

West Slope Regional Winner

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The Importance of Municipal Government.

Many young people in today's society are not aware of the many important services that a municipal government provides. Side walks, street lights, police, firemen, and many other things are provided by the municipal government. The mayor is in charge of the municipal government along with seven to nine council members or trustees. Their job is to make ordinances for the health, safety, and well-being of the people. Now if I were mayor I would explain the importance of a municipal government through a short film.

The film would help to tell young children about municipal government and how important it is to have. It would start out by showing the viewers what the world would be like with out all the things a municipal government provides. Basically it would be a world with out police, firemen and sewer systems. All the things that make our houses safe like fire alarms would not be in our houses. Because the municipal government creates the building codes.

Next it would tell the viewers about how municipal government helps the people and why it's important. The municipal government run by the mayor of the town or city helps provide us with the things that help us stay safe. They organize the city and keep it clean. For example they make sure that schools, nursing homes,

and other buildings have fire alarms, sprinklers and ect. And if those fire alarms happen to go off they provide us with firemen and medical care.

Last it would tell the viewers about how all the stuff the municipal government gives us is paid for. The municipal government uses our taxes to pay for the services that they give the residents of the town or city. Taxes are the money that the people pay to the government for services such as streets, sewers, police, firemen, libraries, and more. With out taxes the municipal government would not be able to pay for all the things that they provide us with. The municipal government collects two kinds of taxes property taxes and sales taxes. Property taxes are payed yearly by everyone who owns property the more the property is worth the more money the owner has to pay for property taxes. Sales taxes are payed every time you buy a product from a store you get an initial price plus an additional amount of money called a sales tax.

That's how I would tell people about a municipal government if I were mayor. If you don't like how your government runs you can attend town meetings, exercise your right to vote, or even run for the office of mayor.