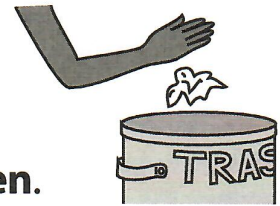


Being a Good Citizen



There are many ways to be a good citizen.

**Hello,
neighbor!**



When you have a picnic at the park, you clean up after yourself.

If you see a crime being committed, you call the police.

You respect your neighbors by being polite and kind to them.

You vote in elections.

Do you do any of the things above? Which ones?

What do you think it means to be a good citizen?

What else can you do to be a good citizen?

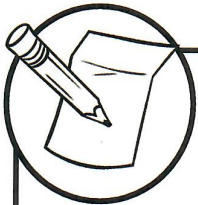
On the back of this sheet, draw a picture of yourself being a good citizen!

★ Board of Education ★

You might just be the **Board of Education's** most important priority! Your education is very important to them indeed. They manage public and charter schools in the county and community colleges and adult education programs, too. The Board of Education makes a lot of decisions that affect you. Each decision they make is a part of one very big goal—an excellent education for all county residents.



Draw a picture of your school. Circle or label the things you like best about your school.



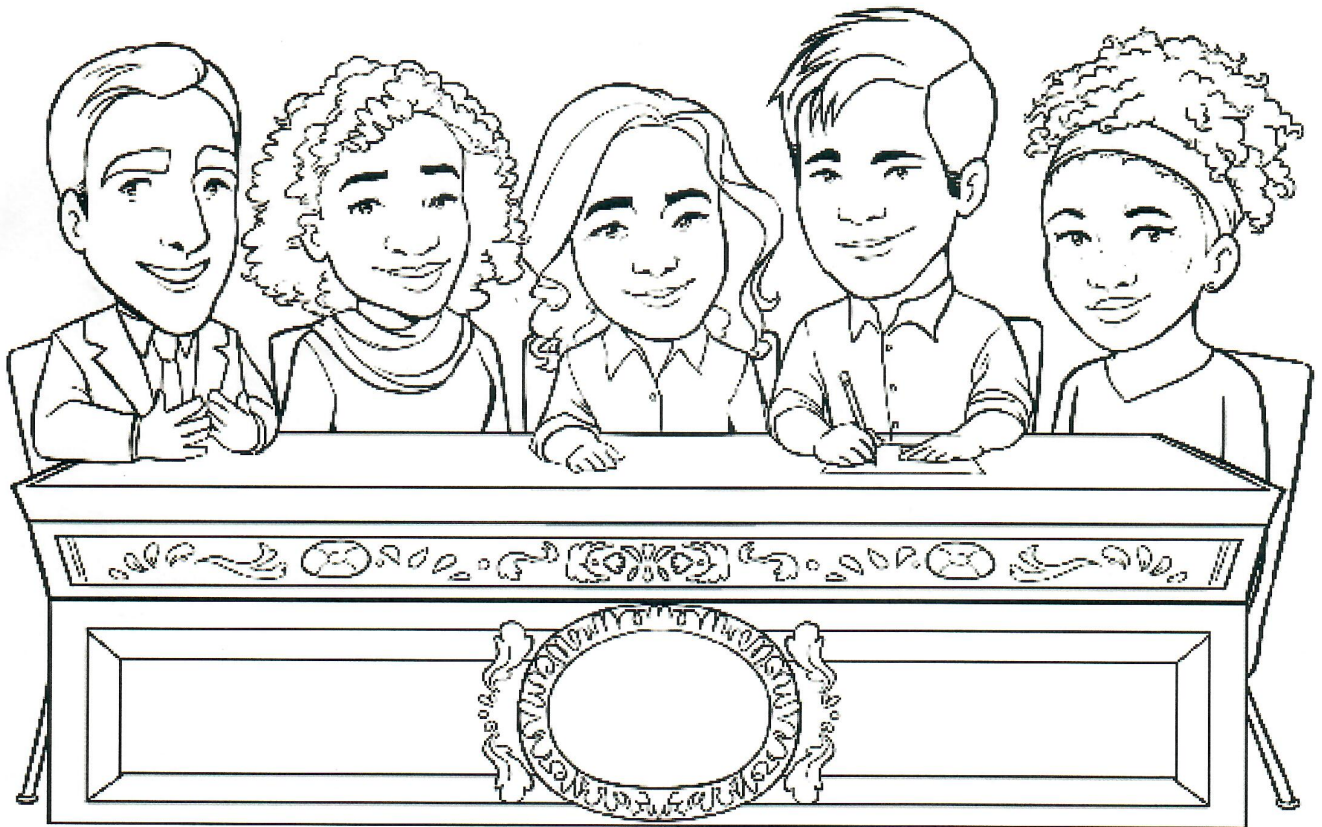
See a spot for improvement? Say something! Most Boards of Education have public school board meetings. During the meeting, county residents have time to speak about things they'd like to see change in their schools.

