



KIDS

ACTIVITY BOOK

Have Fun! Learn About Your City!

Puzzles • Word Search • Maze • More!

celebrating

Georgia Cities Week:
"Soaring to New Heights"

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DECATUR: A COLORFUL COMMUNITY

Use the crayon key to color your city's logo.



City of Decatur®

all letters = 9

THANK-YOU DYC!



Decatur Youth Council (DYC) contributed creativity and ideas that helped to make this Kids Activity Book better than ever.

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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 make suggestions 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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MAP YOUR WAY to a NEW WALKWAY

Can you map your way to the new walkway connecting Legacy Park and Talley Street? It's on S. Columbia Drive in southeast Decatur.

You can ignore the labels that cross your path, but find a way around the barricades and roads closed signs that block your way.

START at the pink star next to City Hall, and **STOP** at the red star near Legacy Park!



tip!

Pick a nice day, grab your favorite grownup, and walk or roll over to try out the big, new walkway near Legacy Park on S. Columbia Drive.

MAKE A PLAN *for the* SQUARE

Exciting changes are coming to Decatur's downtown square. What are your ideas? Get creative and draw them here! Then, bring your drawing to the Decatur Visitors Center at 113 Clairmont Ave. for a prize!

Visit decaturga.com/towncenterplan2.0 (see page 96 of the plan) for more information.



