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Hello, Georgia Cities Week Participants!



On behalf of the Georgia Municipal Association, thank you for participating in this annual statewide event. Your involvement will help us bring some more love to Georgia Cities in 2026!

This Resource Kit contains materials to help you plan your celebration. These materials are meant to serve as a guide — feel free to vary or adjust the activities to create a celebration of city government that is uniquely yours. I encourage you to participate in whatever way works best for your city, even if it's as simple as adopting a resolution recognizing Georgia Cities Week.

If your city would like extra "hands on deck" for any events — from serving food to city employees to picking up trash — let GMA know. Our staff enjoy getting out into the cities they serve and would love to be part of your Georgia Cities Week activities!

As your city celebrates throughout the week, please keep GMA in the loop. We'd love to hear about all the activities and events you have planned. Don't forget to tag GMA on social media and send us photos from your events and celebrations!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Dana Goodall at 678-686-6220 or dgoodall@gacities.com. Dana will also provide you with additional posters, stickers and the logo for reproduction if needed.

Thank you again for your participation in Georgia Cities Week!



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GMA's Third Vice President & Georgia Cities Week Chair

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Partner Organizations

Georgia Cities Week is sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association in cooperation with the following organizations:

- [Department of Community Affairs/Keep Georgia Beautiful](#)
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- [Georgia Fire Chiefs Association](#)
- [Georgia Municipal Clerks Association](#)
- [Georgia Rural Water Association](#)
- [Georgia Recreation & Park Association](#)
- [Georgia Association of Water Professionals](#)
- [MEAG Power](#)
- [Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia](#)

Legend

1 Level 1 Activity

Requires little coordination. Inexpensive or free. GMA provides templates.

2 Level 2 Activity

Requires a bit of coordination between city departments or outside groups. May or may not cost money.

3 Level 3 Activity

Requires extensive coordination and planning. Typically requires a financial commitment from the city.



Outreach

Includes other organizations in the community, which boosts engagement and impact.



Child-friendly

Appeals to children and teens, usually through interactive activities or contests.



Virtual

May be conducted virtually, making the activity more accessible to the community.

How to Get Started



Steps to creating a campaign with impact.

1

Create a core committee and designate one person at City Hall as the Georgia Cities Week contact. Review the Toolkit together. If needed, solicit additional help from employees or other participating organizations.

2

Make an initial communication to city officials and employees asking for their participation. Solicit ideas and feedback on past events, and present proposed Georgia Cities Week activities.

3

Finalize campaign activities, assign tasks and develop a timeline. Don't be afraid to share the responsibility: involving city employees creates a sense of shared pride and ownership in the campaign.

4

Publicize plans through city communications channels, media, schools and civic organizations. Put up posters at city facilities. Add the info to utility bills. It's never too early to spread the word!

5

Schedule touchpoint meetings with your committee to monitor the planning process and provide extra help if needed. Continue to publicize the planned activities.

6

Share photos of your campaign activities on social media, and don't forget to tag **#GCW26**, so GMA can share your success!

Citywide Outreach

Ideas to reach the entire community.



Adopt a Resolution

1  [Template](#)

City Council adopts a resolution announcing Georgia Cities Week at a regular council meeting.

Fact Sheet

1 [Template](#)

Create a one-page flier on facts about the city to distribute at public meetings and facilities. You can also use GMA's "Value of Cities" infographic.

Tips

- Include information on the history of the city (incorporation date; how the city got its name, interesting facts, etc.); budget information, form of government; who to call at city hall for which services.
 - Make copies for students to take home to parents.
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Community Visits

1  

Department heads and city officials visit schools/civic clubs to discuss services the city provides and the value of cities.

Tips

Make sure content appeals to the age and type of group visited.



Citywide Outreach

Use Social Media

1 [Template](#)

If your city has a social media pages, plan special campaigns to celebrate your city!

Tips

- “Where in Your City” photo contest—post a photo of some item in your city (plaque, monument, etc.) and ask followers to identify the items.
- Post trivia questions on your social media pages. Ask local businesses to donate prizes for the winners (line up prizes at least one month in advance).
- Spotlight a different city department, service, employee or group of employees each day of Georgia Cities Week. Start gathering photos or video well in advance.
- Promote all Georgia Cities Week Events.

