

MAKE A DECATUR PLAYLIST!

decatur

KIDS

ACTIVITY

BOOK

OUR GREATEST HITS

For answers and solutions visit [decaturga.com/kab](http://decaturga.com/kab).



↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

# our city logo



The city logo, launched in 1984, stands for "A city of homes, schools and places of worship." Its nine colors were used throughout this booklet.

Any organization besides the city wishing to use the city logo must have approval from the city commission. Contact Linda Harris, 678-553-6512, or [linda.harris@decaturga.com](mailto:linda.harris@decaturga.com).

## about this booklet

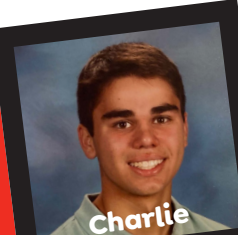
This activity book, designed for school-age children, is filled with information about city services. We hope you learn about our city and have fun at the same time. For additional copies or to make suggestions for next year's Kids Activity Book, please contact [decaturfocus@decaturga.com](mailto:decaturfocus@decaturga.com) or call 404-371-8386.

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

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## a big thank-you!

...to our  
Decatur  
Youth  
Council  
guest  
contri-  
butors!



## what is the **DYC**?

It's a volunteer advisory board open to high school students in Decatur. Find out more at [decaturga.com/dyc](http://decaturga.com/dyc).

# the Decatur brand

## more examples of the Decatur brand

These are logos created and approved for city departments, groups, programs and awards. Checkmark the ones you've seen! What do they all have in common?



## your turn!

Draw a logo for your club or program. If you want to include the city logo, remember you have to get approval from the city commission.

# rolling through Decatur

**hint:** this is a walking trail/  
bike path that leads to the  
parking area at Glenlake Pool

start  
(& end)  
here!



**got wheels? take  
a tour of Decatur!**

Find the bike icon and  
trace your way through  
the **a-maze-ing** Bike  
Tour of Decatur. It's just  
one of several cycling  
routes and more details  
you can find at  
[decaturga.com/biking](http://decaturga.com/biking).

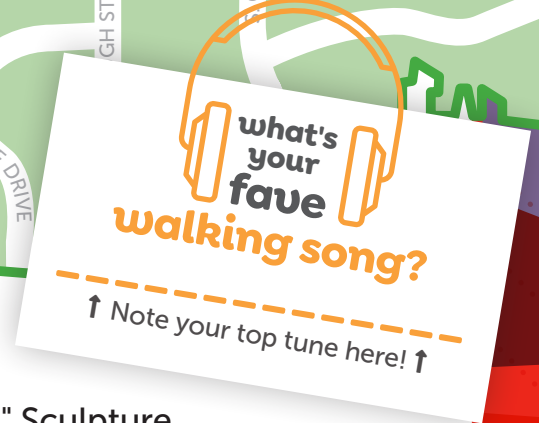
# on the hunt for public art

**sculptures! murals! street paintings!  
get out and take some photos of  
art around Decatur.**

- 1** MARTA Overpass Mural  
420 W. Trinity Place  
Artists: Milagro Collective  
**take a photo of one of the distinctive art elements in the design!**
- 2** "Something We Had to Go Through"  
Sculpture @ Sycamore St. / Church St.  
Artist: James Davis  
**take a photo of yourself inside the sculpture!**
- 3** "Dreamsicle" sculpture  
Harmony Park in Oakhurst  
Artist: Nathan Pierce  
**take a selfie with the sculpture!**
- 4** Underpass Murals  
Commerce Dr. / E. College Ave.  
Artist: Rod Ben ("Killamari")  
**take a photo of the artist's signature!**
- 5** Black Lives Matter Street Mural  
310 N. McDonough St.  
Artists: George F. Baker, Petie Parker, Sharanda Wilburn  
**take a photo each of the B, L, and M!**
- 6** "Reaching for the Sun" Mural  
E. Court Square outside Squash Blossom Boutique  
Artist: William Downs  
**take a photo of a blue shape in the mural!**
- 7** "Monuments: Our Immigrant Mothers"  
Mural @ N. Candler St. / E. Howard St.  
Artist: Yehimi Cambron  
**take a photo of each portrait!**
- 8** "Flying" Sculpture  
Sycamore St. / N. Candler St.  
Artist: Robert D. Clements  
**take a selfie with the sculpture!**



- 9** "Celebration" Sculpture  
Downtown square  
Artist: Gary Price  
**take a photo of the plaza from the base of this sculpture!**



Find out more at  
[decaturga.com/publicart](http://decaturga.com/publicart).

