

SOLUTIONS

# Kids Activity Book



Learn about the city with us!

Check out the puzzles and activities!

Have fun!



trivia • counting • dot-to-dot • coloring • puzzles • mazes • survey • drawing • wining

# Colorful Community

Use the crayon key to color in the city logo.

# City of Decatur®



## Note to families and educators

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 make suggestions for next year's Kids Activity Book, please contact [decaturfocus@decaturga.com](mailto:decaturfocus@decaturga.com) or call 404-371-8386.

## What is Georgia Cities Week?



Georgia Cities Week is in April each year, and the theme this year is "True Colors." Each city in Georgia designs its own programs to highlight city services and activities. Decatur celebrates Georgia Cities Week with this special Kids Activity Book.

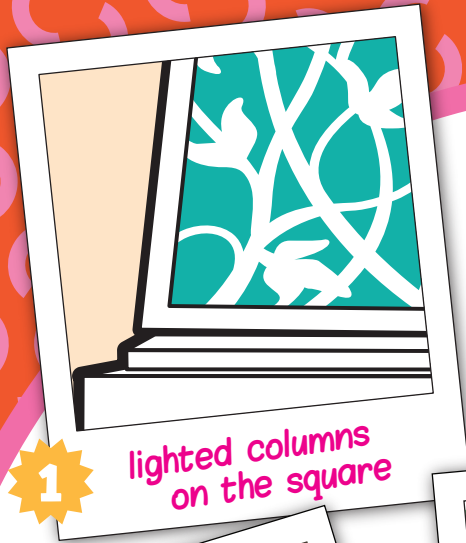
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Visit [decaturga.com/kidsactivitybook](http://decaturga.com/kidsactivitybook) for answers and solutions.

# Found Around Town

*Look closely!* Can you identify these details from around our city? Write in your answers on the cards.



If you don't know these off the top of your head, tool around town on a scavenger hunt!

*Around town tip:*  
Look high and then low for numbers 2 and 5.



# How Green Is Your Family?

Take this survey and see how the little things you and your family do every day can really add up!

			Score
	Reduce, reuse, recycle	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Turn off the lights when you leave a room	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pick up after pets	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Compost leaves, grass clippings, vegetable trimmings	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Walk, bike, scooter, MARTA more than drive in cars	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Unplug TV, computer, and sound system when not in use	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Turn water off when brushing teeth	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Grow your own food at home	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use reusable bags when grocery shopping	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Eat litter-free lunches	Yes   Sometimes   Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes = 5 points  
 Sometimes = 3 points  
 Not Yet = 1 pt

Add it up here! ..

Total

*How did you do?*

- 41-50 Points: Excellent!
- 31-40 Points: Outstanding!
- 21-30 Points: Well done!
- 11-20 Points: Keep at it!
- 10 Points: Don't give up!

# Got a Plan?

Every family should have a plan for emergencies like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fire. Does your family have a plan? Use this handy checklist to review it, or to get your family started.

## CHECKLIST: Family Emergency Management Plan

*Does my family have:*

- Smart911 profile
- Tornado siren response plan
- Emergency kit with enough supplies for three days for each person in the household
- Supplies for pets
- Police and fire non-emergency telephone numbers
- Meetup spot in case of an emergency when the family is separated
- Two safe ways for each family member to exit from their bedrooms
- Escape plan from the house
- Safe place where family members meet if all must leave the house in the event of an emergency (mailbox, neighbor's house, etc.)

When you pack your emergency kit, remember your pets need to be prepared, too!