Georgia COLLEGE PARK
Georgia CITIES WEEK
APR. 24-30 CONNECTING FOR SUCCESS EVERYONE IS INVITED

SUNDAY APR. 24	SOCIAL MEDIA LAUNCH USE OUR FAVORITE HASHTAG #LOVECOLLEGEPAKGA TO KICK OFF GEORGIA CITIES WEEK AND POST WHY YOU LOVE COLLEGE PARK!	MONDAY APR. 25	FREE LINE DANCING LOCATED AT THE TRACEY WYATT RECREATION CENTER FROM 8AM - 11AM <small>RECREATION HAS FREE ACTIVITIES ALL WEEK! VISIT COLLEGEPAKGA.COM FOR MORE INFO!</small>
TUESDAY APR. 26	HUG A FRIEND DAY IT IS JUST AS SIMPLE AS THAT! HUG A FRIEND, OR TWO OR THREE! POST YOUR PICTURES AND DO NOT FORGET TO TAG US! FREE LINE DANCING LOCATED AT CONLEY RECREATION CENTER FROM 11AM - 2PM	WEDNESDAY APR. 27	ADMIN. PROFESSIONALS DAY SHOW YOUR FAVORITE ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE THEM. IT IS THEIR DAY!
THURSDAY APR. 28	CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS! STOP BY CITY HALL FOR AN APPRECIATION DIRT FROM 8AM - 5PM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.	FRIDAY APR. 29	SHRED & STENCILING PAPER SHRED FROM 8AM - NOON STORM DRAIN STENCILING FROM 10 AM - NOON <small>CONTACT OUR PUBLIC WORKS AT 404-669-5779 FOR MORE INFO.</small>
FRIDAY APR. 29		SATURDAY APR. 30	
ARBOR DAY PLANT A TREE FOR ARBOR DAY. IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, WEAR GREEN TO SHOW SUPPORT!			

Invite Other Groups to City Hall

1

During the week, invite civic clubs to hold their meetings at city hall.

Invite Press Coverage

1 [Template](#)

Make appearances on local radio/television shows to discuss city government. Submit a guest column from the mayor to the local newspaper. Encourage local paper to prepare a special series on city services, the history of the city, or city employee spotlights. Contact media partners well in advance.



Take Town Hall on the Road



Invite the public to a town hall meeting at a location other than city hall, such as a community center or school, to discuss the community in general, future plans for the city, and on-going projects. Welcome community input.

Tips

- Find an appropriate, accessible location and time for the meeting (evenings are usually better for working people).
- Advertise the meeting heavily. Include information on who will attend and what topics will be discussed.
- Alternatively, create a one-on-one opportunity for the public to interact with departments. Coffee With a Cop is a popular event and is easy to set up.

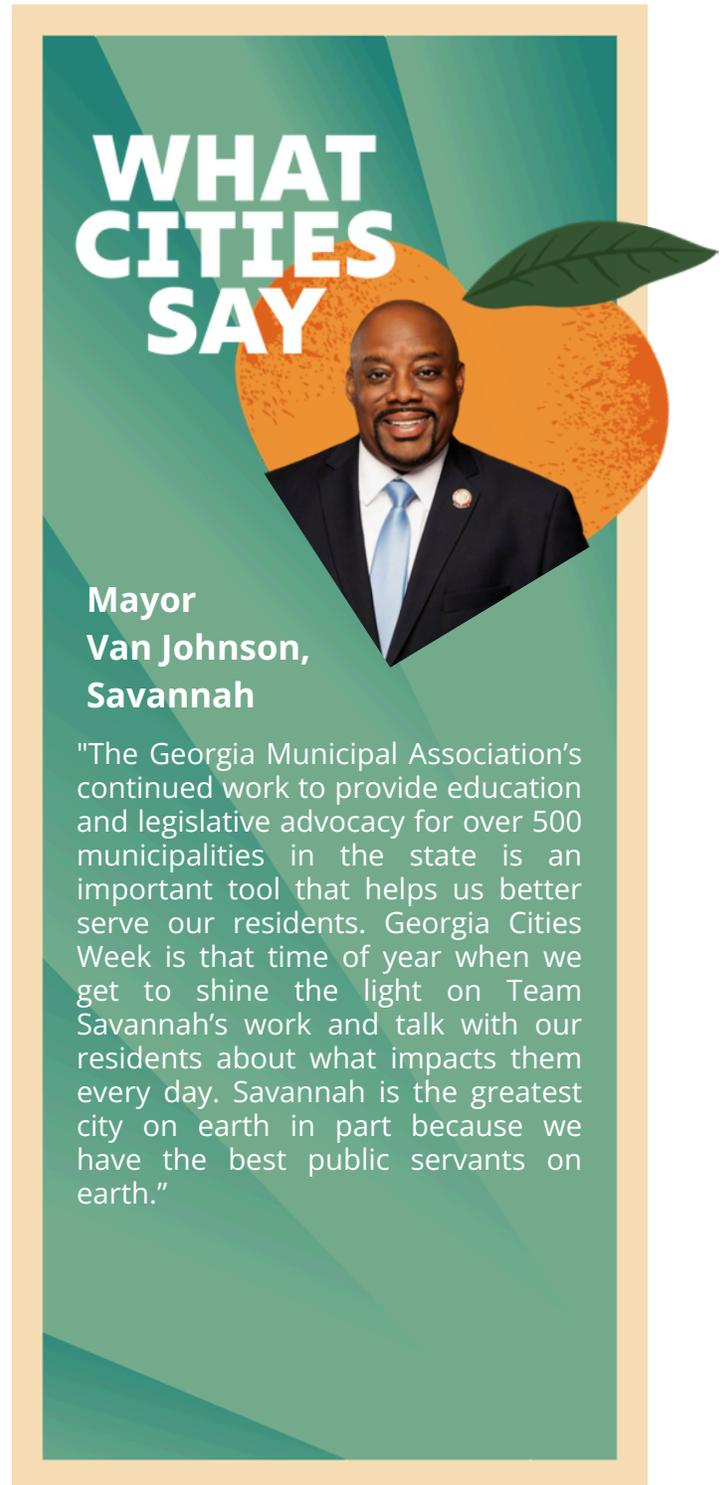
Open House



Invite the public to an open house at city hall.

