, Stroke Awareness & More? Check Out These Free Community Education Classes

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District offers free classes for residents. Upcoming class topics include:

- March 25:** Elderly Fraud and Scams, presented by the Inverness Police Department
- April 27:** Train and Track Safety, presented by the Union Pacific Railroad
- June 24:** Drug and Alcohol Prevention/Awareness, presented by the Inverness Police Department

Classes will be held at 7:00 PM at the Inverness Village Hall. For more information visit www.prfpd.org.

If you would like to submit an idea for class subject matter, or if you would like to be considered as a speaker, please feel free to contact the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District at (847) 991-8700.

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Calendar of Events

April

- 13 Village Board
- 19 Zoning Board
- 20 Plan Commission

May

- 11 Village Board
- 17 Zoning Board
- 18 Plan Commission

June

- 8 Village Board
- 15 Plan Commission
- 21 Zoning Board