



SUGGESTED EVENTS

Cities and Towns Week 2018

Celebrate Cities and Towns Week in your city or town! Your city or town's participation can be as comprehensive or as limited as you choose; commemorating the week does not require much time or many resources. You can also use the Cities and Towns Week message in an event that is already scheduled for your city/town.

Below is a list of suggested events your city or town may choose to host. If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the League.

- Host a city or town hall open house and set up information tables for each department that is represented. Make sure that each table has a department representative available for citizen's questions.
- Organize a group of citizens to volunteer for a service day working on neighborhood beautification projects or assisting a citizen who may need help with yard work or home maintenance.
- Invite the community to go on a tour of the Mayor's Office.
- Organize tours through departments that may be perceived as less interesting to illustrate to the community how vital they really are!
- Invite city and town workers or public safety personnel to talk about their jobs at your city or town hall or local school.
- Organize a community-wide cleanup of a public park.
- Coordinate a story hour at the library. Invite youth to attend and have a special guest reader, like a firefighter, city manager, councilmember or even the mayor.
- Plan a parade of city service departments. Fire trucks, police cars, the bookmobile, Little League teams, streets and water department service trucks – all led by the mayor.
- Host an essay contest with local schools and announce the winner at a Cities & Towns Week program. A possible essay topic: "If I were mayor for one day, I would..."
- Invite local schools to attend a lunch hosted by your city or town hall.

- Work with your local school districts and coordinate a “Local Government Career Day.” Have the mayor, manager, councilmembers, public safety personnel and city/town service worker to talk about their jobs with students.
- Arrange for your city or town hall to host a “Youth Mentoring Day” and have exception city or town workers shadowed to illustrate the impact their jobs have on the community.

These are just a few ideas to educate citizens about the services cities and towns provide each and every day. If you have other good ideas on way to educate citizens, please share them with the League so we can inform other cities and towns!