Tips

- Publicize event well in advance.
- Have appropriate staff on hand to offer guided tours and answer questions.
- Provide flyers summarizing city department responsibilities and contact information.
- Offer refreshments. Ask a local retailer or chamber of commerce to sponsor.
- If holding an art, essay, or photo contest, display entries on walls.
- Be prepared for mobility impaired guests.
- Record a video tour before or during the event, or livestream on social media.



Clean-up Day



A one-day litter pick-up throughout the city or limited to the downtown area.

Tips

- Contact civic groups to ask for participation, particularly Garden Club or Keep Georgia Beautiful.
- Announce dates and times through through local and social media, utility bills, and posters.
- Ask city officials to head up “divisions” based on their districts.



Photo by Blondale Thomas. Douglas city residents collect litter and tires during a 2022 Georgia Cities Week event.



Jonesboro Keys to GCW Success

In 2025, Jonesboro hosted several free Georgia Cities Week events to bring residents together. Here are Mayor Donya Sartor’s keys to success:

- Choose events that reflect your city's character and prioritize community connection.
- Partner with internal departments, local businesses, and community organizations to diversify offerings without overextending resources.
- Provide free, drop-in activities to boost participation.
- Promote consistently through social media and city channels.

Day	Event Name	Location	Time
MON APR 21	MAIN STREET JONESBORO ICE CREAM SOCIAL	City Street, 108 Broad Street	5pm to 8pm
TUE APR 22	EARTH DAY Perennials Giveaway	Swan's Feed and Garden Supply, 252 N. Main Street	12pm to 2pm
THUR APR 24	COMMUNITY POP UP	Jonesboro Police Department, New Vehicle Branding Reveal, Battiste Garden Circle	4:30pm to 5:30pm
FRI APR 25	MAIN STREET JONESBORO CANDLELIGHT YOGA	Lee Street Park, 155 Lee Street	7:30pm to 8:30pm
SAT APR 26	7 CITIES INITIATIVE CLEAN UP DAY	Turner Road	10am to 12pm
SAT APR 26	SPRING FLING CONCERT	Lee Street Park, 155 Lee Street	5pm to 9pm

Additional information on the poster includes: FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS, Arts District logo, Jonesboro logo, phone number 770-478-3800, website jonesboroga.gov, and social media handles @jonesborovet and @events@jonesboroga.gov. A 'MORE INFORMATION' button is also present.

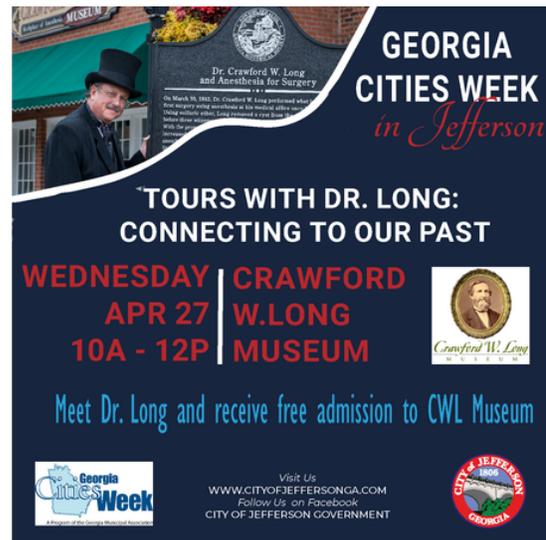
Spotlight City History



Work with your local Historical Society to identify significant historic events or people.

Tips

- Ask your local media to do a series of articles or special section highlighting the tales of the city founders and events that shaped the city.
- If your city has a cemetery, do historical tours where city founders “come to life” to tell their histories.