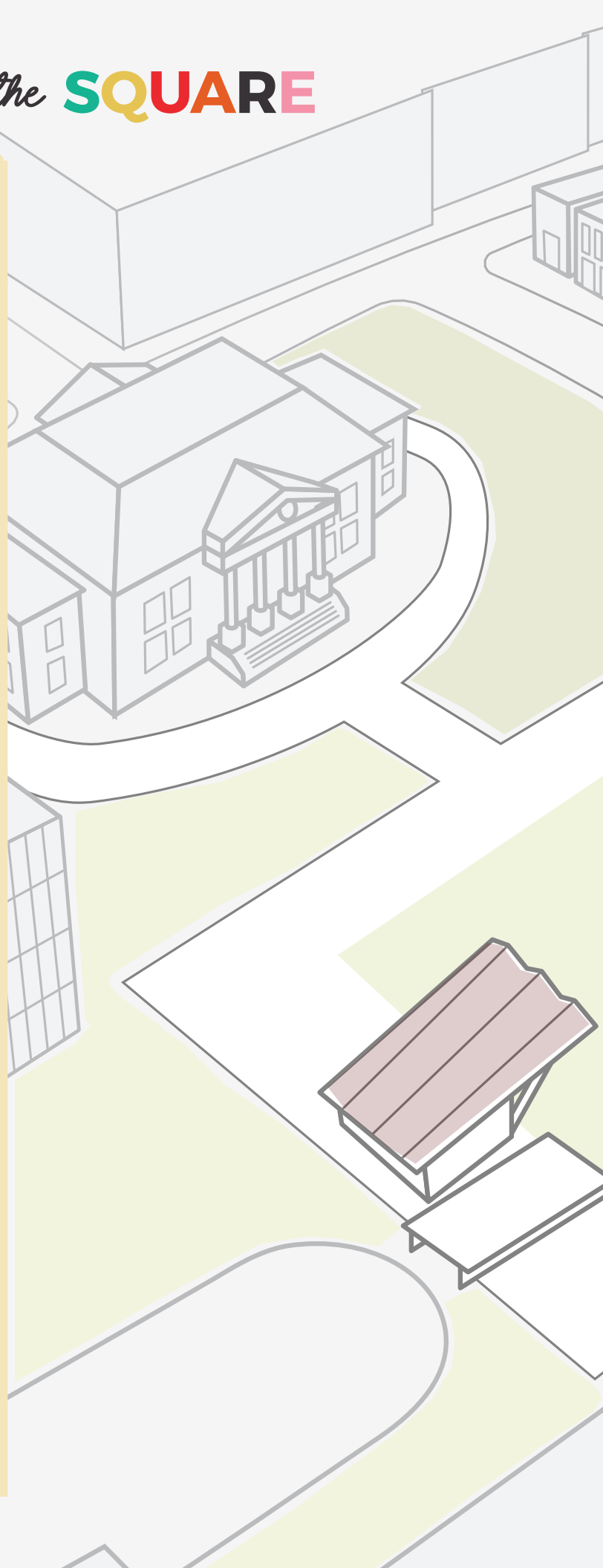
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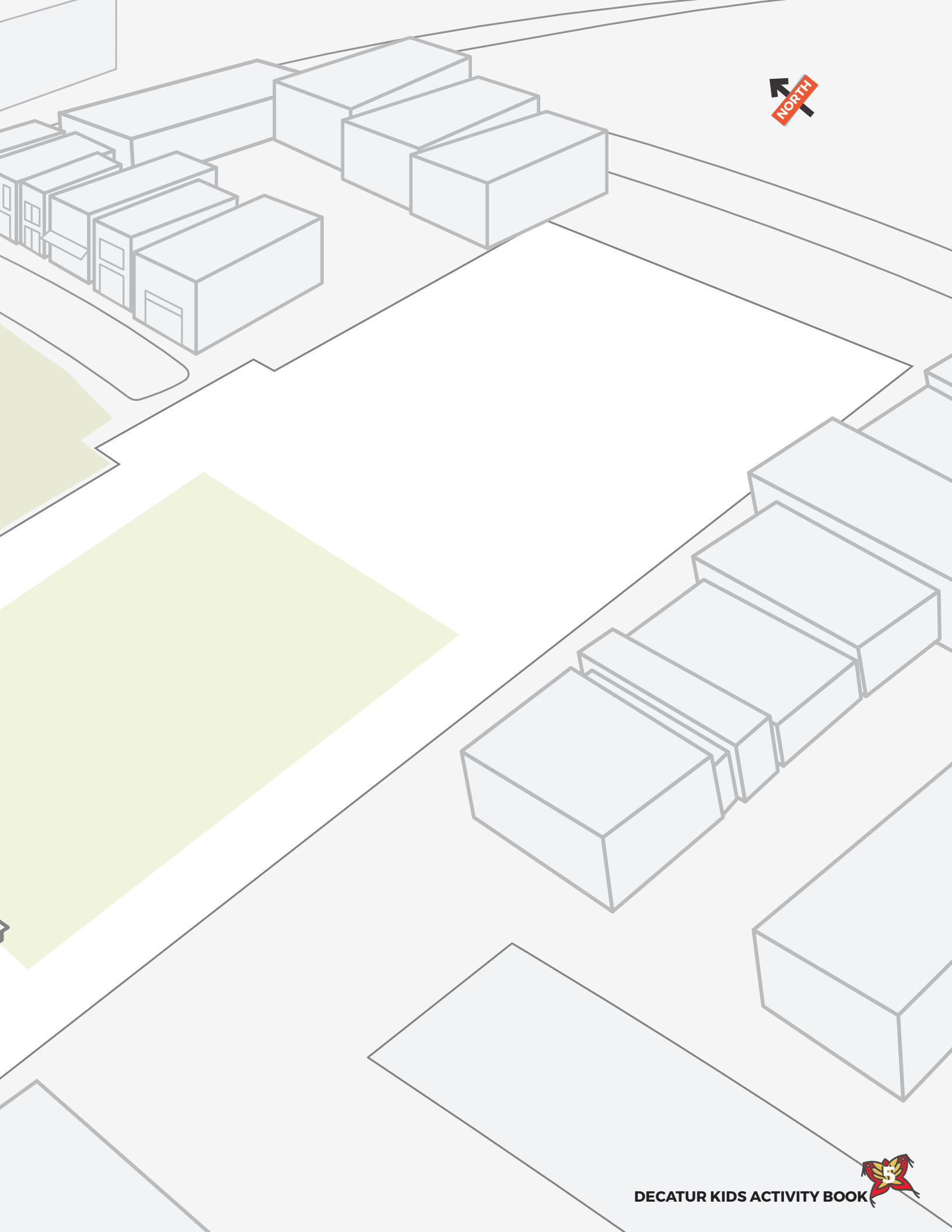


