

The Knollwood Voice



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What Is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

Why We Conduct This Count

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dol-

lars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Counting Everyone

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the

results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Importance of the Data

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—our population, where we live, and so much more.

The results are critically important because this once-a-decade census data helps businesses, researchers, and communities make decisions. The data can help inform where your community needs a new fire department, more funding for school lunches, or new roads.

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2020 Census data will help inform how billions of dollars are distributed to states and communities every year for the next 10 years.



Community Update

Community Meetings

Mark your calendar, upcoming KHA community meeting dates are April 30, 2020, July 30, 2020; and October 29, 2020.

East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance meets every 2nd Thursday in January, April, July, and October at First Christian Church, 1705 Taylor Road.

Neighborhood Services (formerly BONDS)

The 2020 Neighborhood Banquet will be held February 13, 2020, 6:00—8:00pm.

Gathering of Neighborhoods: Updates, Montgomery Police Department, April 21, 2020 at noon at Vaughn Park Church, 3800 Vaughn Rd.

The Montgomery County Commission meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 9:30 am, 100 S Perry St. For the months of January, February, and March 2020 meetings will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 5:00pm.

To submit a topic for a future publication, contact your block captain or send an email to milledge6@aol.com.

Why Should People Vote in Elections?

It is important for people to vote in elections because it is a basic right and doing so increases the chance of electing someone who will represent their views.

In the 2016 elections, nearly 43 percent of eligible voters did not exercise their right to vote, according to the Washington Post. Of the 232 million eligible voters, only 132 million voters cast a ballot in the 2016 elections. There are many reasons why people do not vote, including not believing their voices are heard, long lines and other barriers at the poll or simply forgetting to even show up on election day. Some argue there is no point in participating. However, there are several reasons why people should take the time to vote in elections.

Officials Know Who Votes

Elected officials pay attention to who is taking the time to cast a vote. They see trends in different areas and populations that consistently vote and those who do not. If one community shows up in smaller numbers than another, politicians will pay less attention to them. They will not spend as much time hearing the interests of those people or appealing to them to gain votes. Instead, politicians will campaign for the causes, priorities and interests of those they can

count on to go to the polls. Though the candidate a person votes for does not always win, the one who does or future candidates will hear those voices and concerns and use them to establish new policy.

Voting Is a Privilege

Voting is a right and privilege that many Americans take for granted. Immigrants and relatives of families from other parts of the world have seen and experienced firsthand what it is like to be governed by leaders who were not elected by the people. They know what it is like to have laws and policies enacted that do not reflect the desires and needs of the people. Being able to participate in an election and be part of the process in choosing the next leaders and representatives is a privilege that should never be taken lightly.

Voices Are Heard

Some people think they are not being heard. Perhaps the person they voted for did not win the last election so they are not feeling enthusiastic about participating in the next one. Many people are deterred by the Electoral College system in which a smaller group of electors casts votes that reflect the popular vote for their states. However, because some states have more electoral

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Did You Know?

Nevada was the fastest-growing state between 2000 and 2010. In that same time, the overall population of the United States grew 9.7 percent, jumping from 281,421,906 to 308,745,538.

Of course, the census tells us much more than just the population of our country, your state, and your community. The census produces a wide range of statistics about the makeup of those populations, from ages and races to how many people own their home.

In 2010, for example, we learned that women made up 50.8 percent of the pop-

ulation. We also learned that the male population grew at a slightly faster rate (9.9 percent) than the female population (9.5 percent) in the decade between 2000 and 2010.

Redistricting

The U.S. Constitution requires that electoral districts be periodically adjusted or redrawn to account for population shifts. Each decade, the census reveals where populations have risen or fallen.

State legislatures or independent bipartisan commissions handle the process of redrawing congressional district lines. The U.S. Census Bureau provides population

counts to the states for this purpose.

Business Decisions

The census also collects data that is valuable for businesses, which rely on census results to help make decisions such as where to open new stores, where to expand operations, and which products and services to offer.

Census Day 2020

April 1 is Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census. When completing the census, you will include everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020. Census Day will be celebrated with events across the country.