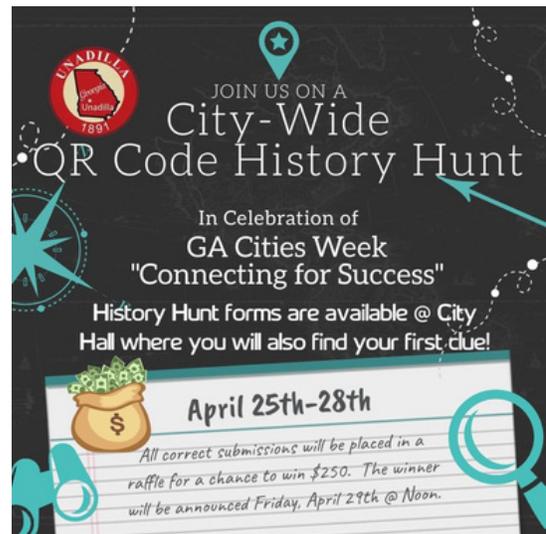
Scavenger Hunt



Send your residents on a scavenger hunt for information and history about your city.

Tips

- Create a form with questions for residents to answer, such as “According to the monument in the town square, where did General Whatshisface go after founding the City of Celebration?”
- Locations to send them to can include city cemeteries, utility departments, recreational facilities, etc.
- Ask for a signature from a downtown merchant, to engage local businesses.
- Make forms available at a central location, such as city hall or visitors center.
- Correctly completed forms should be turned in to the city and a drawing held to award a prize or prizes.
- If your city has a website, you may want to adapt the scavenger hunt to help educate your residents about the website.



Parade



Hold a parade of city equipment across all departments.

Tips

- To increase engagement, invite civic groups, schools to participate.
- Continue the festivities by concluding with a picnic in a city park.



Photo by Amanda Leftwich. The Grayson Day Parade, pictured here in 2022, now enters its 46th year!

5K/Fun Run



Get your people moving! Organize a fun-run and/or 5K that shows off your downtown and your Parks and Rec. Department.

Tips

- Invite local clinics or hospitals to provide wellness screenings and health information after the race.
- End the event in a city park with an equipment display or city festival.



Photo by Hahira Elementary School. Girls on the Run 5K coincides each year with Georgia Cities Week.

Storytelling Festival



Description

Invite members of your community, or specific age groups, to tell their story of your city through video, pictures or words. Use the annual theme of Georgia Cities Week as the theme for the contest, or choose a different theme or no theme.

Tips

- Publish videos on social media.
- Create a “screening party” event so the community can enjoy entries together.
- Alternatively, invite community members to appear in a panel and tell their stories to an audience.

Youth Outreach

Making an impact on children and teens.



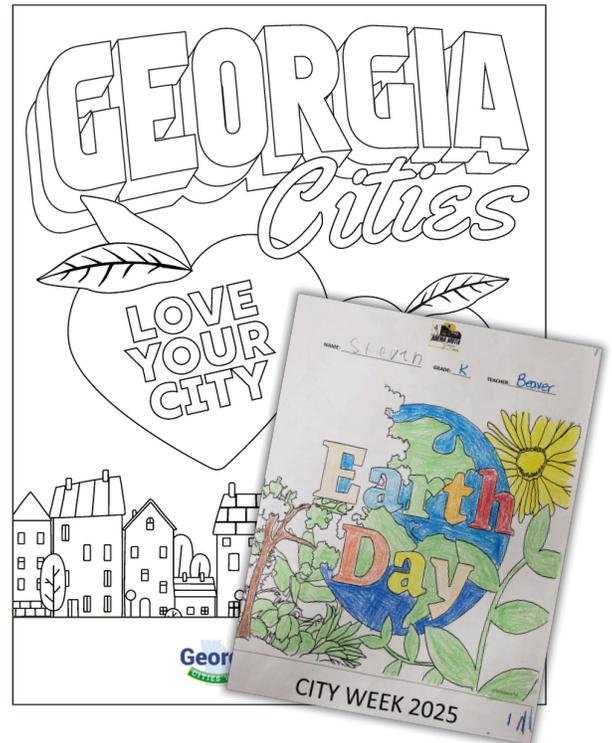
Art Contest

2   [Template](#)

Sponsor an art contest for children ages 5-12; display artwork at city hall.

Tips

- Ask local media, businesses and schools to help promote the contest.
- Six weeks ahead, begin soliciting art.
- Set a one-month deadline.
- Use the provided black and white Georgia Cities Week art or create your own theme such as:
 - "How My City Unites"
 - "How I See My City"
 - "Historical Buildings in the City"
 - "Services Cities Provide"
- Select committee (city employees, business owner, media) to pick winners.
- Select winners according to age groups.
- Honor winners at City Council meeting.



Use the provided Georgia Cities Week coloring sheet or create your own, like this one from Buena Vista.

Essay Contest

1  

Conduct an essay contest around the theme "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." or create your own. The responses provide insightful thoughts from the future of Georgia's cities!

Tips

- Select a grade to write essays (recommend 6th or 8th).
- Set deadline for essays to be turned in and publicize when and where they will be displayed.
- Choose selection panel to select winning essay(s).
- Recognize student(s) and parents at council meeting and award prizes.

“I would start by trying to prohibit homework for the entire city, because it is pointless and ineffective for students who already perform well in school.”