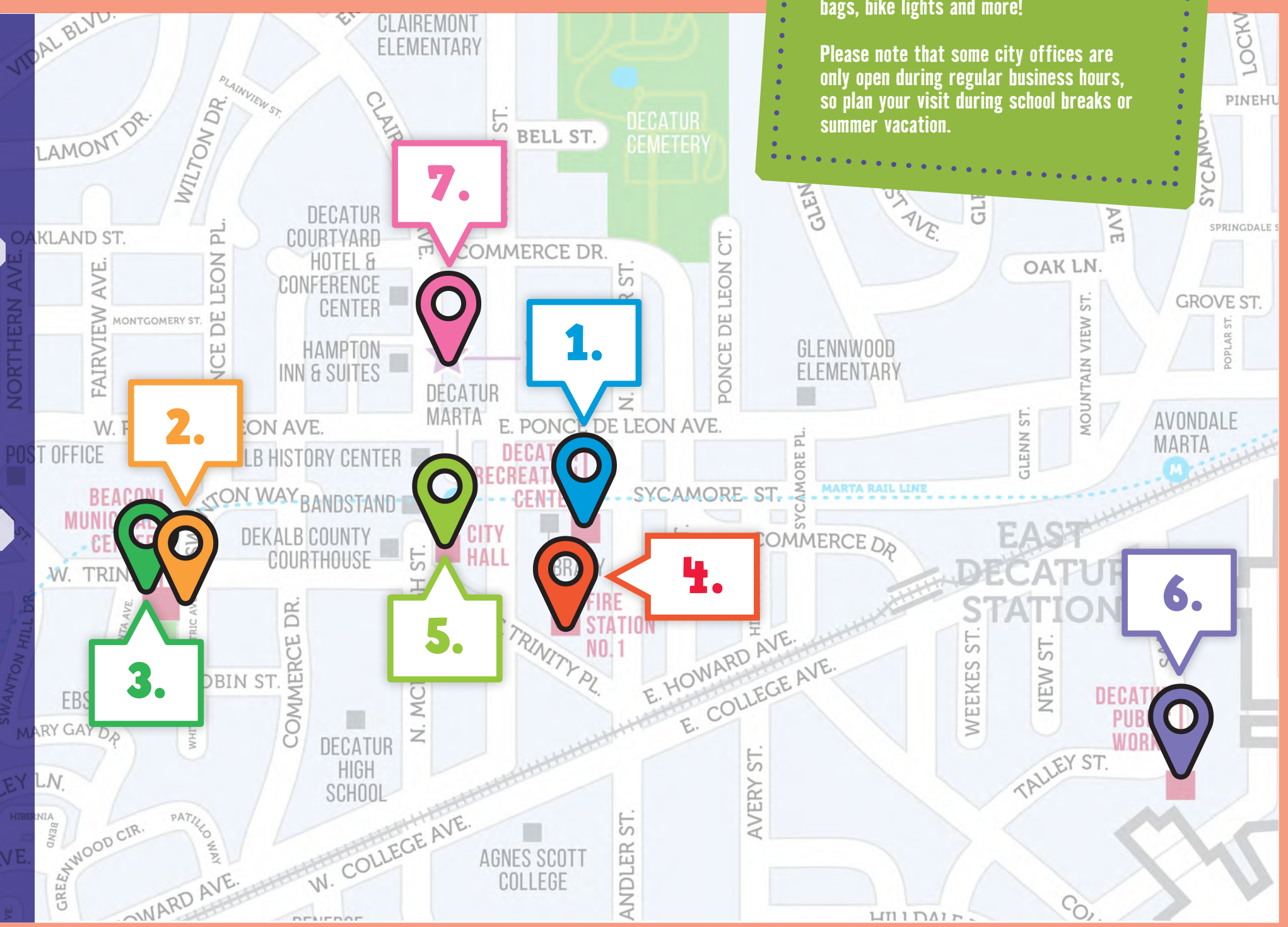


# Know Your City Services

Grab a favorite grownup and head out to visit each city facility shown here. Fill in the blanks on the quiz and pick up a special prize at each location . . . pencils, swag bags, bike lights and more!

Please note that some city offices are only open during regular business hours, so plan your visit during school breaks or summer vacation.

