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Harlingen to Raffle Laptops during Week-Long Census Event & Hold Drive-Thru BBQ to Ensure Everyone Gets Counted



Harlingen, Texas—Harlingen residents that haven't filled out their 2020 Census will have the chance to win one of six laptops next week. The City of Harlingen is holding a Census Drive on August 31 through September 5.

Harlingen residents that have been procrastinating to fill out the Census can stop by the Harlingen Public Library during normal business hours next week; fill out the Census, and register to be entered into the Census Raffle.

One winner will be selected daily. The sooner residents go the more chances they will have to win. If they go on the first day, their names will remain in the raffle for the six days of the event.

Filling out the Census is easy and takes just minutes to fill out. Computers at the library will be available for easy access. Upon completion, the Harlingen resident will be given a Census Identification Number which will be used to register for the raffle.

News From The City of Harlingen

On September 12, the City will hold a drive-thru BBQ at the Harlingen Sports Complex. Harlingen residents that drive-thru and fill out the Census will get free BBQ plates.

Every ten years the United States counts its population as mandated by the Constitution. The numbers help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed. These federal dollars for example go toward building roads, schools, hospitals, and natural disaster response. Harlingen has been undercounted in previous counts and like the rest of the Rio Grande Valley has lost out on millions of dollars.

The week-long Census Drive and the Drive-Thru BBQ are only for people who live within the Harlingen city limits.

- Harlingen Census Drive- Raffle
August 31- September 5, 2020,
Harlingen Public Library 410 '76 Drive
Monday -Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Harlingen Census Drive-Thru BBQ
September 12, 2020
Harlingen Sports Complex 3139 Wilson Road
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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