“If I Were Mayor” by Felipe Martinez
Age 11, Gainesville, GA
2nd Place Winner, 2023

Display City Equipment



Display city equipment, such as fire trucks, police cars, garbage trucks in one place (possibly a city park) where the public can view them.

Tips

- Have department head/mayor/council member on hand to answer questions.
- Announce through local and social media when the event will take place.
- Let residents know how city funds are spent by posting cost and years purchased on the equipment.
- Set up poster boards displaying responsible staff, required education/training, etc.



Photo by Natalie Thomas. Touch-a-truck in Commerce during 2022 Georgia Cities Week.

McDonough Main Street Day Party

In 2024, McDonough Square buzzed with community spirit as residents gathered for an afternoon of fun and connection. City personnel manned the grills, serving up hot dogs and hamburgers while attendees learned about city services. Local businesses participated in the celebration, including a paint party studio. Lawn games provided entertainment for all ages, and a caricature artist captured the lighthearted atmosphere with personalized drawings. It was a fun, memorable way to celebrate GCW!



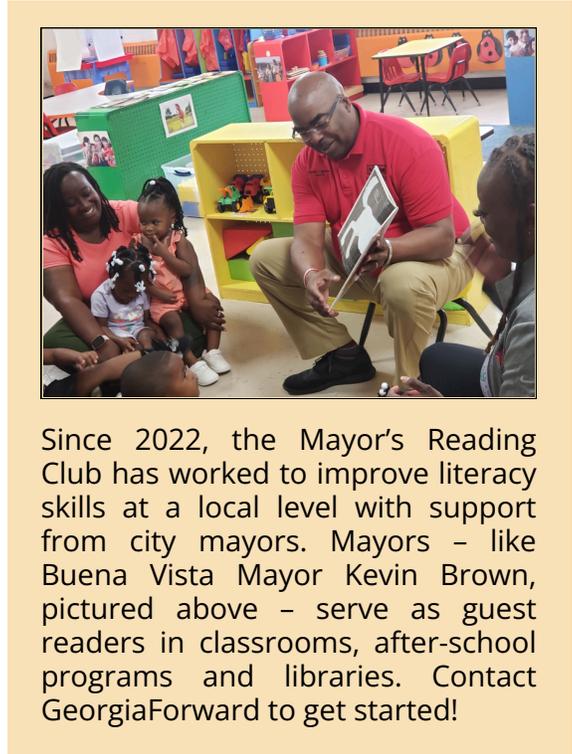
Storytime with the Mayor & Literacy Pledge

1 [Template](#)

Organize a special reading event where the mayor or a city leader reads a children's book to students at a local school or library.

Tips

- Feature a book related to civic engagement, leadership, or local history or one of the Georgia Caroline books:
 - *Georgia Caroline Visits City Hall*
 - *Georgia Caroline Visits Our Hometown Heroes*
 - *Georgia Caroline Visits the Water Treatment Plant*
- Provide small prizes for participants.
- End storytime with a Literacy Pledge Station:
 - Families sign a “Commitment to Reading” pledge, promising to read together regularly and improve literacy skills. See template.
 - Offer a take-home bookmark with suggested book lists and reading tips.
 - Consider partnering with the local library to register families for library cards on-site.



Since 2022, the Mayor’s Reading Club has worked to improve literacy skills at a local level with support from city mayors. Mayors – like Buena Vista Mayor Kevin Brown, pictured above – serve as guest readers in classrooms, after-school programs and libraries. Contact GeorgiaForward to get started!

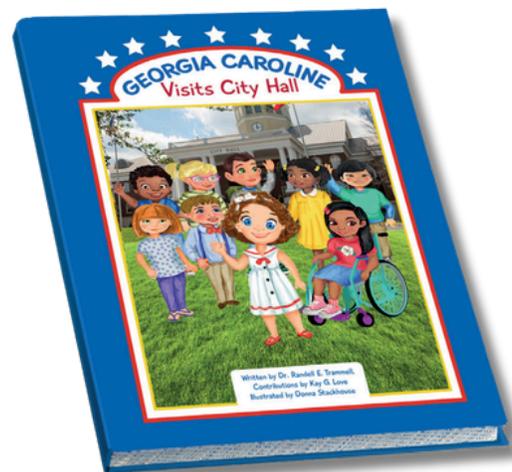
Georgia Caroline Story Walk

3 [Template](#)

Organize a Story Walk in a local park, downtown, or city facility using a book related to civic engagement, leadership, or local history or one of the Georgia Caroline books.

Tips

- Host a kickoff where the mayor or city official reads the book aloud.
- Provide themed activity sheets (coloring pages, discussion questions about city services).
- Encourage families to share photos using a city hashtag and provide information on the city’s Mayor’s Reading Club participation.
- End with a Literacy Pledge Station (see previous event).



Mock City Council Meeting



One of the most common forms of participation, allows students to experience city government.