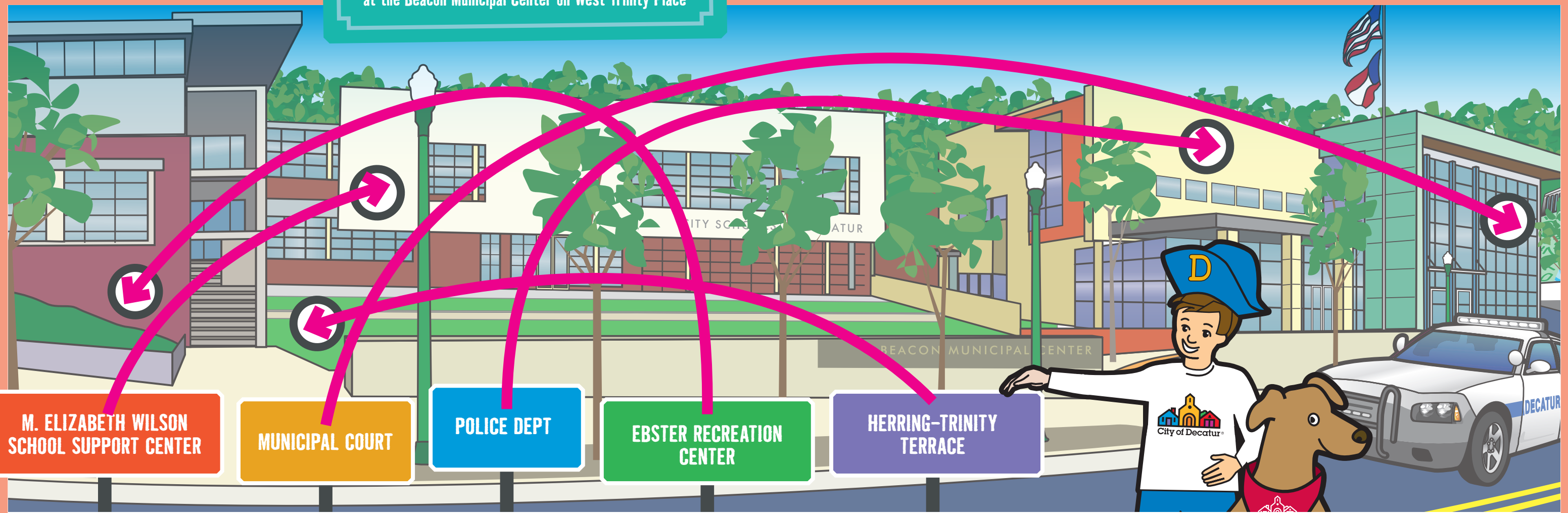
- 1.** Climb a tree, shoot some hoops, take a swing . . . where am I?  
**Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St.**
- 2.** Where can you read and learn about Decatur's historic African-American Beacon community and play basketball in the same building? Where can you find the former Beacon Elementary School and Trinity High School?  
**Active Living/Ebster Recreation Center, 105 Electric Ave.**
- 3.** What's blue and white with a cherry on top? Where can you go to meet a Decatur municipal court judge?  
**A Decatur police car at the Decatur Police Dept., and Decatur Municipal Court, 420 W. Trinity Pl.**
- 4.** Where can you see a pole used to get down from the second floor? You can also take CPR/first aid classes and learn about many other prevention services offered here.  
**Fire Station 1, Decatur Fire and Rescue, 230 E. Trinity Pl.**
- 5.** Where can you apply for a job, pay property taxes, get a film permit, attend a city commission meeting or speak to the city manager, all in one place?  
**Decatur City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St.**
- 6.** Where does Decatur keep its big street sweeper, mini street sweeper, garbage truck, back hoe, bulldozer, littervac, pickup truck and dump truck?  
**Decatur Public Works, 2835 Talley St.**
- 7.** Where do you go for a warm welcome, to get friendly information about what's happening in Decatur, and to buy city logo t-shirts?  
**Decatur Visitors Center, 113 Clairemont Ave.**



# Beacon Hill Today and Yesterday

Today's Beacon Municipal Center houses city services. There is even an outdoor screen for showing movies on the terrace! Permanent indoor and outdoor exhibits tell the Beacon story. Look for new street sign toppers that commemorate the location of the Beacon Hill community.

