

LOVE *your* CITY

Kids Activity Book

SOLUTIONS

HAVE FUN! LEARN ABOUT DECATUR!

Puzzles ▪ Word Search ▪ Maze ▪ More!



Celebrating
Georgia Cities Week
April 20-25 ▪ 2026

Can you make the City logo?

Cut out the correct shapes and all the letters to form the City of Decatur logo. Need a hint? Look at the cover of this booklet!

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About this booklet

This activity book, designed for school-age children, is filled with information about city services. We hope you learn about our City and have fun at the same time. For additional copies or to share ideas for next year's Kids Activity Book, please contact decaturfocus@decaturga.com or call 678-553-6540.

Georgia Cities Week is in April. Each city designs its own programs to highlight city services and activities. Decatur celebrates with this special Kids Activity Book.

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Public Works does so many things!



Thank You NYC!

Decatur Youth Council (DYC) contributed creative ideas to help make this Kids Activity Book better than ever. First row: Mayor Tony Powers, Izayn Umlani, Anju Park, Elia Mathew-Lewis (Co-Chair), Riley Pare, Rue Cooper. Second(ish) row: Malachi Bataille, Liza Tell, Tatum Herman, Mason Nobles, Claire DuVall (Co-Chair), Addy Duitsman. Third(ish) Row: Liora Yustein, Sonoma Oster, Austin Nobles, Allie Hogan, Karsyn Baker.

Search up, down, across and diagonally to find these 14 words about the services that Public Works provides for our city.

- Compost
- Sidewalks
- Recycling
- Trees
- Cleanup Days
- Touch A Truck
- Street Sweep
- Stormwater
- Street Mural
- Crosswalks
- Greenspace
- Sustainability
- Shredding Event
- Cemetery

The **Leveritt Public Works Building** is at 2635 Talley St.

It's named for the city's first woman commissioner and mayor pro tem Eloise T. Leveritt who served from 1957 to 1972.



I spy Fire/Rescue gear



Find the 16 hidden firefighter tools!