Tips

- Begin with an election among junior/senior high school students for positions in city government. Or, teacher may assign positions.
- Students are given a real-life scenario and the various positions interested parties would have on the issue.
- Public officials, business leaders, neighborhood associations may visit classrooms in the week before the mock council meeting to discuss how they would respond to the scenario.
- The mock council meeting is usually held during a school assembly, with student “elected” officials conduct meeting, and participation of students designated as “department heads,” “public” and “press.”
- City officials and city staff may want to be present for mock council meeting to add support, visibility.

Alternate Concept

Another approach is for elected officials to host mock meetings at schools or city hall.

- Cities should prepare an agenda focused on student concerns like curfews or parks and recreation, distributing it at least a week in advance.
- If students will role-play as department heads, public members, or press, provide them with job descriptions, meeting responsibilities, and relevant concerns about agenda items.



Walnut Grove Students in Government Day

The city of Walnut Grove hosted its first-ever Students in Government Day on April 24, 2025. Elementary school students not only attended the city council work session, a select few sat beside councilmembers for the entire meeting! Students learned how to be leaders and how to voice their ideas. It was a memorable experience for everyone.

 Watch students participate in a Walnut Grove city council meeting on YouTube at @WalnutGroveGeorgia!

Career Day



Introduce high school students to the career opportunities available in city government.

Tips

- Schedule a career day at the high school through the school counselor's office or find out if a career day is already scheduled for juniors and seniors and if the city may participate.
- Work with City Manager or Human Resources Department to gather job descriptions/requirements for positions within city government.
- Ask department heads/employees to be on hand at career day to answer questions concerning what they do, what education/training is required.



Photo by Lauren Johnson. Canton hosts a CanTeen Job and Resource Fair at City Hall in honor of Georgia Cities Week.

Shadowing



Work with a junior high or high school to allow students to "shadow" city officials on the job.

Tips

- Contact civics/government teacher to discuss using shadowing as an aid to teaching local government.
- Pick one day where the students will be matched up with a department director (more than one student may be matched with city staffer).
- Week before date, provide students with job descriptions/requirements for city positions.
- Begin the day with a briefing at city hall and have the student(s) follow the department director in his/her duties for the morning.
- Meet again at lunch for a debriefing and a Q&A session.



Photo by city of Valdosta. A child enjoys testing out his skills on a fire hoses during a Georgia Cities Week activity with the Valdosta Fire Department.

Youth Council Activity: “Youth Voices in City Government” Panel



Host a Youth Leadership Panel & Discussion at city hall or a community center, featuring current and former youth council members, city officials, and local leaders.

Tips

- Invite local students (middle & high school) to hear from youth council members and city leaders about civic engagement.
- Panelists can discuss:
 - What a Youth Council does
 - How students can get involved in city government
 - Ideas for youth-led city projects
- Offer a Q&A session where students can ask questions and share their thoughts on how to improve their community.
- Provide information on how students can join or start a Youth Council in their city.



Photo by GMA. A teen speaks at the 2023 Youth Summit in Dublin. For more information about youth council programming, contact Georgia City Solutions.

Student Tours



Arrange tours of city hall and facilities for school groups.

Tips

- Have appropriate staff on hand to offer guided tours and answer questions.
- Provide flyers summarizing city department responsibilities and a tip sheet on who to call in the government.
- Provide cookies/punch for the public (ask a local retailer or chamber of commerce to sponsor refreshments).
- If holding an art contest (see next item), display art on walls during the open house.

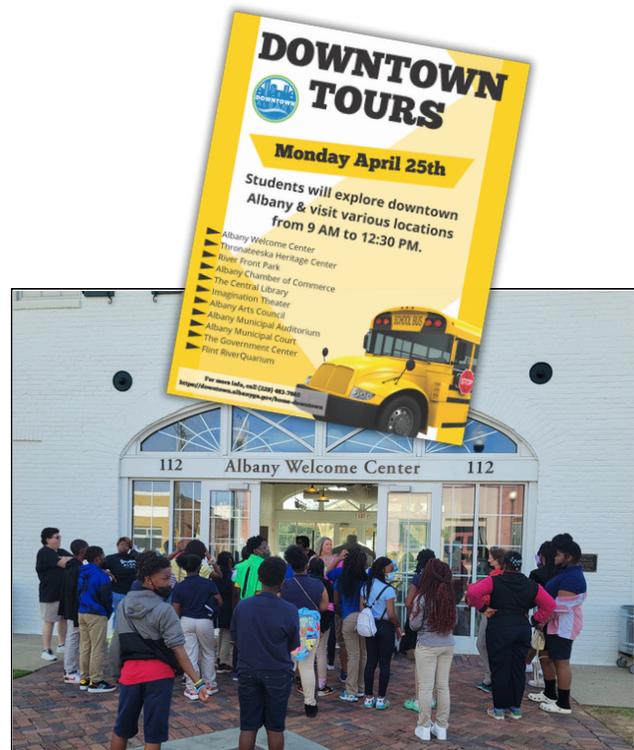


Photo by Krista Monk. Students in Albany explore downtown in 2022 during Georgia Cities Week.