**send your photos to  
[sherry.jackman@decaturga.com](mailto:sherry.jackman@decaturga.com)**  
with subject: Kids Activity Book to  
schedule a time to pick up your prize  
at the Visitors Center.

# what's your active living mad lib?

It's always a great day to get active in the City of Decatur and here's the story about how the \_\_\_\_\_ (last name) family did just that!

First, they visited the Ebster Recreation Center to find kids playing a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) game of basketball. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) coaches told them about the other activities the city offers, like swimming, and guided them to the pool to watch. \_\_\_\_\_ (name) pointed out how \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) the kids \_\_\_\_\_ (verb, past tense) back and forth in the water. The \_\_\_\_\_ (last name) family heard \_\_\_\_\_ (ing verb) outside and went to check it out. What they saw was \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)! Kids were \_\_\_\_\_ (ing verb) in \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) plastic bubbles and kicking a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun). \_\_\_\_\_ (name) asked the name of the sport. "This is bubble soccer," said the coach.

Next, the \_\_\_\_\_ (last name) family walked to the Tennis Center at Glenlake Park to see if they offer \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun). There they learned that they should bring \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) and \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) for tennis.

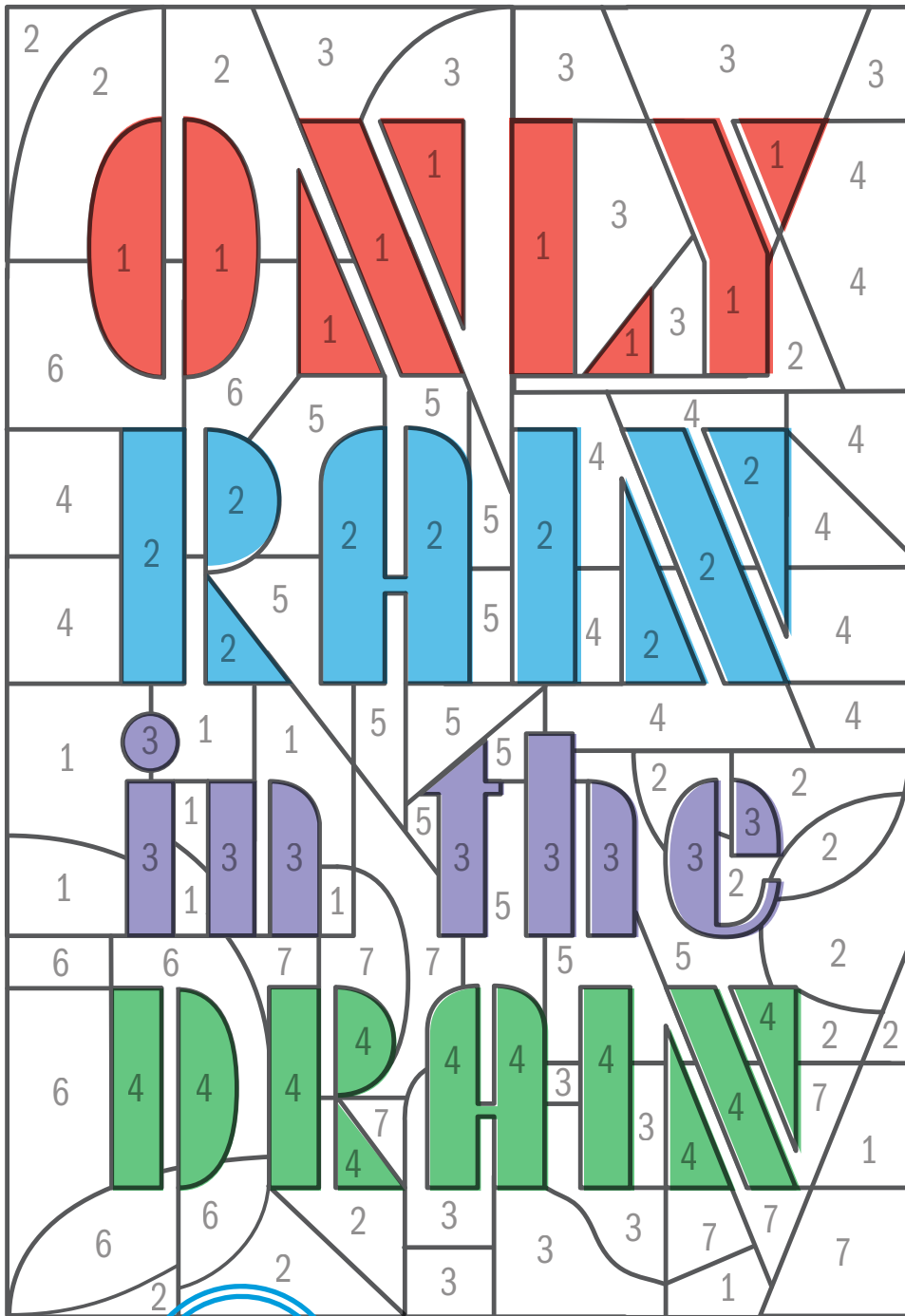
Then they \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to their last stop, the Decatur Recreation Center. The \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) administrator at the front desk told them how \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) the conditioning programs are and how much the other kids love them. They also heard about the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) virtual coding and robotics classes offered, where kids can learn how to use \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun). Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_ (last name) parent(s) signed their child/children up for sports before going home feeling \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective).