<https://2020census.gov/>



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From 21 Genius Uses for Hand Sanitizer You'll Wish You Knew Before

- *Hand it to hand sanitizer*

This gel can come in handy during cold and flu season and in extremely germ-y situations like hospitals, medical clinics, and doctor offices. And while dermatologists recommend you don't overuse it on your hands—it can really dry them out—there are plenty of other uses that you may never have thought of: Keeping hand sanitizer around the house is a great idea, germs or no germs.

- *Polish silver*

Hand sanitizer cuts right through tarnish on silver, according to *Taste of Home*. "Squirt a few drops on a soft cloth and rub away the tarnish," they advise.

- *Clean your eyeglasses*

You could spend close to \$20 to buy special herb-infused "eyeglass cleaner" fluid. But if you have hand sanitizer lying in your reach, use that instead—it helps eliminate fingerprints and even hairspray from your eyeglasses.

- *Clean your flat iron*

If you haven't cleaned the surface of your flat iron in a while, grab your hand sanitizer and get to work. The iron can be coated not only with hair products but bacteria. After the iron cools down, smear on some hand sanitizer, wait a few minutes, and then wipe it clean.

- *Clean hairspray off your mirror*

When you're spritzing with hairspray, it's easy for the mirror to get caught in the crossfire. Getting it off your mirror can take a little effort—but it's easier with some hand sanitizer. Simply place some on a microfiber cloth or paper towel, wipe, and your mirror will sparkle again.

- *Remove permanent marker from a whiteboard*

If your kids—or you—accidentally wrote on your whiteboard with a Sharpie or other permanent marker, here's an easy remedy: First write over the permanent marker with a dry erase pen, and then wipe it all off using hand sanitizer. You may need to do this a few times to remove all traces.

- *Pre-treat stains before laundering*

Even the makers of Tide detergent acknowledge that a bit of hand sanitizer can effectively pre-treat stains on clothing. Rub some in, let it sit for one to three minutes, blot it away and apply Tide, and then wash as directed on the garment's label.

- *Remove a sticky label*

Just like hairspray, adhesive residue is tough to remove with just soap and water. Whether you're removing adhesive residue from your skin, furniture, wall, new dishes, or a handbag, hand sanitizer will make the job easier.

- *Take the ouch of removing a bandaid*

Instead of ripping off an adhesive bandage, rub some hand sanitizer over the sticky ends to release the adhesive. Wait a minute, and then painlessly remove the strip.

- *Clean your keyboard*

Did you realize that your keyboard can be just as dirty as a toilet seat? To address the keyboard problem, keep your hands clean, and wipe your keyboard with hand sanitizer on a cloth—preferably microfiber. Be sure to unplug it or turn it off first.

- *Clean your mouse*

Thanks to its location and similar use, your computer mouse is every bit as grimy as your keyboard, according to *CNET*. Again, give it a little wipe down with a microfiber cloth and hand sanitizer. If you use a touchpad, give it the same treatment—just always remember to shut everything down first.

- *Clean your touchscreen*

The fact that it's called a "touchscreen" indicates that it needs cleaning from time to time. The best way, according to *PC Tablet*, is to squirt some hand sanitizer on that microfiber cloth you've been using and wipe gently.

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votes than others, it is entirely possible for a president to win an election without winning the popular vote. In this case, one could argue that people's voices are not heard. Throughout history, only five out of the 45 American presidents have won the election in this manner, as noted by ThoughtCo. That shows that, more often than not, the people's voices are being heard.

Other Issues on the Ballot

Voting for the next U.S. president or senator is not the only reason to cast a ballot. Many local elections and issues are voted on during election day as well. Even those who do not wish to vote for president should participate to make their voices heard on these local matters. For example, states may vote on issues such

as increasing taxes to fund schools or hot-button issues like same-sex marriage and recreational marijuana. Staying home means not having a say in these matters.



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STATE ELECTIONS	
Date	Election
March 3, 2020	Presidential Preference Primary Election
March 3, 2020	Statewide Primary Election
March 31, 2020	Primary Runoff Election
November 3, 2020	Statewide General Election

The Knollwood Voice

Vision—We welcome all to our thriving community with love, courtesy, and respect.

Mission—To preserve and promote Knollwood Subdivision as a pleasant community for residents and a vital contributor to the Greater Montgomery Area.