PROPOSED MUSIC STAGE

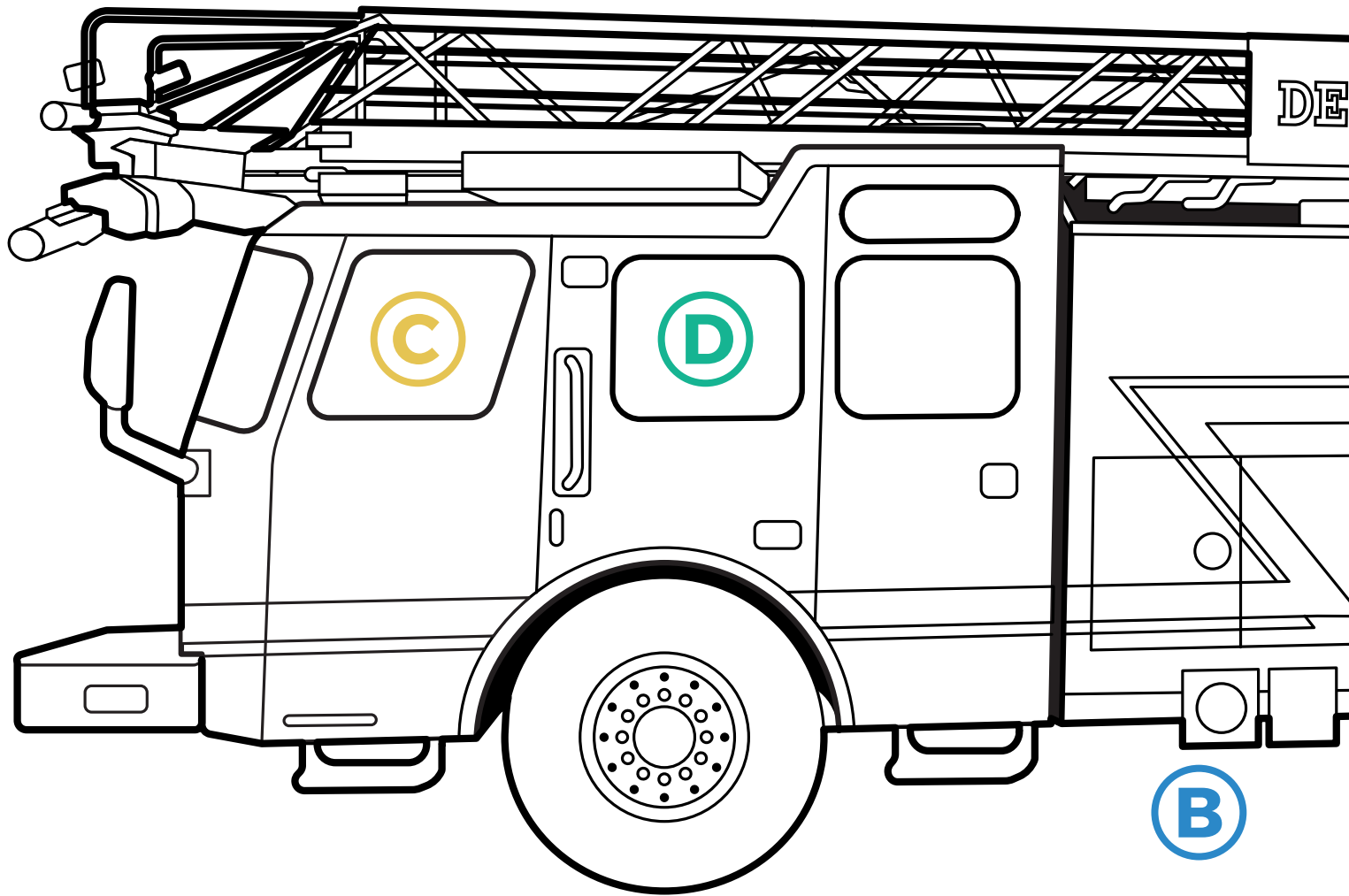


PROPOSED SEATING AREAS





ALL ABOUT *the* FIRE TRUCK



A **LADDER TURNABLE** | Allows the ladder to swivel 360 degrees. The driver stands on the turntable and the control panel rotates with them so they always face the tip of the ladder.