**IT'S TRUE, Decatur makes it easy to be active!**



Fill in the blanks with words to complete the story, **the sillier the better!** And find out more about seriously active fun at [decaturga.com/activeliving](http://decaturga.com/activeliving).

# storm water: let it flow



## what is storm water?

When it rains, storm water collects in the streets, sidewalks, and everywhere else. As it flows through our neighborhoods, it picks up pollution along the way, and eventually makes its way into the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico.

That's why we all have to help ensure that only storm water goes down the drain. Never use storm drains to dispose of motor oil and other chemicals, and keep drains clear of debris like litter and leaves that can clog the system and cause flooding.

Find out more at [decalurga.com/stormwater](http://decalurga.com/stormwater)

**color the shapes by number to reveal a storm water rule to remember!**

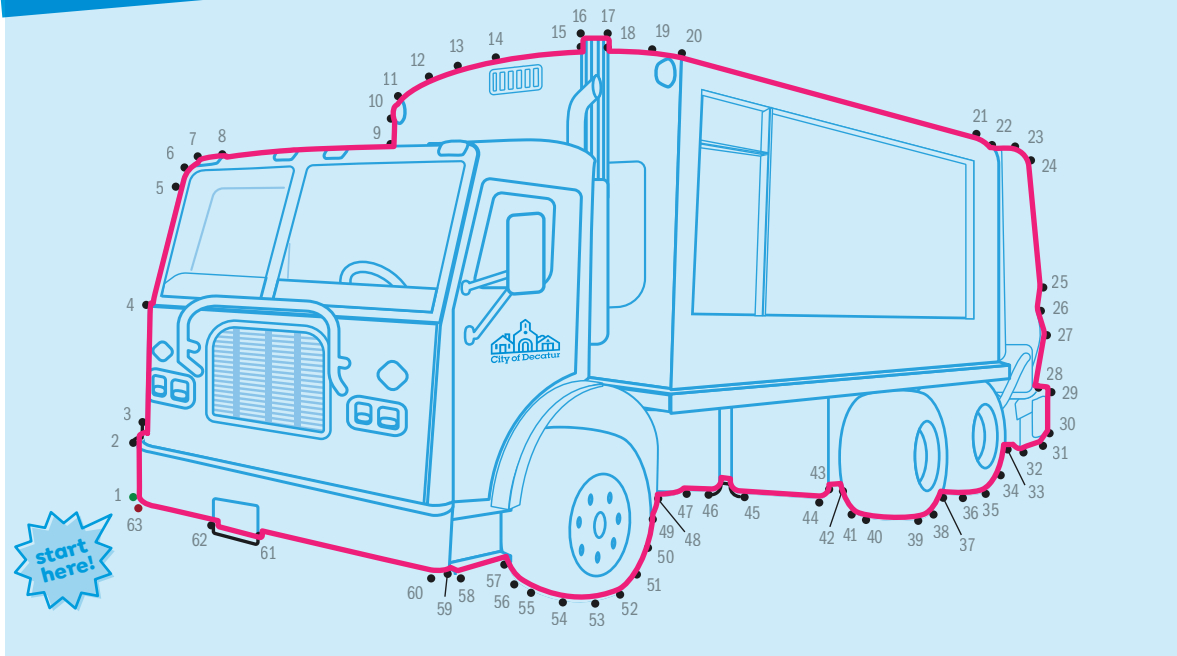
what's your fave rain-themed song?