★ Who's Working for You? ★

The people running your county's government are called **elected officials**. Elected means that the people in your county voted to say they wanted these leaders to be in charge of your county's government. One day, you'll get to vote for your county's elected officials, too.

Who Runs Your County?

Your county may be run by people called commissioners, supervisors, county board or council members, or executives. These people have a very important job. They make decisions for your county and decide how the county will spend money.



Who are your county's elected officials?

★ Constitutional or Row Officers ★

Other elected officials have special jobs in the county. They are in charge of things like keeping track of the county's money, protecting county residents, and fighting for the county in court.



Sheriff

I make sure county residents follow the law.

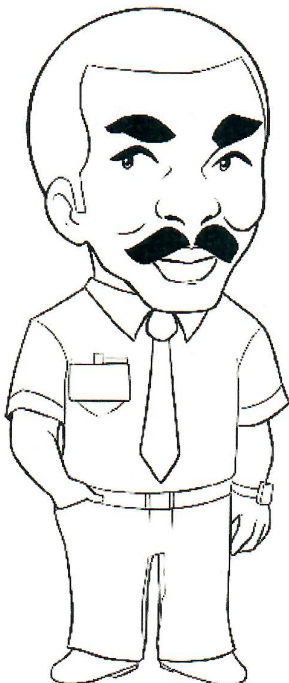
District Attorney

I serve as the county lawyer and argue important cases in court.



Treasurer

I manage the county's money.



Recorder

I record, or keep, important information about county property.



Clerk

I keep important legal records and manage elections.

★ The County Seat ★

Just like you have a home, so does your county's government. Your county government's home is the **county seat**. This city or town is where you'll usually find the county courthouse. Many of the people and departments you'll learn about in this book have offices inside your county's courthouse. Let's take a look at who's inside!

My county is _____. **My county seat is** _____.

What county do you live in?
Is it big or small? Is it filled with
people everywhere you turn, or is there
a lot of space to move about? Your county is
a unique place. No two counties are exactly
the same. Some aren't even called counties.
We call them parishes or boroughs instead.
Counties across our nation look, feel, and
can even work a little differently.

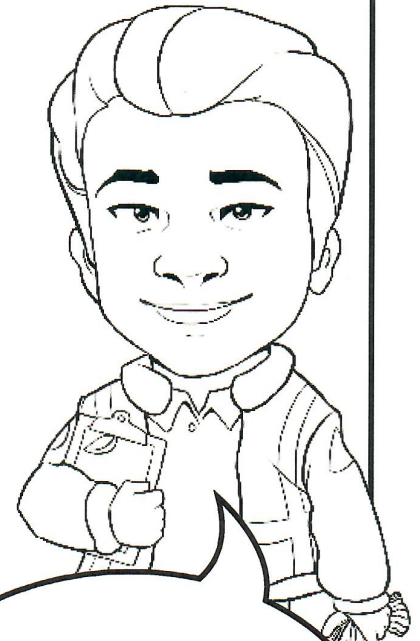


★ Environment and Land Management ★

Surely, someone has asked you to take out the trash. That huge trash truck that comes to pick up the trash each week is part of the **Department of Environment and Land Management**. They safely get rid of waste in ways that do the least harm to our environment. They also manage recycling and monitor our air and water quality.



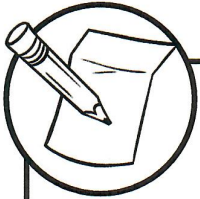
The Department of Environment and Land Management protects our environment. Think of 5 ways you can do your part to help!