Draw a line to show which sign goes with each building at the Beacon Municipal Center on West Trinity Place



## Major Beacon milestones

- **1830**  
• First census of Decatur reports 8,388 whites, 1,669 enslaved, and 17 free persons of color.
- **1865**  
• The Civil War ends, and Decatur's freed slaves settle in "the Bottom," later called Beacon Hill.
- **1902**  
• Rev. Allen A. Wilson opens Decatur's first school for African-Americans in a lodge hall.
- **1933**  
• Herring Street School begins teaching grades 9-12.
- **1957**  
• Trinity High School opens with Albert J. Martin as principal.
- **1961**  
• Baseball legend Jackie Robinson visits a standing-room only crowd at Decatur's Thankful Baptist Church to support desegregation efforts.
- **1965**  
• Decatur High School is integrated by 26 African-American students. Trinity High closes in 1967, and remaining students go to Decatur High.
- **1993**  
• Elizabeth Wilson, Decatur's first African-American city commissioner, is elected mayor by the Decatur City Commission.
- **2016**  
• Beacon Municipal Center opens on the site of Beacon elementary and Trinity High. A permanent exhibition documents the Beacon community.

# Connect with Art

Start Here!

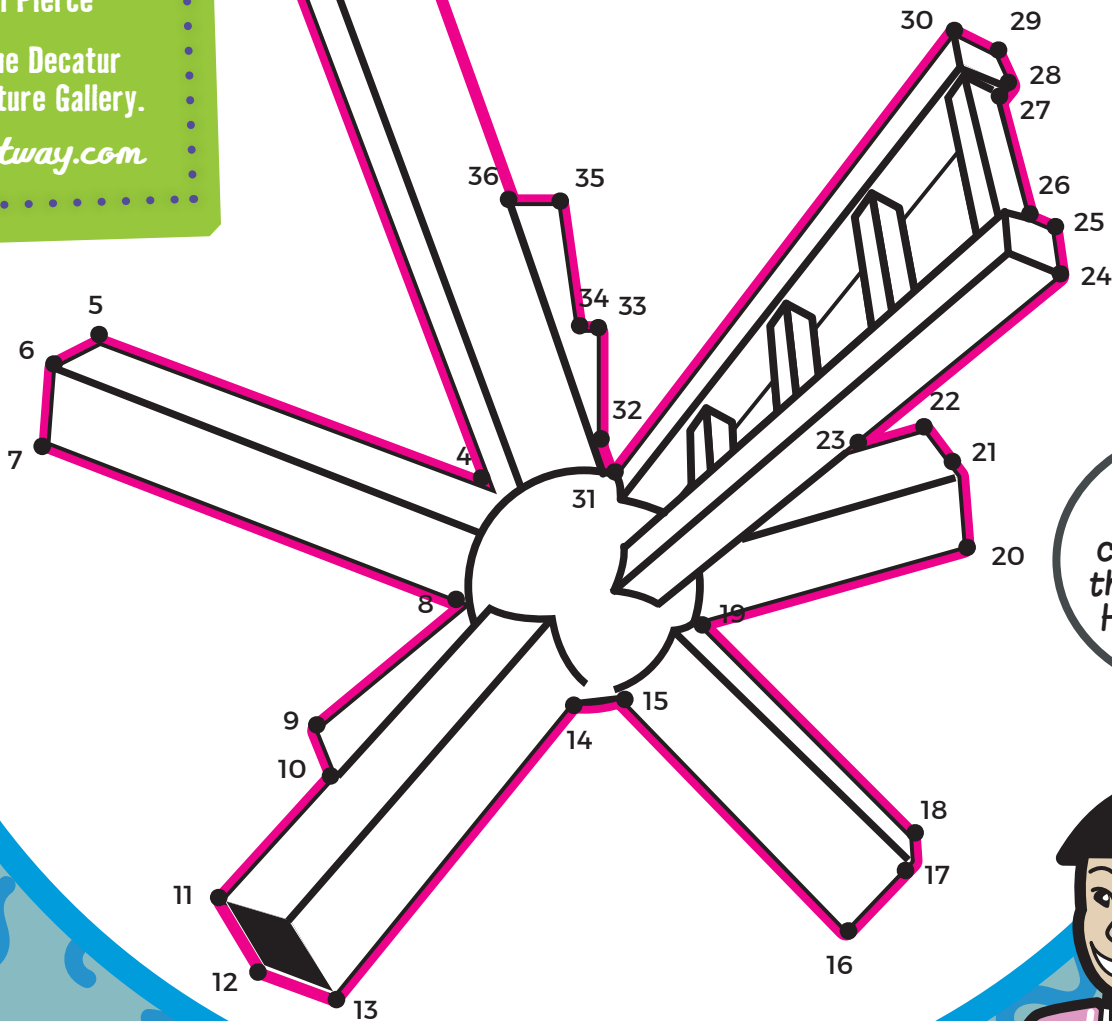
Go dot-to-dot to see one of Decatur's outdoor sculptures! When you're done, color it in! 🌸