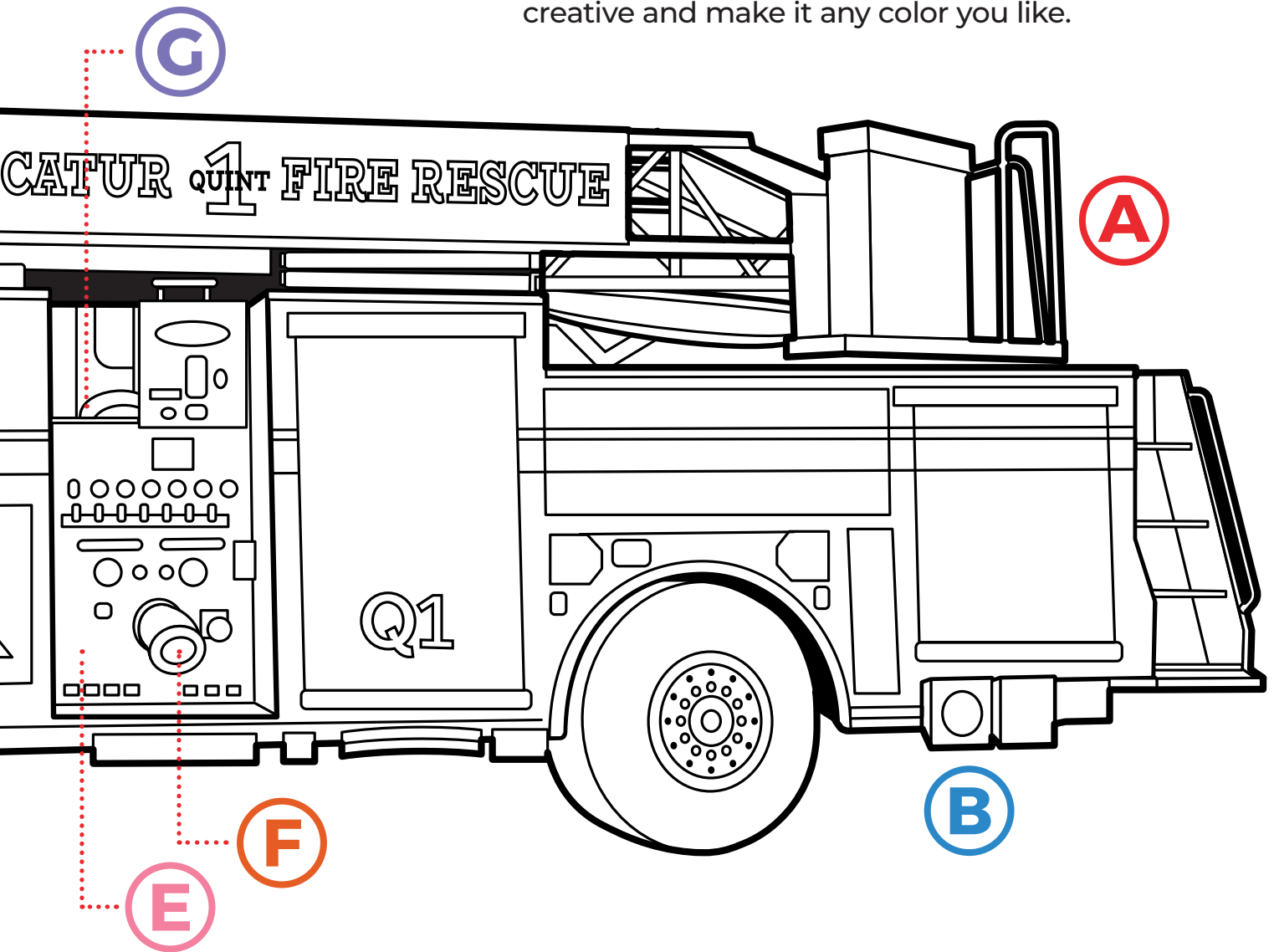
B **HYDRAULIC OUTRIGGERS** | The “legs” that come out of both sides of the truck to stabilize it and keep it from tipping over when the ladder is in use because it’s so long and heavy.

C **DRIVER SEAT** | The driver is a firefighter with hundreds of hours of training to safely operate a firetruck on the roadway, and the know-how to operate the aerial ladder, and pump water to the firehoses.

D **FIREFIGHTER SEAT** | Where the firefighters sit, in the cab, behind the driver.

Decatur's biggest fire truck is called the Quint 1. The letters show some important features of this vehicle.

Color it! Since Decatur's fire vehicles are white, get creative and make it any color you like.