Youth-Led City Priorities Roundtable



Invite members of your local Youth Council (or student leaders if a council doesn't yet exist) to facilitate a roundtable discussion with the mayor, councilmembers, and department heads focused on the future of the city.

How to Do It

- Youth leaders select 2–3 topics (parks, transportation, public safety, downtown development, etc.).
- Each youth facilitator leads a short discussion and captures key takeaways.
- Local officials respond with how decisions are made and what's feasible now vs. long-term. It is important to encourage youth to share their ideas on how these areas may be improved as well.

Tips

- Hold it at City Hall, a school, or a community space youth already frequent.
- Encourage officials to listen first, speak second.
- Share a short recap on social media highlighting youth voices during Georgia Cities Week. Be sure to tag GMA, GeorgiaForward, and use the appropriate hashtags.

“Day in the Life of City Leadership” Youth Takeover



Pair Youth Council members with local officials or department leaders for a structured shadowing experience during Georgia Cities Week.

How to Do It

- Youth attend a morning briefing, meeting, or site visit.
- Officials explain not just what they do, but why decisions matter.
- End the day with a group reflection or informal debrief with city leadership.

Tips

- Assign youth a simple reflection prompt: “What surprised you most about city leadership?”
- Invite youth to share insights at the next council meeting or on social media.
- Keep it small and meaningful, quality over quantity.

Another great way to engage in Georgia Cities Week is to launch the local Youth Council's Georgia Leads: Civic Literacy Project for America250. Download the guide and begin planning for this project with the local Youth Council.

Ready to start a Youth Council or need to brainstorm more ways to engage youth? Reach out to Tavori Turner at ttturner@gacities.com or 404-678-2669.

Young Professionals

Engaging future community leaders.



Happy Hour & Civic Chat

1

City officials host an informal meet-up at a local coffee shop or brewery where Young Professionals can drop in before work or after hours to ask questions, share ideas, and learn how city government works. No podium or PowerPoint needed, simply the presence of city officials, ready to chat with Young Professionals.

Why it works: This age group values access, authenticity, and casual networking. A relaxed setting lowers the barrier to civic engagement and humanizes local government.

Tips

- Hold it before 9 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m.
- Invite one or two department heads alongside elected officials.
- Promote through LinkedIn, Instagram, and partner organizations (YP groups, chambers, alumni associations).
- Encourage conversation around “What’s next for our city?” rather than formal presentations.

Civic Exchange

2



A 60–90 minute facilitated roundtable where Young Professionals discuss a few focused topics. Suggested topics include housing, transportation, downtown vibrancy, workforce, or quality of life, and offer input directly to city leaders.

Why it Works: Young Professionals want to feel heard and see how their ideas connect to real decision-making. This creates a clear on-ramp to civic involvement without requiring a long-term commitment.

Tips

- Cap attendance (20–30 participants) to keep discussion meaningful.
- Use small groups with a city staff “listener” at each table.
- Share a short post-event summary on social media highlighting themes and next steps.
- Consider hosting at city hall, a co-working space, or downtown venue.

Young Professionals’ City Experience Day

3



Host a lunch or dinner as a “thank you” to your legislative delegation. Point out some of the ways in which the state and local governments have partnered together to improve the community (through streetscapes, GEFA loans, DCA grants and loans, etc). Thank the legislators for any specific piece of legislation that they have sponsored or supported that has helped your city or cities in general. GMA Governmental Relations staff can give you some ideas for this if needed.



Capitol Ideas

Involve state leaders into your local celebration.



Special Invitations

1

Send special invitations to your state leaders to include them in your other Georgia Cities Week events as well. If you are honoring city employees or community volunteers, your legislators may also want to be present to express their congratulations as well. Also invite them to facility tours, equipment displays, open houses or any other event that will help them better understand how cities operate, and the many services cities provide. Be sure to include GMA as well! GMA's Governmental Relations staff should attend events with city officials and legislators.

City Tours

2



Take your senator and representatives on a tour of your city. Show them how grant funds have been used and progress the city has made; point out how your city addresses issues such as annexation, police and fire services, redevelopment and infrastructure improvements. While you will want to focus on the positive, don't be afraid to also indicate where your city needs the state's assistance. If there is more than one city in your county, you may want to team up to take your legislators on a tour of all the cities—make sure you coordinate in preparing an agenda, so you don't duplicate efforts! Also, invite someone from GMA's Governmental Relations Staff to accompany the tour.

