

Alderman
Nona N. Chapman
Berwyn, Illinois

March 1, 2009

Re: First Ward Town Coffee

Dear Fellow Residents of the First Ward,

I don't know about you, but I, for one, am very happy to see Winter on its way out and the promise of Spring just around the corner. The month of March is extremely important to the City of Berwyn in that it is the 2010 U.S. Census kick-off. This month's meeting will discuss this and other matters of concern in the First Ward.

The census tabulation, an accurate count of residents and their socio-economic status, formulates social, economic and political decisions that are made over the next decade with some \$400 billion allocated for projects nationwide. What the average person doesn't realize is that this data not only determines the number of each state's Congressional seats, it provides information necessary for much needed infrastructure repairs, senior centers, schools, hospitals, job training centers and emergency services, such as disaster relief efforts through FEMA.

This month, census forms will be mailed to every U.S. residence. All citizens are required to complete and return the questionnaire by April 1st in the prepaid envelope provided. During the months of April through July, census takers will visit each non-respondent household to complete the data manually. Any questions you may have regarding the census process will be addressed at the March meeting

I again ask you to get involved and make your voice heard. Be proactive within the City and our ward. Your input is invaluable to me. I can't stress that enough. Whether it be questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please bring them to my attention. As in every endeavor, communication is imperative and, to be effective, must be a two-way street.

To that end, I invite you to join me and our neighbors in an informal setting for coffee and conversation the third Wednesday of each month. The next four scheduled First Ward meetings are at 7:00 p.m.:

Wednesday, March 17
Wednesday, April 21
Wednesday, May 19
Wednesday, June 16

Grounds for Appeal, 3242 South Oak Park Avenue
Telephone: (708) 749-2233

Please contact me with additional agenda items for discussion prior to the March 17th meeting -- either leave a message for me at (708) 484-6662 or via the internet at AldChapmanWard1@aol.com.

As always, in the spirit of community betterment and City unity, I look forward to your involvement and participation at these meetings.

Sincerely,

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First Ward Alderman

Berwyn
Development Corporation
Special Events 2010

Depot Monster Mini-Golf Pub Crawl
SAT 4/24 • noon-6pm • Depot District

Think Green! Earth Day
SAT 4/24 • 9am-noon • City-wide

Bloom 'n Zoom
SAT 5/8 • 8am-2pm • Depot District on Windsor

Great American Mutt Show featuring Dock Dogs
SAT 5/15 • 10am-5pm • Morton West High School
SUN 5/16 • 10am-5pm • *Dock Dogs Only*

Depot District Clean Sweep Garage Sale
SAT 6/12 • 8am-3pm • Depot Parking Lot

Fiesta Nuestras Raíces
FRI 6/25, SAT 6/26 and SUN 6/27
Times & Location TBD

Cruise Nites

6pm-9pm • Depot District on Windsor
TUES 6/1 & TUES 6/15
TUES 7/6 & TUES 7/20
TUES 8/17 & TUES 8/31
TUES 9/7

Roosevelt Road Summer Street Fair
July Date TBD • noon-8pm • Roosevelt Road

National Night Out
TUES 8/3 • 5pm-9pm • Morton West High School

Rt. 66 Car Show
SAT 9/11 • 10am-4pm • Ogden Avenue

Oktoberfest
FRI 9/17 • 6pm-11pm • Depot Area
SAT 9/18 • 12pm-11:00pm • Depot Area

Deck the Depot at the Festival of Lights
SAT 12/11 • 4pm-9pm • Depot Area

Berwyn
COUNTS
2010 U.S. CENSUS
IMPORTANT

Every year hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds are awarded to states and communities for:
Hospitals • Schools • Transportation • Social Services
based upon data from the U.S. Census.

SAFE

By law, the Census Bureau **cannot** share your answers with anyone, including federal, state and local agencies.
This includes immigration services.

EASY

Every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is **fast** and **simple** to complete and return. If you return your questionnaire by **April 1, 2010** no one will come to your house.

QUESTIONS

Call The Community Development Department
at (708) 795-6850.

MAKE YOURSELF COUNT!
2010 CENSUS • IT'S IN YOUR HANDS!

From Alderman
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To Berwyn's
1st Ward Resident