

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO **NORTHBRIDGE** RESIDENTS

Subject: 2020 United States Census

This year, there will be a federal census mailed to you in March by the U.S. Census Bureau. This census is performed every 10 years.

The 2020 United States Census is separate from this annual street listing, which is often called the local census. This annual street listing document is used to confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status up to date. It is important to return **both** your annual street listing (aka the Annual Town Census) and the United States Census in 2020.

The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that *Northbridge* and Massachusetts get our 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 State Census responses.

Frequently Asked Questions about the U.S. Census:

Q: What is the United States Census?

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

Q: Who gets counted?

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

Q: When will the 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.

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.