Legislative Appreciation Dinner

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Hometown Connection

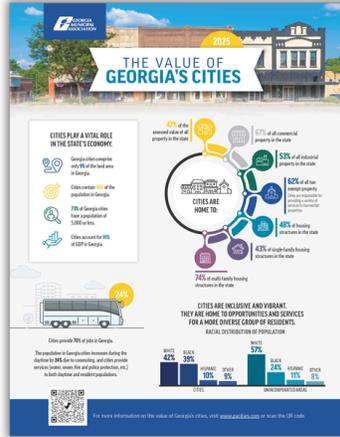
Hometown Connections, like this one in Port Wentworth in October 2025, cultivate strong relationships between city officials and state leaders as they work together to advance solutions that benefit all cities. Georgia Cities Week is the perfect time to schedule your local Hometown Connection! Learn how to host your event at gacities.com.

Templates

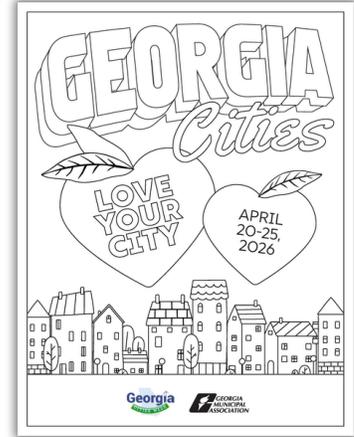
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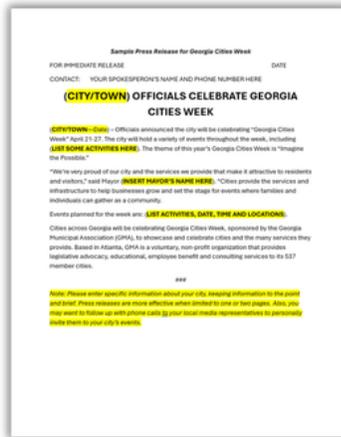
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Value of Georgia's Cities Flyer



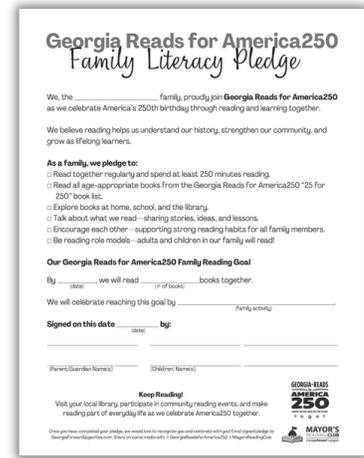
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Family Literacy Pledge



PowerPoint Title Slide

[Click to download these Social Media Templates](#)

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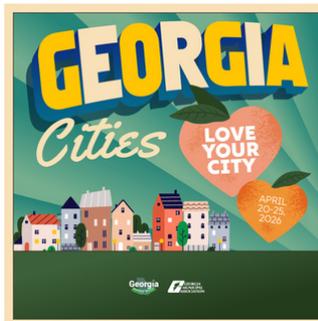
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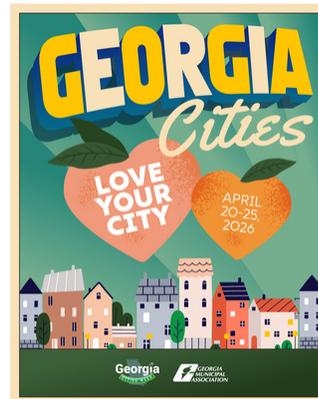
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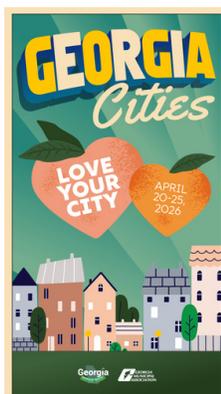
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF _____ RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 20-25, 2025, AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

WHEREAS, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of _____, Georgia, that the City of _____ declares April 20-25, 2026, as Georgia Cities Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of _____, Georgia, that the City of _____ encourages all citizens, City government officials, and employees to do everything possible to ensure that the week is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of April 2026

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

Georgia Reads for America250 Family Literacy Pledge

We, the _____ family, proudly join **Georgia Reads for America250** as we celebrate America’s 250th birthday through reading and learning together.

We believe reading helps us understand our history, strengthen our community, and grow as lifelong learners.

As a family, we pledge to:

- Read together regularly and spend at least 250 minutes reading.
- Read all age-appropriate books from the Georgia Reads for America250 “25 for 250” book list.
- Explore books at home, school, and the library.
- Talk about what we read—sharing stories, ideas, and lessons.
- Encourage each other—supporting strong reading habits for all family members.
- Be reading role models—adults and children in our family will read!

Our Georgia Reads for America250 Family Reading Goal

By _____, we will read _____ books together.
(date) (# of books)

We will celebrate reaching this goal by _____.
(family activity)

Signed on this date _____ by:
(date)

(Parent/Guardian Name(s))

(Child(ren) Name(s))

Keep Reading!

Visit your local library, participate in community reading events, and make reading part of everyday life as we celebrate America250 together.



Once you have completed your pledge, we would love to recognize you and celebrate with you! Email signed pledge to GeorgiaForward@gacities.com. Share on social media with #GeorgiaReadsforAmerica250 #MayorsReadingClub



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