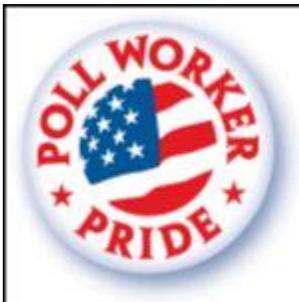




The September newsletter has been posted.

- A multi-page document of additional mental health related articles from around the nation is posted at the same location as the newsletter.
- A previous email on **COVID resources** is at the same location.
- A previous email on the **Voter Mobile and Voting in 2020** is at the same location.
- **We are Fundraising to Change Lives** - our Golf Tournament information is at the same location, too. Donations and sponsorships are gratefully accepted.
- The NAMI Greater Des Moines office continues to be closed. Appointments should be confirmed and questions directed to director@namigdm.org - the Executive Director
- Support groups have been suspended. No support groups are included in the September newsletter. When support groups can be resumed, we will include them again in future newsletters.



Election Workers Needed from both parties

More than 1,700 citizens in Polk County serve as Election Workers for the Supervisor of Elections to ensure that fair and accurate elections are conducted.

On Election Day, we count on these civic-minded individuals to efficiently process voters, provide instructions on the proper use of the voting equipment, and effectively solve potential problems that voters may encounter.

Election Workers are paid for their work on Election Day. For more information on how to get involved:

- [click here](#) or
- call us at 863-534-5888, or
- <https://www.polkelections.com/Election-Worker> - The application to apply for an election worker position along with much more information can be found this website location, or
- Email Electionworker@PolkElections.com

Is It a Paid Position?

Yes. Election Workers are paid for training plus a flat rate for the day. Total pay ranges from \$106-\$250 per election, depending on the position held. **No compensation is available for Election Worker orientation events.**

Requirements for Election Workers in Polk County

There are a few basic requirements that must be met to become an Election Worker. They include:

- Must be a registered voter in Polk County, or eligible to register.
- Must be able to read and write the English language.
- Must be able to work a long, 14+ hour day. (You may not leave and return to the polling place.)
- Must attend mandatory training before each election worked.
- Must be present on Election Day from 6 am until all work is complete after the closing of the polls at 7 pm.
- Must be willing to deal with the public in a courteous, efficient and patient manner.



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Census Bureau will end data collection 30 days early

Nationally, so far, [76.5% of housing units have been accounted for](#) in the 2020 Census, with **12.1%** counted by census takers and other field data collection operations, and **64.4%** of housing units responding online, by phone or by mail.

Iowa's response rate has been 69.6% self-response, 7.3% counted by census takers for a total of **76.8%**.

On 8-25-20, Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham sent the following information.

Field data collection and self-response options will end by September 30, 2020, to permit the commencement of data processing.

In the last month to complete the 2020 Census –

1. **The Census Bureau will follow up with some non-responding households by phone.** If a voicemail is available, the census taker will leave a message asking the household to call one of the Census Bureau's call centers.

Census takers have begun following up with households nationwide. Census takers will continue to follow up with non-responding households in person.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a "Notice of Visit" with information about how to [respond online](#), [by phone](#) or [by mail](#), to encourage response.

2. **The Census Bureau is sending a seventh mailing, including a paper questionnaire, in late August to early September to the lowest-responding census tracts.**

To encourage more households to respond on their own to the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau is contacting non-responding households by **mailing an additional paper questionnaire to some households that have yet to respond**. The emails will go to all households that the Census Bureau has contact information for in census block groups with a [response rate](#) lower than 50%.

If you know someone who has not yet responded, please encourage them to do so today online at 2020census.gov, over the phone, or by mail.

A language guide can be found at <https://2020census.gov/en/languages.html>



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