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# CITY & TOWN CHAMPIONS

## 2022 Cities & Towns Week Suggested Events

*How to use: 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. Set up information tables for each department that is represented.

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 or town workers to discuss their jobs at a 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 or even the mayor.

Host a contest for students! Some ideas: draw your favorite thing about our city/town, write an essay about being "mayor for a day," create a video about your community.

Arrange for your city or town hall to host a "Youth Mentoring Day" and have city or town workers shadowed to illustrate the impacts their jobs.

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## Virtual Options:

Host a virtual city or town hall open house! Ask various departments to share information for a few minutes on a Zoom webinar and invite residents to attend to learn more.

Organize small groups of citizens to volunteer for a service day working on neighborhood beautification projects or assisting citizens who may need help.

Create a video tour of your city hall or other city facilities and share on social media channels for residents to make a virtual visit!

Hold a city trivia night over Zoom. Ask questions about your city or town and encourage residents to participate!

Create a scavenger hunt around your city or town. Post clues online or via social media and encourage residents to get out and safely find and take photos of important places.

Coordinate a live story hour on your city's social media channels. Invite special guest readers like a firefighter, city manager or even the mayor.

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Arrange for your city or town workers to visit a classroom or attend a virtual school session to speak about what they do and why local government is important.