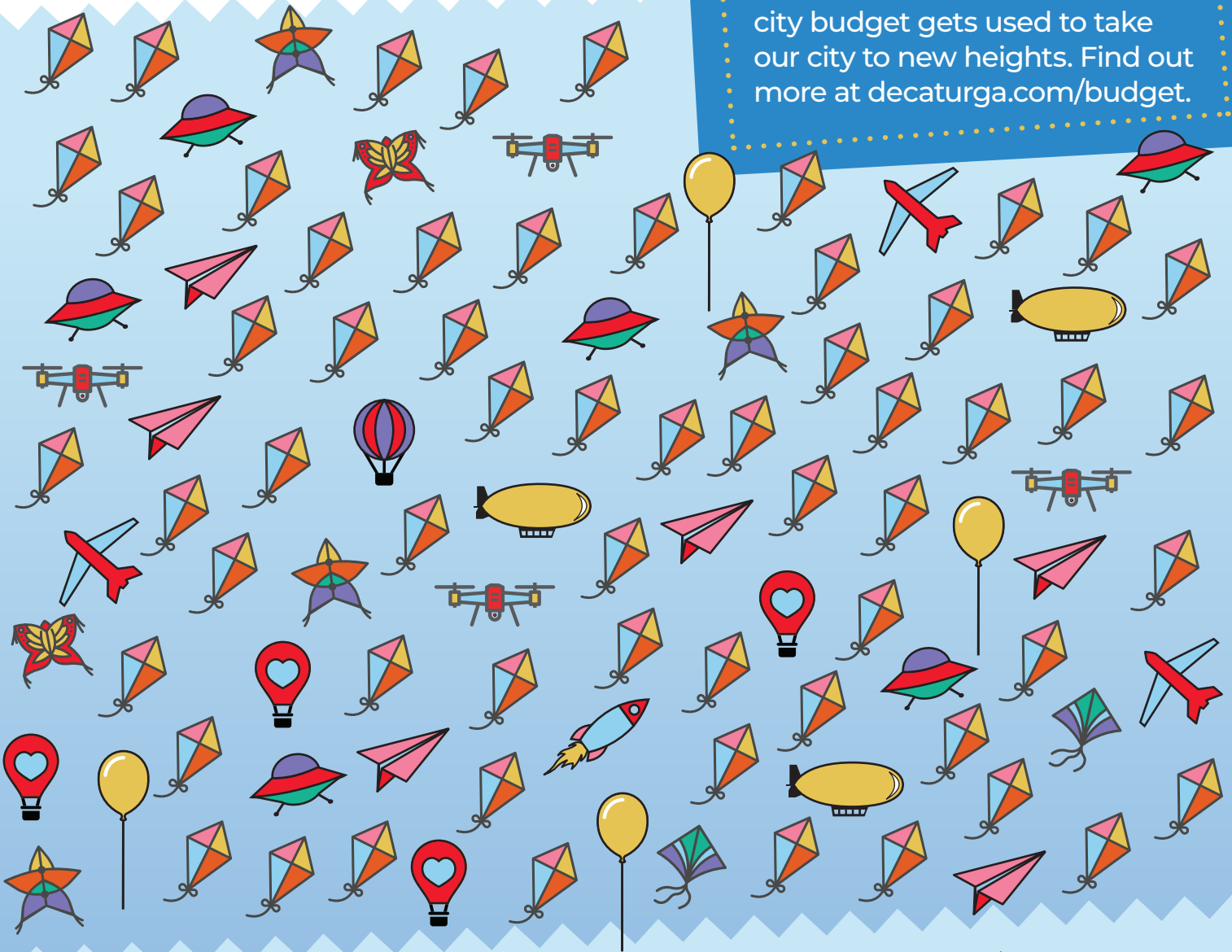
E PUMP PANEL | Has levers that are pulled to send water from different hoses or to open intakes from hydrants or other trucks. It has buttons to raise and lower the pressure of the water and send more gallons.

F INTAKE FOR HYDRANT | Connects to fire hydrant or other water source that goes into the fire truck and fills the tank.

G ATTACK HOSE LINE | Pumps the water directly out of the tank using a fire hose to fight the fire. It's 200 feet long and made of four 50-foot sections. Each section is 1.75 in. in diameter and is a different color to easily identify in the field. A 2.5-inch hose is for larger fires or to protect structures from the outside.