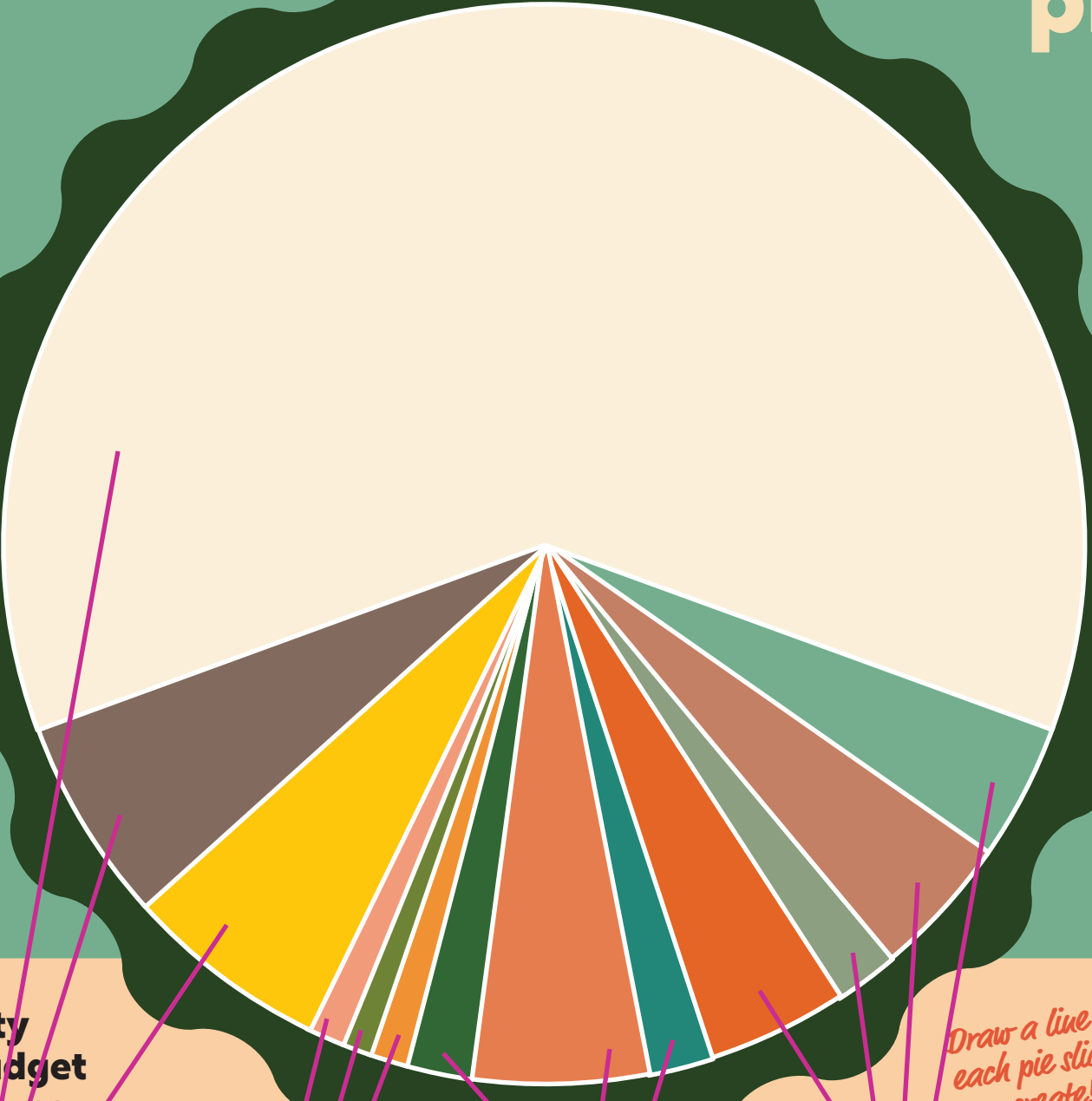
Search this drawing of Fire Station 1 on W. Trinity Place. Circle all the items you find, and check them off the list.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> Axe | <input type="checkbox"/> Turnout Coat | <input type="checkbox"/> Boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire alarm | <input type="checkbox"/> Trousers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire bucket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Halligan | <input type="checkbox"/> Extinguisher | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety vest | <input type="checkbox"/> Walkie-talkie | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire axe |

Slice up the budget pie

How much of the annual budget goes to city departments and services?

The schools' portion is shown. Can you divide the remaining piece of pie? Remember, the percentages must add up to 100%.



City Budget Items

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- City Schools **60%**
- Bond Fund **6%**
- Capital Improvement Fund **6%**
- Downtown Development Authority **1%**
- Solid Waste **1%**
- Storm Water **1%**
- General Government **2%**
- Administrative Services **5%**
- Community & Economic Development **2%**
- Police **4%**
- Fire **2%**
- Public Works **4%**
- Parks & Recreation **4%**

Draw a line to each pie slice you create!

Growing a legacy

The DYC planted blackberry bushes, pear trees and apple trees in 2019. Count the fruits to tally up the total they planted.



