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SPOTLIGHT:

CENSUS 2020

There’s still time to be counted in Census 2020! If you haven’t done so, take the 2020 Census now.

You can respond online at www.census2020.gov. You can also complete your census by phone. Just call 844-330-2020 for English; 844-468-2020 for Spanish; or 844-467-2020 for Telephone Display Device (TDD). It takes less than 15 minutes to complete and the impact it has on our community is far-reaching and long-lasting.

Why get counted? Because getting counted means more resources coming to you and to our community for schools, businesses, and more. For each resident that completes the census, our state will receive an estimated $1,675 per year in funding for special projects, grants and support for our community.

If you have questions or need more details, you can find information online at www.census2020.gov or OkLetsCount.org.

Our goal is to get every Midwest City household counted in 2020 but we only have until the end of September so please go online or call today.

When everyone counts, everyone wins!
FIRE PREVENTION

As we prepare for Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, here are some important tips from the Midwest City Fire Prevention office.

Working smoke detectors are your first line of defense to get out quickly in a fire in your home.

If you hear your smoke detectors going off, immediately get on your hands and knees to crawl out. Don’t stand up and inhale the toxic smoke.

Close the bedroom door before you go to bed. That simple step can mean the difference between life and death in the event of a house fire. A closed door can slow the spread of flames, reduce toxic smoke, improve oxygen levels and decrease temperatures. It’s a small step that can make a big difference - make sure to close before you doze!

Practice your EXIT drills in the home. Practice two ways out of every room in the house, especially the bedroom. Get on your hands and knees in the bedroom with a blindfold on and see if you can find two ways to crawl out.

Establish a “safe meeting place” in front of the house for everyone to meet after they’ve gotten out of the house. Once you are out safely, never go back into a burning home.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

We have a cardboard recycling center in Midwest City. It’s located on Jim White Drive, just east of the Fire Station on SE 15th. You can use the drop-off facility seven days a week and there’s no fee for this service. (The cardboard will need to be broken-down and free from any food waste.)

If you have batteries or other household hazardous waste (HHW) to recycle, please visit the Hazardous Household Waste page on our website at midwestcityok.org.

be sure your cart CAN BE COLLECTED

In order for the equipment on our Solid Waste trucks to collect your trash cart, we need you to:

- Make sure your cart is at least five feet from your other carts, mailbox, or any other object.
- Make sure no vehicles are parked in front of your cart.
- Put your cart at the curb no later than 7 a.m. You can put it out as early as 7 p.m. the night before your collection day.

For your safety, never put household hazardous waste (HHW) such as paint, solvents, thinners, antifreeze, varnish, pesticide, kerosene, etc. in your cart. Visit our website at midwestcityok.org for HHW recycling and disposal options.

Here’s the correct placement of carts — five feet from other carts, mailboxes, and any other objects.

be environmentally-friendly CARDBOARD RECYCLING

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