

IMPORTANT TOWN MEETING

Regarding the proposed contract with
Sumter County for Fire Protection Services

*** PROPERTY TAXES * ISO RATING * INSURANCE**

All citizens of Plains are urged to attend the meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH AT 7 PM - PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER

2010 CENSUS: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED (Continued)

CENSUS WORKER? A: All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name. You also may ask them for a picture from another source to confirm their identity. If you are not certain about their identity, you may call 404-335-1555 to confirm the individual is employed by the Census Bureau.

Q: DO I HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE 2010 CENSUS? A: Yes! Your participation is

vital and is required by law—Title 13 of the US Code requires your response. The same law also requires that your answers are confidential and only used to perform a population count. The information will not be shared with other government agencies. The process only takes 10 minutes to complete.

In essence, the information collected by the Census Bureau is vital to the continued wel-

fare of the City of Plains. Please work with census workers throughout the remainder of the year. There are several efforts to ensure that the information garnered is complete and accurate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Hall.

Your cooperation with census efforts is truly appreciated.

For more info, visit www.census.gov.

NEW BUSINESSES

>> CALLIE'S PLACE

Located at the Plains Farmers Market in Reese Park

Hours: Monday-Friday (12-5), Saturday (10-4)

Features: Fresh fruit and vegetables, metal art work and yard décor, plants and plant stands, and baked goods on Saturdays

Manager: Callie Fallin (942-5969)

>> DAILY BREAD SANDWICH SHOP *(Coming Soon)*

Located at 201 East Church Street (The old Lamb's Station)

Hours & Features: TBA

Owners: David and Dana McLemor

CITY COUNCIL & STAFF

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Regularly scheduled council meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME POLICE CHIEF * APPLY AT CITY HALL * DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 14TH AT 3 PM

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APRIL 2010

CITY OF PLAINS

PO BOX 190

PLAINS, GEORGIA 31780 824-5445

2010 CENSUS



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please contact

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A national census has been instituted for centuries. The US Constitution call for a census once every ten years. Therefore, the data collected is vital—not only for our national and state government, but also for local governing bodies.

Gloria Strode with the Census Bureau stated that Sumter County as a whole was under-represented by previous census

statistics—only 59% of the population participated. One reason she gave the reluctance of residents to complete the census was a fear of the data being used by other government agencies. However, according to Ms. Strode, the data collected is confidential and is not shared or released for 72 years to other government agencies.

Population count is essential for the City of Plains. Funding is directly related to and allocated according to the population.

*** The data should be completed regardless of US citizenship. It is simply a body count. Non-citizens are asked to complete the 2010 Census. The information gathered will not impact the household directly.**

Census: Select Questions & Answers

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Q: WHAT IF I DID NOT COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM?

A: The Census Bureau does not establish a due date for returning the questionnaire. Complete and return the form as soon as possible. However, if a form has not been returned, a census worker will visit your home to complete one with you.

Q: WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A CENSUS FORM?

A: Call the

Questionnaire Assistance line at 1-866-872-6868 and give your answers over the phone. Census workers will also visit addresses from which a form was not received.

Q: WHAT'S NEXT? **A:** The next phase in the 2010 Census process is the Non-response Follow-up. During this time, census workers will visit households for which no forms were re-

turned from May 1 through July 10. The worker will attempt to visit the home and reach the household by phone up to three times. The worker will leave an English/Spanish "Notice of Visit" that provides a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment. Other Census 2010 operations will be conducted as well.

Q: HOW DO I RECOGNIZE A

"My experience in government is that when things are non-controversial and beautifully coordinated, there is not much going on."
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, The 35th US President