Blackberry

Pear

Apple

Total

26

+

19

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14

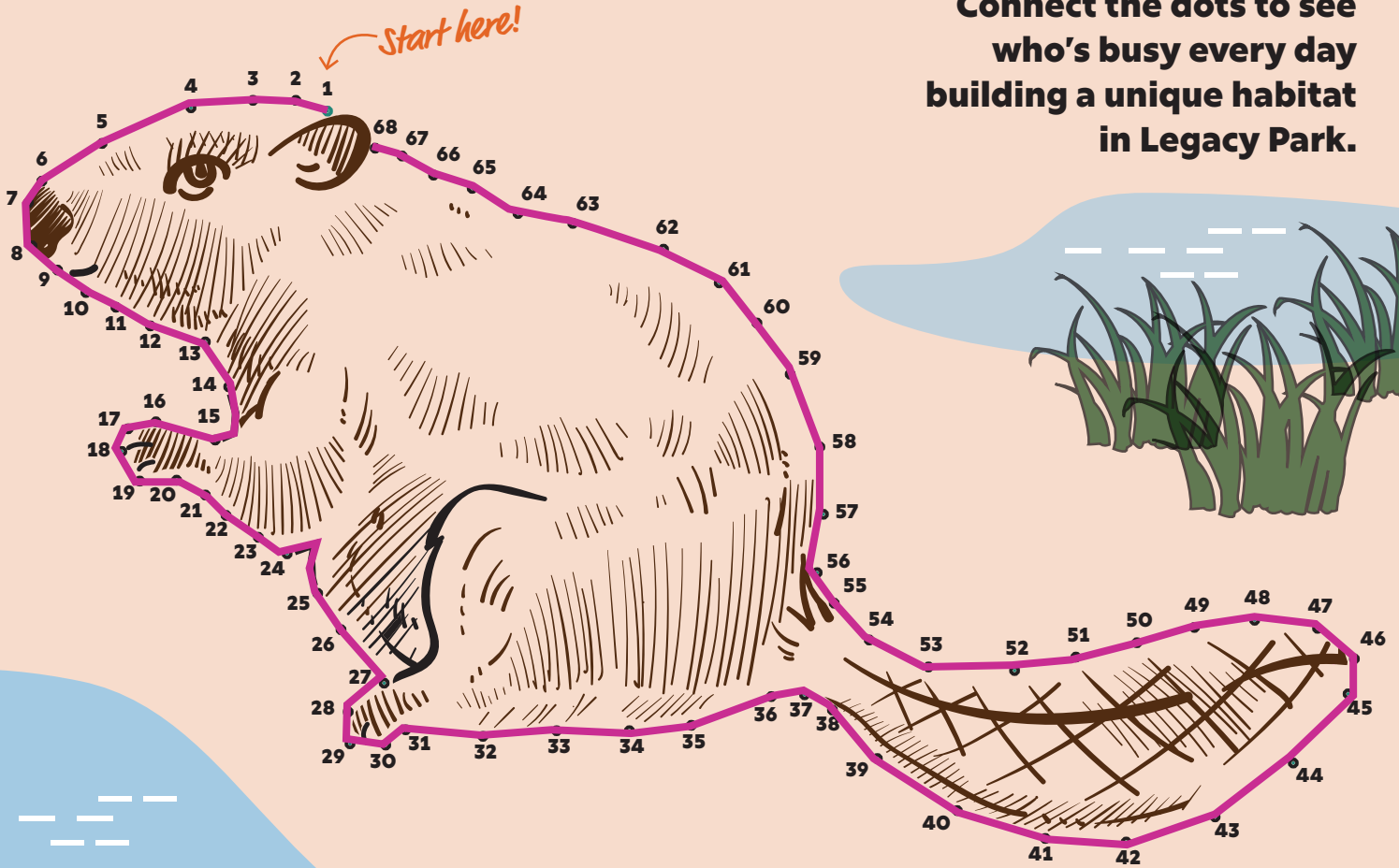
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The total number of fruit shrubs and trees planted represents the number of children who first lived at the property nearly 150 years ago. The Legacy Park Orchard commemorates the history of the land and its former occupants, and provides an orchard that feeds, teaches, and inspires the Decatur community.

Who lives in Postal Pond?

Connect the dots to see who's busy every day building a unique habitat in Legacy Park.



