

# Self-Help Newsletter

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## **Welcome FNPB New Employees and Board Member**

**Florida Non-Profit would like to welcome two new employees. Crystel McCullough and Brittani Wiedemann, who started their employment as General Clerks with us on March 1, 2011.**

**ALSO**

**Maria Granado was elected as a Board Member in November 2010**

**Welcome Aboard Ladies**

## **HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH**

June is right around the corner!

What are your plans? Homeownership Month is an excellent opportunity to publicize your project. A perfect way to keep the Mutual Self-Help Program front and center for your community, your congressional leaders, etc.

When you hold any event, be sure to coordinate with Rural Development and invite your local, county, state and national government representatives. Make sure everyone is familiar with this wonderful program and then maybe they will be more likely to give their support when it comes to land approvals, building permits and maybe even at the national level, continued funding.

Some Ideas to consider:

- \* Open House Events
- \* Ground Breaking Ceremonies
- \* Wall Raising Events (or any type of building assistance)
- \* Key Presentations to families getting ready to move in

And remember send your event pictures to Rebecca McConniel, so they can be posted in our next Newsletter and on our Web Site.

## WEBSITES ON WHERE TO FIND THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-HELP AND OTHER RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

### **The Housing Assistance Council (HAC)**

<http://www.ruralhome.org/>

#### **WHATS NEW**

- HAC Newsletter of March 16, 2011
- HAC Publishes New Fair Housing Analysis
- Self-Help Housing Directors Make Case for the impact of self-help housing

### **National Rural Housing Coalition**

<http://www.nrhweb.org/>

- Rural Housing Issues / Coalition Priorities

### **National Rural Self-Help Housing Association (NRSHTA)**

<http://www.nrshha.org/>

### **Mutual Self-Help Housing HUB**

<http://www.selfhelphousinghub.com>

## **2010 Census Data**

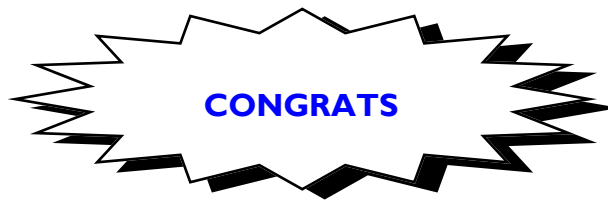
On April 1, 2010 the resident population of the United States was **308,745,538**.

The Census Bureau has begun providing summaries of 2010 Census population totals, as well as 2010 Census data on race, Hispanic origin and voting age for multiple geographies within each state. The Census Bureau is delivering the data state-by-state on a rolling basis.

To access the 2010 Census Data go to this link:

<http://2010census.gov>

Data provided includes: 2010 Census Data, Apportionment Data, Redistricting Data and other Census Data.



**Mountain Housing Opportunities**, in Ashville, North Carolina has closed their Section 523 Grant for \$383,000.00. They plan to assist 12 families build their homes during this grant period in Buncombe County.

## Xeriscaping

Websites on Xeriscaping in the various States in the Southeast Region of the United States:

- Alabama
  - <http://www.the-landscape-design-site.com/nativeplants/alabama.html>
- Florida
  - <http://www.livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/landscaping/xeriscaping.html>
- Georgia
  - [http://www.caes.uga.edu/publications/pubDetail.cfm7pd\\_id=7306](http://www.caes.uga.edu/publications/pubDetail.cfm7pd_id=7306)
- Mississippi
  - <http://www.the-landscape-design-site.com/nativeplants/mississippi.html>
- North Carolina
  - <http://www.ncsu.edu/wrri/uwc/xeriscape.pdf>
- South Carolina
  - [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/videos\\_posters/videos/xeriscape-garden.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/videos_posters/videos/xeriscape-garden.html)
- Tennessee
  - <http://www.the-landscape-design-site.com/nativeplants/tennessee.html>

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## Payroll Tax Cut to Boost Take-Home Pay for Most Workers; New Withholding Details Now Available on IRS.gov

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=172179,00.html>

WASHINGTON—The Internal Revenue Service released instructions in December 2010 to help employers implement the 2011 cut in payroll taxes, along with new income-tax withholding tables that employers will use during 2011.

Employers should start using the new withholding tables and reducing the amount of Social Security tax withheld as soon as possible in 2011. [Notice 1036](#), contains the percentage method income tax withholding tables, the lower Social Security withholding rate, and related information that most employers need to implement these changes. Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide, containing the extensive wage bracket tables that some employers use, will be available on IRS.gov.

Employers and payroll companies will handle the withholding changes, so workers typically won't need to take any additional action, such as filling out a new W-4 withholding form.

As always, however, the IRS urges workers to review their withholding every year and, if necessary, fill out a new W-4 and give it to their employer. For example, individuals and couples with multiple jobs, people who are having children, getting married, getting divorced or buying a home, and those who typically wind up with a balance due or large refund at the end of the year may want to consider submitting revised [W-4 forms](#). [Publication 919](#), How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?,

Article taken from IRS.gov

### Links for Support Documents

RD AN No.4552 (1944-I) Technical Assistance Grant Calculations and Grant Extension Requests

\* <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/an4552.pdf>

RD AN No. 4553 (1944-I) Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants Administration

\* <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/an4553.pdf>

Unnumbered Letters Issued for March 2011

\* <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/ulmarch11.pdf>