

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY?



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Take this quiz to see how much you know about your community and ways you can get involved! Each question has a multiple-choice option.

Ready? Let's go!



How can you determine who is in charge of your local government?

Mayor

The mayor is the leader of a city. They help make decisions about local services like roads, parks, police, and community programs.

Supervisor

A supervisor leads a township. They work with a board to manage local services and help the community run smoothly.

Village President

A village president leads a village. They guide local decisions, work with the village council, and represent the village in the community.

YOU

You are part of your local government, too! By voting (when eligible), attending meetings, volunteering, and sharing ideas, you help shape your community.

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Who is in charge of your local government?

A) Mayor

B) Supervisor

C) Village President

D) YOU

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Township Board

Who they are:

A group of elected officials who run a township. This usually includes a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustees.

What they do:

- Make decisions about local services (roads, parks, zoning)
- Manage the township's budget
- Plan community projects and events

Why it matters:

They handle day-to-day decisions that affect how your township works and grows.

City Council

Who they are:

Elected representatives who work with a Mayor to run a city.

What they do:

- Pass local laws (ordinances)
- Approve city budgets and spending
- Oversee city departments (like police, parks, and public works)

Why it matters:

They make rules that affect residents' daily lives and help shape the city's future.

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Village Council

Who they are:

A group of elected officials who work with a Village President to manage a village.

What they do:

- Make local rules and regulations
- Decide on village spending and projects
- Represent the community's interests in planning and development

Why it matters:

They ensure that the village is safe, organized, and meets the needs of residents.

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Does your local board/council make laws for your municipality?

True

False

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How Can You Get Involved in Your Local Municipality? (Hint: more than 1 can be correct.)

Voting in local elections

Attending city, village, or township meetings

Sharing concerns or ideas with local leaders

Volunteering in community programs

Ignoring local issues

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iCivics

Why it's great:

iCivics is one of the most trusted civic education platforms in the U.S. It uses games, short lessons, and videos to teach how government works — perfect for kids, teens, and families.

What it offers:

- Interactive civic games
- Lesson plans and worksheets
- Easy explanations of government roles
- Free and nationally relevant

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Youth.gov

Why it's great:

Youth.gov is a federal resource hub designed to help young people thrive by providing trusted information on various topics.

What it offers:

- Youth development and civic engagement resources
- Leadership and service opportunities
- Educational tools and articles
- Nationally relevant, trusted information
- Free access for all users

Explore Youth Opportunities

USA.gov

Why it's great:

USA.gov is the official U.S. government website, providing a reliable resource for understanding state and local government operations. It helps individuals learn about community leadership and access services

What it offers:

- Clear explanations of state and local government roles
- How to contact elected officials
- Links to state and local government websites
- Free and nationally relevant

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