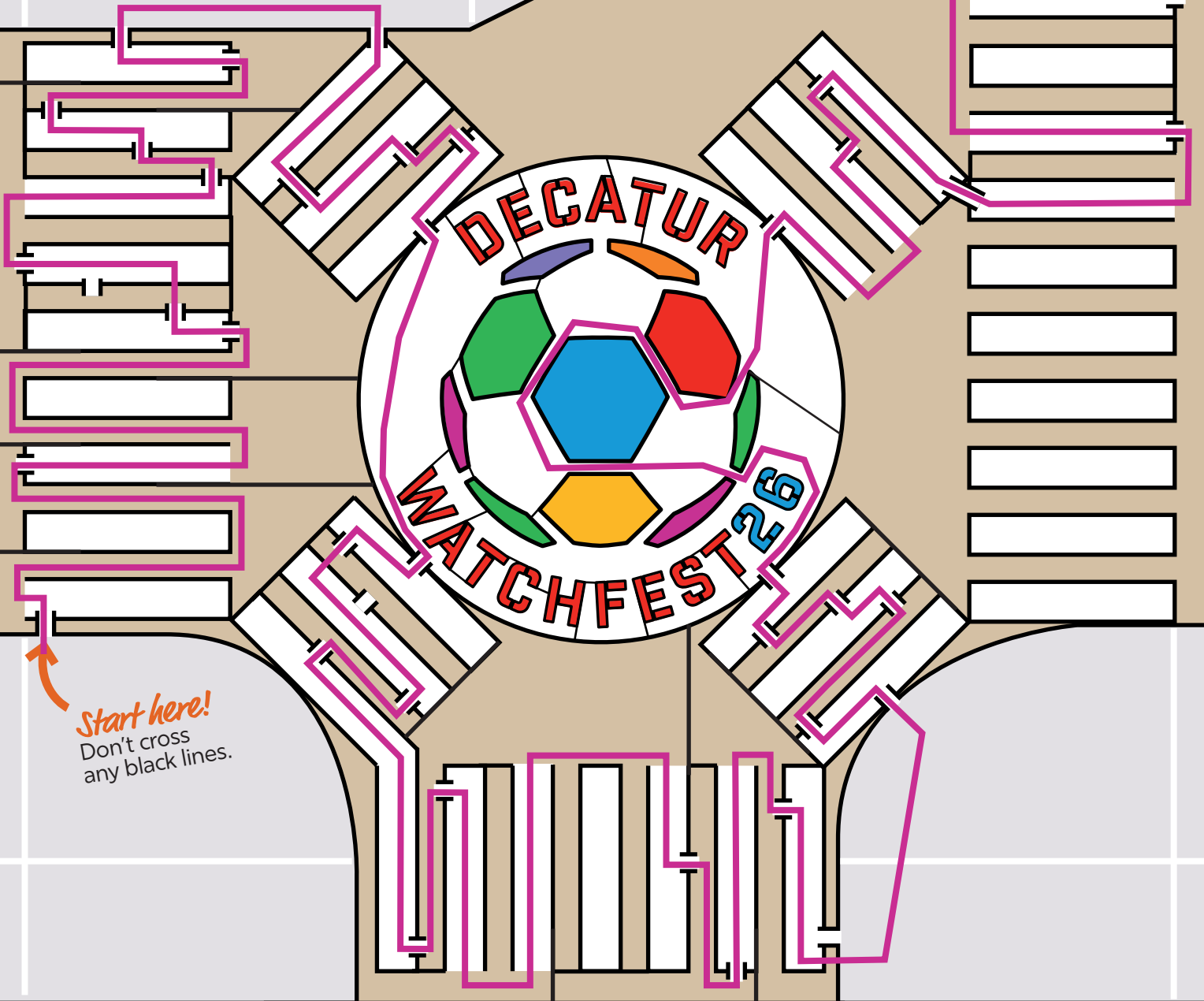
Castor canadensis is the largest rodent in North America, with a semi-aquatic lifestyle, webbed feet, and large, flat tail.

Five beaver dams make up the Legacy Park beaver complex. Sign up for a tour at legacydecaturpark.com!

A-maze your way through the crosswalk

Have you seen the super-size graphic on Church Street?

This way to WatchFest on the square



Start here!
Don't cross any black lines.

Look for the starting point and wind your way through the maze to get across Church Street. Watchfest events and activities are planned for the square starting June 11 through July 19. Get the details at decaturnwatchfest26.com.

Play along and try something new!

Be the U in community!

Be Involved

BINGO

Pick up litter

Thank a city worker

Research Decatur Youth Council

Research CFCI Teen leadership

Go to a community event or meeting with a grown up

Recycle

Walk and roll safely

Volunteer at an event

Share one idea with a grown up to make the city better

What's your best Decatur weekend?

Fill in the blanks to tell your
own Decatur weekend story



I start the day with

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Then, I (walk / roll / ride) to

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Along the way I notice

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When I arrive, I

.....

I say "Hello" to

.....

The best part is

.....

Then I head to

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At the end of the day we

.....

