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“NEWS & UPDATE”

Census 2020

Mt. Vernon has had the lowest percentage of residents in Westchester successfully completing the ***Census 2020*** form. **THIS IS TERRIBLE!** We must do everything in our power to get everyone to complete the Census form. Everyone should be not only completing their own forms, but just as importantly, helping to get others (friends, relatives, neighbors and others) to complete the Census. People can come to the MVUT office where we have Census tablets and can assist them in completing it. It only takes ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes. Mt. Vernon stands to lose tens of millions of dollars over the next ten (10) years if we do not do better at getting everyone to complete the Census count. **Make this a priority! Tell everyone – Do the Census.** To further do MVUT’S part in trying to increase our percentage of people completing the Census, we’ll be setting up a table in front of our office at 2 Gramatan Avenue to have people who are passing by fill out the Census tablet right there. We need volunteers to help sit at the table and to assist people in answering the questions. We’ll train anyone who can help. It’s quite easy, but we need volunteers to help! Call the office at (914) 699-1114 Ext. 303 if you’d like to help – PLEASE!

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! All information is confidential. Even if you or someone you know is undocumented, it does not matter. The information cannot be shared with other government agencies.

County Legislator Lyndon Williams

Early August was an especially significant period for Mt. Vernon’s County Legislator Lyndon Williams.

- 1.) Mr. Williams is relinquishing his County Legislator seat as he has been appointed to the Mt. Vernon City Court to replace Judge Adrian Armstrong who has been elevated to the New York State Court of Claims. Dennis was a member of the Judicial Appointment Committee who interviewed six (6) applicants for the Mt. Vernon Judgeship. All six were very impressive and the committee narrowed that field to three candidates which were submitted to Mayor Shawyn Patterson Howard. The mayor then selected Lyndon

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Williams out of the three (3) candidates. Lyndon will serve the unexpired term of Judge Armstrong which will only run till November of this year. Mr. Williams has committed to run for re-election in November. The Judge's term is for ten (10) years but Lyndon would only be eligible to serve for four (4) years because at that time he would have reached the mandatory retirement age of seventy (70)

- 2.) On Wednesday August 5 Mr. Williams and our County Executive George Latimer held a press conference at Memorial Field with an "official groundbreaking". (See enclosed copy of Legislator Williams' newsletter with an 8/6/20 Journal News piece on the reverse side.) HALLELUJAH!! For far too long Memorial Field has been an unmitigated mess. Mt. Vernon's youth have been the real victims here as they have been denied the incredible recreational value that Memorial Field has long offered us all. Through hard work and commitment both Legislator Williams and County Executive Latimer have helped to bring an end to this disaster. Cards and/or letters of thanks to both would be appropriate.

County Legislator Lyndon Williams (still can receive mail here)
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Many of you have responded generously to our appeal in our last mailing. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We desperately need it. How about the rest of you? We've reported on all of our great victories and our ongoing campaigns. We believe we've truly earned your support. Please make a donation today!

We're enclosing two (2) pieces from the National Housing Law Project (NHLP) regarding the Trump administration's attack on fair housing and a Fact Sheet "Discrimination Based On Race" from the Westchester County Human Rights Commission.

Covid-19 Please be careful and stay safe
Always wear a mask when you go out
Honor Social distancing (6 feet)
Wash your hands regularly!