

## **2012 ANNUAL MONTAGUE TOWN CENSUS**

Did you get your annual census/street list form? Montague's 2012 annual town census/street list forms were mailed out Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Registrars is required by State Statute to verify and update the name, address, age and occupation of all residents. Census responses are used as proof of residency to protect voter rights, veterans' bonus, to assist the Council on Aging with service projections and to assist the School with enrollment information and projections. Population figures are also used by the state in calculating state and federal aid monies to the town.

Census data is also used to compile the annual street list. The street list is made available to the Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Technicians to aid in the daily performance of their duties as well as other municipal departments. Census information about children under the age of 17 is not made available to the public. Birthdates of residents will not be published due to the threat of identity theft.

If you are a registered voter and do not respond to the census, the Board of Registrars is required by law to move you to the "Inactive Voter" list and risk being removed from the voter registration rolls. Please help us make the Annual Town Census as complete and accurate as possible. If you did not receive a form call the Town Clerk's Office at 413-863-3200, ext 203 and we will send out a blank form. Please fill in all the information for all the residents of the household and mail the completed form to the Town Clerk's Office at One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376.