A BUDGET that HELPS OUR CITY SOAR

Each flight icon represents a penny in a city budget dollar. Count the icons to see how the city budget gets used to take our city to new heights. Find out more at decaturga.com/budget.



 City Schools 60

 Community & Economic Development 2

 Fire/Rescue 4

 Solid Waste 3

 General Government 2

 Police 3

 Stormwater 1

 Public Works 4

 Downtown Development Authority 1

 Capital Improvements 6

 Parks and Recreation 4

 Administrative Services 4

 Bond Fund 6

HINT: Does it tally up to 100?
Total: 100

FIND OUR A-MAZING PARKS

Decatur has a multitude of parks and green spaces all around our city, from public gardens, pocket parks and playgrounds to Legacy Park's wide open spaces.

Trace a route around the map that takes you by each one. You can ignore the labels that cross your path, but find a way around the light gray barricades that block your way.



PICK a JOB, ANY JOB

What do you want to be when you grow up? Decatur has many interesting careers. Cut and fold this "fortune teller" to see the possibilities. Visit decaturga.com/jobs to find out more.

cut-cut-cut



A circular "fortune teller" divided into eight colored segments, each representing a different career. The center contains the text "Discover more about all the jobs available at decaturga.com/jobs!".

Color	Career	Icon
Blue	Bandstand	None
Light Blue	Urban Naturalist	Leaf
Light Orange	Operations Analyst	Computer monitor
Orange	Oakhurst	None
Light Orange	School Crossing Guard	STOP sign
Light Purple	Court Administrator	Document with magnifying glass
Light Purple	City Manager	Control panel
Light Purple	Out of School Time counselor	Headset
Light Purple	Code Enforcement Officer	Checkmark in a box
Light Blue	City Planner	Map on a computer screen
Dark Purple	Ponce de Leon	None
Dark Purple	McDonough St.	None

Fold on dotted lines

Need help folding? Check decaturga.com/kab



CITY DEPARTMENTS and FUNCTIONS



Here are some key departments and functions at City of Decatur, each with a brief description.

Read to find out more about how these all serve our city in important ways.

Then, search the matrix for the words highlighted in red.



Search **HERE** for the words highlighted in red **HERE**.

Municipal Courts | help solve small problems and disagreements in the community, like traffic and parking tickets, and city ordinances.

Finance Office | Helps collect taxes for the city and makes payments for purchases from different departments.

City Manager's Office | Led by the City Manager who is appointed by the Decatur City Commission. The City Manager is in charge of all city departments and their day-to-day activities and helps execute any policies the City Commission puts in place.

Code Enforcement | the detection, investigation and enforcement of local ordinances and codes relating to public health, welfare and safety.

Decatur Fire & Rescue | Respond to EMS and fire calls.

Stormwater | Is housed under the Public Works Department and helps maintain the City's drainage system to prevent significant flooding in Decatur.

Decatur Police | Helps keep the community safe, investigate crimes and enforces the law.

Human Resources | is a team of friendly helpers in charge of finding the perfect superheroes for the City. They search to find the right people with special powers who believe in the city's important mission and values.

Capital Construction Projects | Manages construction of improvements to existing and new city structures and facilities such as sidewalks and bike lanes, traffic calming and safety projects, construction of a new track and field at Legacy Park and a new athletic field at Ebster Park.

Planning & Zoning | Provides expertise in city planning, zoning, and land use decisions to elected officials, appointed boards, and citizens to manage the growth of Decatur.

Environmental Sustainability | Helps meet Decatur's needs in a cleaner and greener way, including energy, water, transportation, and waste.

Equity and Engagement Department | Handles communications, equity, and employee and civic engagement for the City.



PUBLIC SAFETY CROSSWORD

Here are 13 helpful safety tips from **Decatur Fire/Rescue** and **Decatur Police**. Read the clues and fill in the words. And be safe out there!



ACROSS

- 2. Always trust your gut! If a situation does not feel right, it isn't. Run to a trusted _____.
- 6. Talk with your parents about who a _____ is and who is not.
- 9. Decide on a safe meeting place with your family in case you have to get out of your _____ quickly.
- 10. Tell your parent or guardian about your plans if they may change when going to and leaving _____.
- 11. In case of fire, stay low, below _____.
- 12. Don't play in the _____.
- 13. If your _____ catch on fire, stop, drop, cover your face, and roll.