I show love for my city by

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WORD BANK

Places: park, pool, library, square, dog park, playground, trail

Things to see: trees, flowers, bikes, dogs, murals, sculptures, architecture

Fun: games, picnic, movie night, concert, shopping, icecream, pancakes

Meet your new Mayor and City Commissioners

**We asked our commissioners:
“What about Decatur first captured your heart?”**

Here are their answers!

Cheryl Kortemeier
Commissioner,
District 2

It’s the trees. I love Decatur’s tree-lined streets and shady parks. I grew up in a small town with lots of trees, and Decatur offered a very familiar sense of place thanks to our healthy tree canopy.”



Tony Powers
Mayor and Commissioner-at-Large

As a young teen living in Decatur, I always felt a deep sense of community and belonging considering when my mother and I moved to the city. Those interactions created the foundation for me when I started my own family. I knew it was where we belonged!”



Lesa Fronk
Mayor Pro Tem and
Commissioner, District 2

From the moment I came to Decatur, the people in the community captured my heart.”



Mark Arnold
Commissioner, District 1

I love to see all the different people on the square enjoying themselves eating, drinking, talking and being happy..”



George Dusenbury
Commissioner, District 1

What first captured my heart was that I could safely walk to everything – even a grocery store – and our kids could walk to school.”



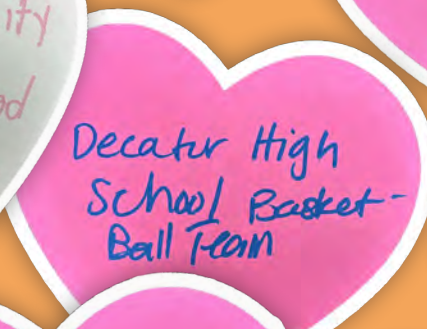
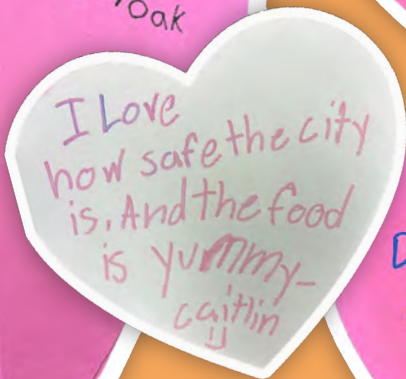
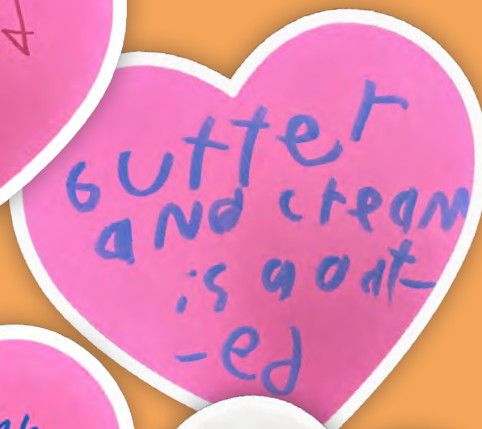
New mayor, new faces!

Congratulations to our new Mayor, Tony Powers. And welcome to our newest commissioners, Cheryl Kortemeier and Mark Arnold. Look for them around town and say hi!

Love notes to our city

We invited some of the youngest members of our community to share what they love about Decatur.

To celebrate Georgia Cities Week (April 20-25) and this year's theme, "Love Your City," the short love letters featured on this "heart wall" highlight the people, places and moments that help them feel at home.



I LOVE my City
because there's is
a school. I have
Friends!
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Parks

Cool
trees

clean

I love Jenney's
ice cream

B-side
Bagels

I love every-
thing!!
(except math!!)
-Emilia
Sizer

I LOVE my City
because of all the
fun festivals
-Destiny!!

The playgrounds

It has Love
and joy it
has hope

Skate parks
(pls add more)

I Love my city
because of
my SCHOOL
and my
FRIENDS!!
-Lenora.

I love my community
because of the nice
people.
✓

The Pet
Store

Glide
Pizza



What do *you* love about your city?

Write your own note and take it
to the Decatur Visitors Center so
we can share it on social media!



*Color
and clip!*

*What I like best
about Decatur is . . .*

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