Title: Dreamsicle

Artist: Nathan Pierce

It's part of the Decatur Artway Sculpture Gallery.

[decatuartway.com](http://decatuartway.com)



Need a color hint? See this sculpture in Harmony Park!





# Planning Legacy Park



*Where  
is Legacy Park?*

Nature trails, sports fields, gardens, wildlife habitats, music and theater – so many possibilities for Legacy Park.

*Sketch your ideas  
on this map!*

North

500 S. Columbia Dr.

Bring your idea map by the Visitors Center at 113 Clairemont Ave. and get a prize!



# Safety on the Square

Circle the Kids who are following the safety rules for walking and rolling.



## Do

- Wear a properly fitting helmet
- Wear bright or reflective colors
- Ride appropriate-size bike
- Walk your wheels on sidewalks
- Ride with an adult when possible
- Use hand signals

## Don't

- Ride without a helmet
- Ride on sidewalks
- Ride a bike too large or small
- Turn without checking
- Wear dark colors or loose clothing that can catch in wheels and chains

# Playing and Planting

So many ways to be active!

Connect the activities to the Decatur Active Living parks and recreation centers.



## What's Growing On?

Circle the items that belong in the Scott Park Community Garden plot.



# Count on the City Budget



What does each penny in a city budget dollar pay for?

Gather 100 pennies and stack them up for each budget category.