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Communication with the Knollwood Homeowners Association must be sent to the Secretary.

Around the Corner (News and Notes)

Our Condolences to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Crayton and family, Elm Drive in the passing of their son, Mr. Markeith Crayton in January.
Mrs. Glenda Horton and family, Cottonwood Drive, in the passing of her brother in January.

Thinking of You:

Mrs. Bernice Ballard (Knollwood Blvd), illness; Mr. Howard Daniels (Elm Drive); Mrs. Katie Daniel (Elm Drive), illness; Mr. Gerson Myles (Elm Drive), illness; Mr. Woody Wordlaw (Elm Drive), illness

Thank You:

Mrs. Annie Harris, Mr. Lee Wheeler, Mr. Lucious McDade, Mr. Taylor Hough, Mr. Jimmie Horton, Mrs. Glenda Horton, and Mr. Lee Ballard for decorating the entrance for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Lee Ballard, Mr. Bennie Harris, Mr. Rena Harris, Mr. Jimmie Horton, Mr. Taylor Hough, Mr. Lucious McDade, Mr. Woody Wordlaw, Mr. John Summers, Mrs. Norma Summers, and the Summer's grandson for working to maintain the entrance median and playground.

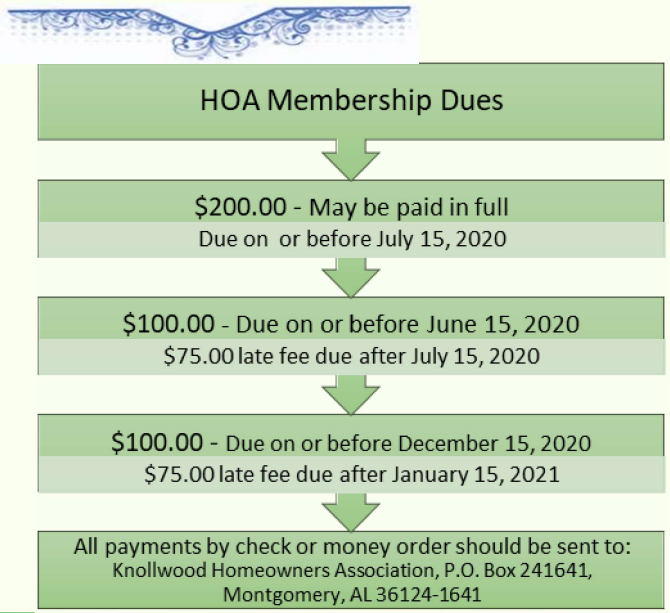
COVENANT CORNER

AMENDED COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE KNOLLWOOD SUBDIVISION (PLAT NO. 1) - HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

3.3 Membership

Each residential Lot Owner shall be obligated by ownership of said Lot to be a member of the Homeowners Association and shall be obligated to pay an annual assessment and any special assessments or other charges and any fines or penalties that may be requested, assessed, or levied by the Homeowners Association. Annual assessments are delinquent after December 15th of each year. Special assessments that are deemed necessary to address the needs or other matters of the Knollwood Subdivision may be made, and all Lot Owners shall be required to pay such special assessments. Voting provisions for Lot Owners and other Residents shall be determined by the Executive Council.

www.knollwoodhomeownersassociation.org/Documents/



What Is An HOA Fee? And What Does Your HOA Fee Cover?

Of course, it takes money for your community to remain beautiful and well maintained. And that's why it's necessary for every homeowner to pay association fees.

HOA fees, which are sometimes called "assessment dues" or "maintenance fees," are established by your board of directors based on a projection of the HOA's annual budget. Since board members are also residents, they are obligated to pay HOA fees just like everyone else in the community and don't profit from the money they collect. Depending on your HOA, you may be expected to pay those fees monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Although the specific needs of each HOA or condominium association vary, all associations require their members to share in the community's costs through their fees. *(The Knollwood HOA fee helps maintain street lighting and other amenities.)* Having a well-run community where amenities, components and common areas are regularly maintained goes a long way toward increasing your community's property values and enhancing resident lifestyles. That said, each association will have its own rules and policies, so it's important to read your community's governing documents.