DOWN

- 1. If you find _____ or a lighter, don't touch them, tell an adult.
- 3. Always have _____ ways out of your room.
- 4. Take a _____ with you when you play outside or go places in the neighborhood.
- 5. Know the _____ boundaries set by your parents.
- 7. Sleep with your _____ closed.
- 8. Know and learn your parents' _____ numbers, names and addresses.

MEET YOUR CITY COMMISSIONERS

Match each quote to the correct commissioner (Hint: look at the background color of the photos.)

Decatur residents elect five commissioners – two from District 1, two from District 2, and one city-wide “at-large” commissioner. The commissioners then elect the

mayor at the beginning of each year. Commissioner terms are two years and they can run for reelection as many times as they like.

Find out more about our city commission at decaturga.com/citycommission.



Mayor Patti Garrett
District 2



Mayor Pro Tem Tony Powers
At-large



Commissioner Lesa Mayer
District 2



Commissioner Kelly Walsh
District 1



Commissioner George Dusenbury
District 1



I love to journal.”



I was a Camp Counselor as a teen and I know a lot of songs from that experience that occasionally pop into my head. Who knows “Hooray for the Bus



I started welding at age 15 and thought about being a dive-certified welder in the Navy. I had a Navy ROTC scholarship which I declined to attend UGA.



I speak French. I have studied and lived in France and have used my language skill in previous jobs.”



After serving as Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Atlanta, I spent a year running a shelter for men experiencing homelessness.”

Be sure to say “Hi” next time you see our commissioners around town!

SECRET DOORS SCAVENGER HUNT

GO ON A HUNT FOR DECATUR'S SECRET DOORS.

There are 13 new ones! Check out the riddles for hints about where you can find them all around downtown Decatur. The artists' names are shown in bold type.

There are 30 doors total. Find them all with the help of your guardian.

Go to secretdoorsdecatour.com for a map of door locations, or use the QR code.



1. With the luck of a clover, you'll find this wee door, tucked where there's burgers and music galore. From the top o' the mornin' to late at night, look for a spot with flags in sight!

Zach Consorti | "The Doors of Stone Henge"



2. Search for the path with a bull made of brick; looking for flowers won't do the trick. This garden smells of french fries – not honey! Peek around edges; you'll be right on the money.

Carol Harvey | "The Faeries' Pub"



3. Just steps away from the passing trains' rumble, you'll find this door – but be careful; don't stumble! Tucked where there's often city events, A stellar mural will give you a hint.

Julie Koon | "Sunshine Days Ahead"



4. You don't need a ruler to find this location. Find unique, funny gifts for each celebration. Look around the shop and pick out your faves. Then search for the door where everyone pays.

Nate Nardi



5. Find this door where city decisions are made. Four very tall columns cast plenty of shade. Not hidden from view, but you'll need to explore, check all ways to enter to find this door.

Carol Harvey | "Poncey & Leon on Patrol"



6. There are so many classes and activities here! This door's not at the entrance, but it is very near. With lots of bushes and places to look, You've gone too far if you can check out a book.

Fishbone Art



7. A big purple dancer will show the way to this store where imagination is always at play. Tales of compassion and bravery, too, remind young heroes of the good they can do.

Muse Sawyer | "Welcome"



8. Do you hear splashing and dogs barking loudly?
The city just welcomed this new center proudly!
This door's tucked away when there's thunder and lightning,
but even in darkness, it still shines brightly!

Brea Te'Ann | "Luna's Rays"



9. Keep searching along until the bricks turn to gray.
Look very carefully; this door's tucked away.

Rose Zeimer | "New Day"



10. In every season, there's so much to see!
An Ox house, vegetables, chickens, and bees.
The woods may be wild, but there's nothing to fear.
This door's got flowers and butterflies near.

Carol Harvey | "Galadriel's Hide-Away"



11. With more than 7 acres of woods to explore,
There's plenty of space for this secret door.
Take a seat when you're ready to rest.
This door makes its home near a big bird nest!

Fishbone Art



12. At Decatur's new spot for art,
There's a door that's designed for children-at-heart.
Run – don't walk – to reveal what's in store,
And we'll see who's first to find this door.

Fishbone Art



13. A site for honoring our challenging history,
For progress (and play), this place can claim victory.
Look for the garden down the stairs.
Sonia says, "The door is right there!"