City Schools  
56¢



Solid Waste  
3¢



Bond Fund  
8¢



Capital Improvements  
4¢



Downtown Development Authority  
1¢



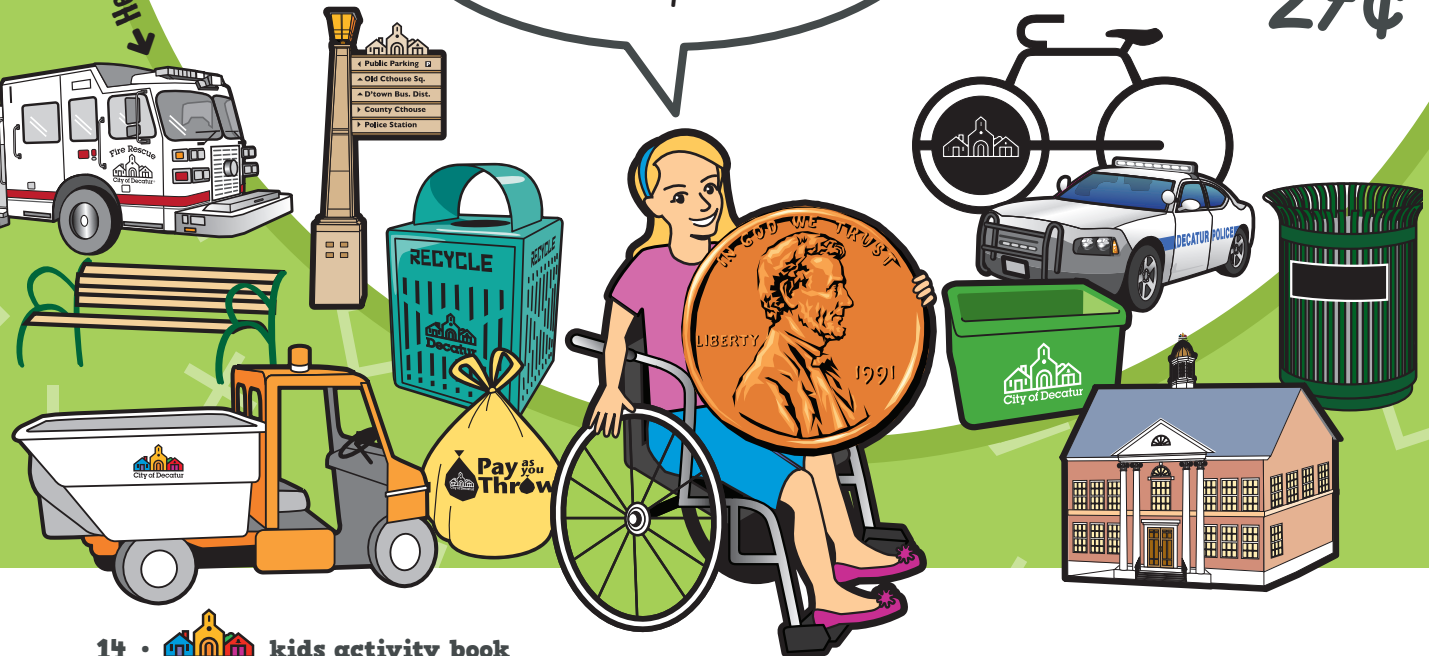
Stormwater  
1¢



City Government General Fund  
27¢

Take a photo of yourself with your penny stacks and send it to [info@decaturga.com](mailto:info@decaturga.com) or bring it by the Visitors Center for a prize!

Here are a few of the many services funded by the budget



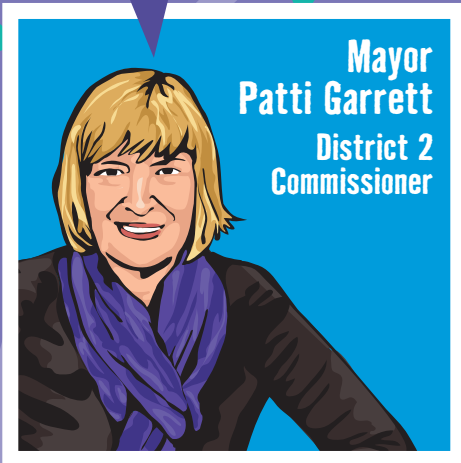
# Commissioners in Color

Each commissioner has a favorite color in the city logo. Unscramble the word bubbles to find out what they are!

EULB  
BLUE

DRE  
RED

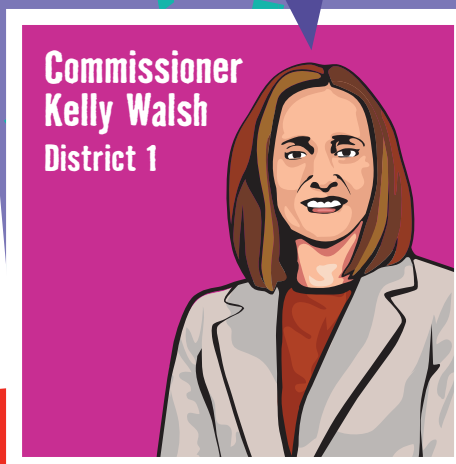
ERENG  
GREEN



PLEPUR  
PURPLE

KNIP  
PINK

ANGERO  
ORANGE



Our 5 elected commissioners make decisions for the city. The city manager makes sure these things get done.

# Draw a Family "Felfie"

Draw a picture of you and your family at your favorite place in Decatur.

Bring your drawing to the Decatur Visitors Center for a prize!

