



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

To all residents of Washington Island,

Census Day is April 1, 2010. In order to reach and account for all residents living in the United States, the U.S. Census Bureau will hire approximately 1.4 million temporary employees to gather field information to update maps and ensure an accurate address list for the census questionnaire.

Earlier this summer, census workers were circulating on the Island checking addresses so everyone who lives on the Island receives a questionnaire. They were not conducting a census count at that time, merely verifying addresses.

In mid-March you will be sent the questionnaire to be filled out for every member of your household. Also included will be a postage-paid envelope, instructions for completing the form and help numbers if you need help completing the form. Households that do not respond will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April and subsequently a visit from a census taker to take a count in person if the second questionnaire is not returned.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The U.S. Census Bureau uses this data to;

- ✓ Determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ✓ Determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals and other community facilities.

Please take note to the change of the Landfill days of operation. Previously the Landfill would close on Fridays after Columbus Day. This year the Landfill will be **closed on Saturdays** beginning October 24th.

**The Winter Hours for the Landfill (Island Exchange) is
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
8:00am to 3:00pm**