Fishbone Art

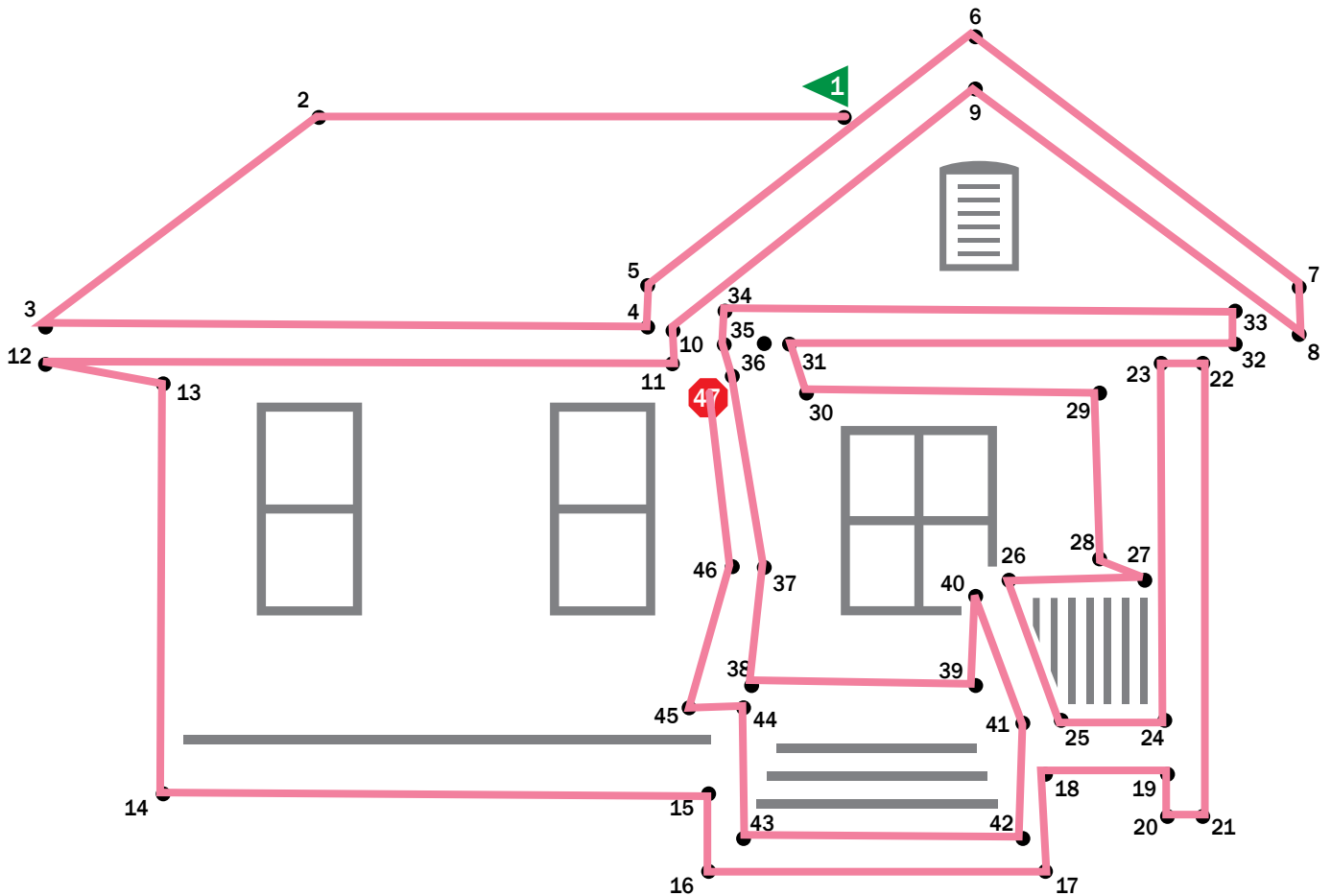
Scan for more
information



COTTAGE CONNECT-THE-DOTS

Have you seen the colorful new houses on Commerce Drive near College Avenue? It's a new neighborhood called Oak Cottage Court with six homes that were built

for Decatur city and school employees so they can have access to affordable housing in our city. **Connect the dots to reveal one of the houses, and color it any way you'd like.**



Find out more about these houses at decaturlandtrust.org.