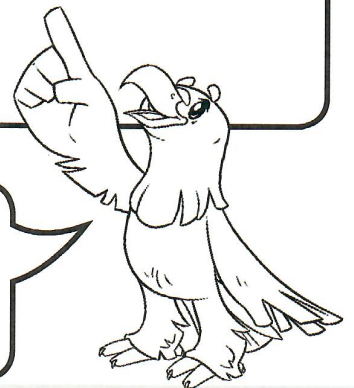
My department helps keep our county neat and tidy. We also care for natural resources. And we promote healthy environments for plants, animals, and for you!

★ Parks and Recreation ★

The **Department of Parks and Recreation** is responsible for some of your favorite places to play. They build and maintain the public parks and playgrounds where you slide, swing, and run. They also look after nature and bike trails. And they organize classes and activities that help county residents exercise, relax, and enjoy!



Write a letter or draw a picture for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Thank them for the services they provide for you. You could also tell them about other services you'd like to see in your neighborhood or community.



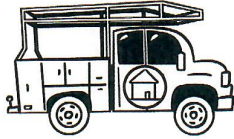
★ Public Works and Transportation ★

You probably came to school today on the school bus, or maybe you rode in a car, walked, or biked. The **Department of Public Works and Transportation** manages something we all use every day: The roads! And they do a lot more than that.

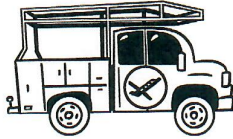
Follow the trucks to learn what else they maintain.



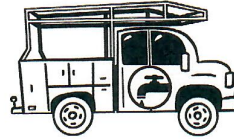
Roads and Bridges



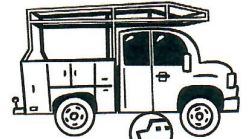
Public Buildings



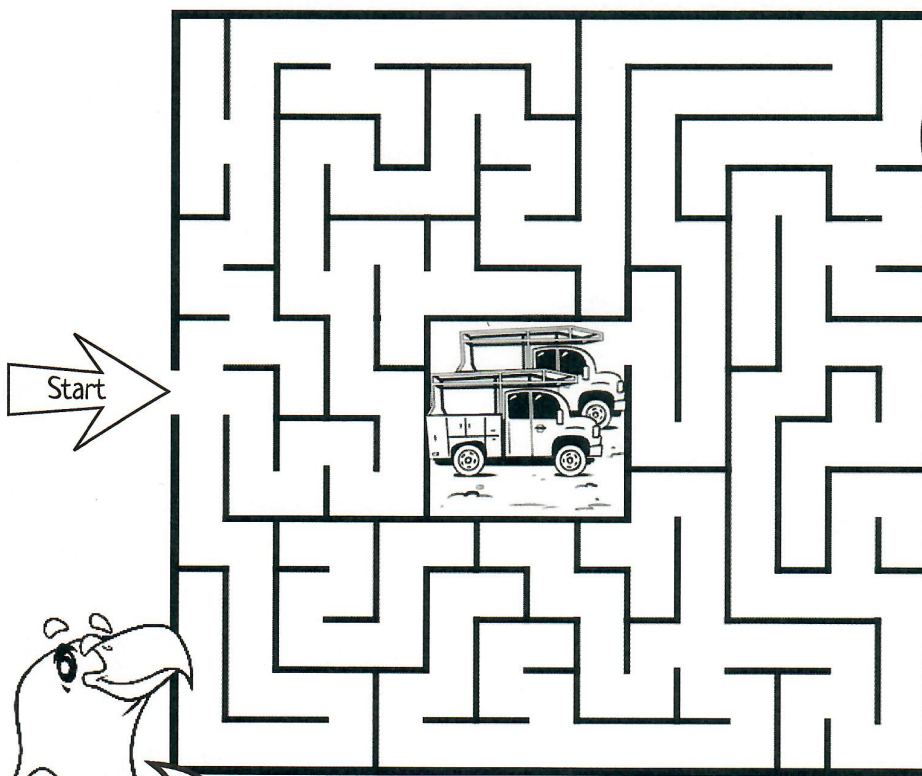
Airports



Water and Sewers



Public Transportation



There's a fallen tree blocking traffic on Liberty Run Road. Can you circle the truck I'll need to fix it?

Can you help the head of the Department of Public Works and Transportation find his trucks? With your pencil, draw a line through the maze.

How have you benefited from the Department of Public Works and Transportation's services today?