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

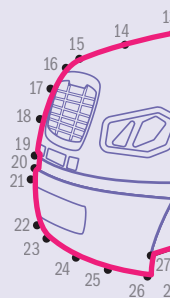


# so much to know about sanitation services

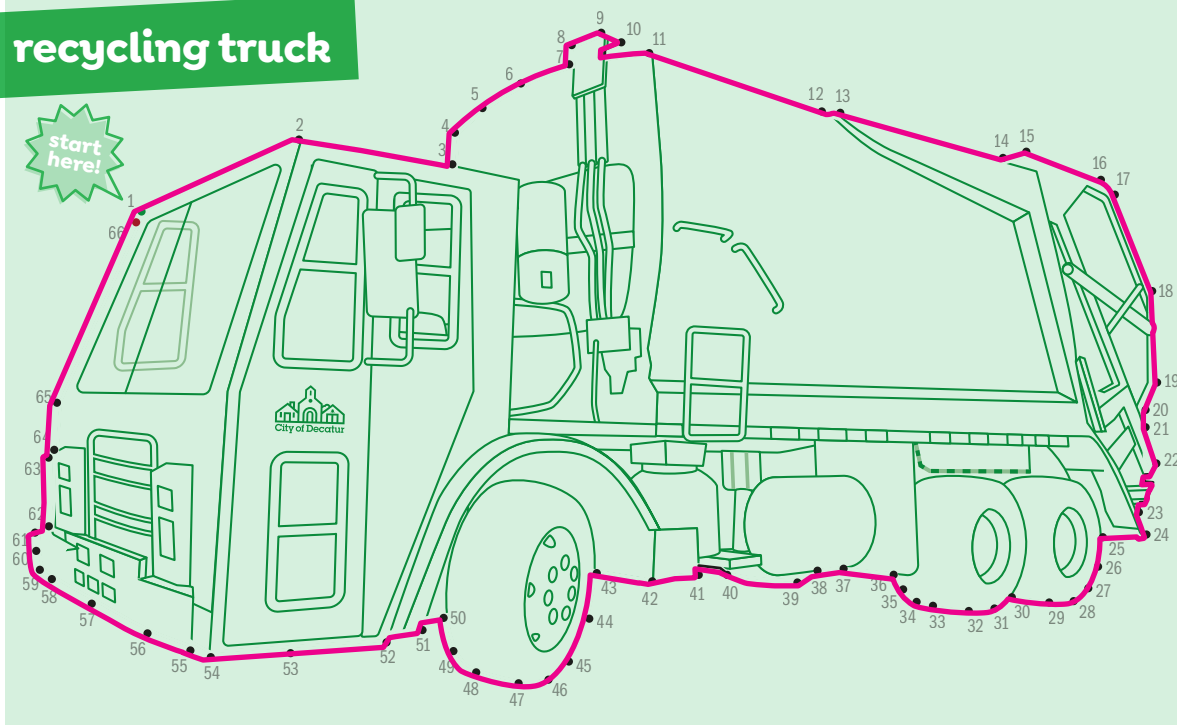
## garbage truck



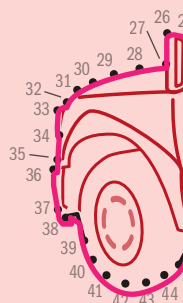
## street sweeper



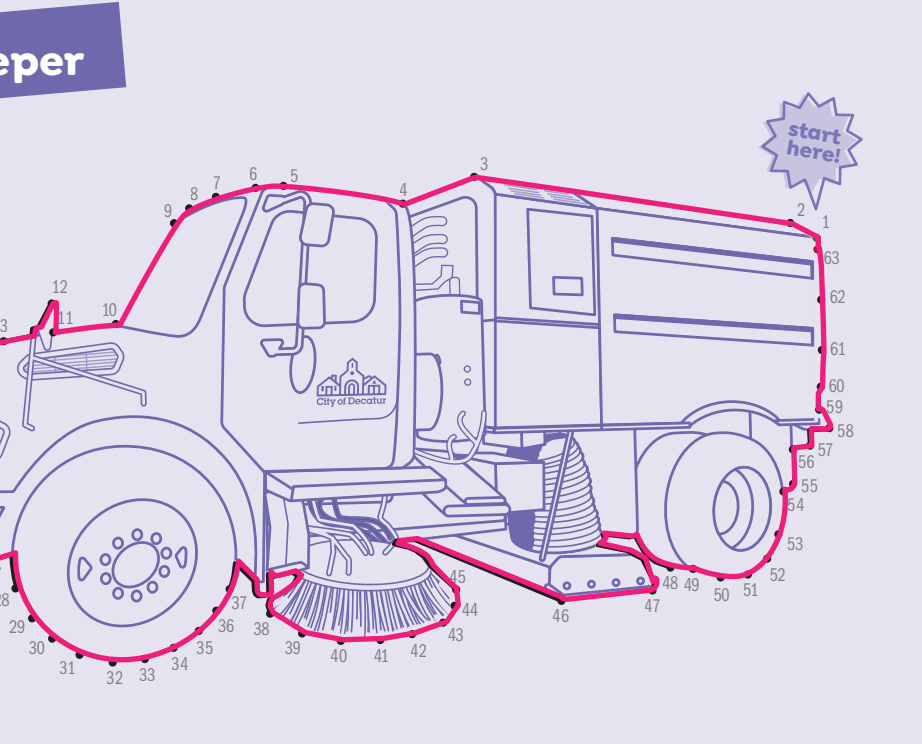
## recycling truck



## glass recycler







### garbage truck facts

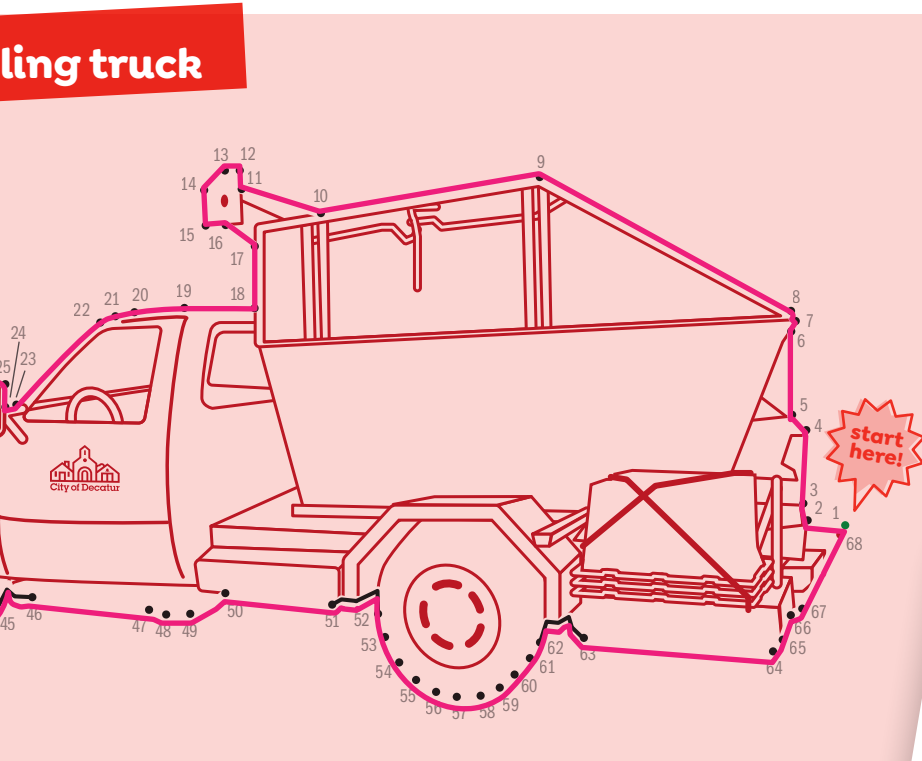
- Can go up to **70 mph**.
- Holds 13,000 to 15,000 pounds or about **7 tons**.

### street sweeper facts

- Has **two steering wheels** and can be driven from either side.
- Can only pick up debris if **streets are dry**.

### recycling paper

- Using recycled paper can **save lots of water**.
- Every recycled ton of paper saves about **17 trees** and **463 gallons of oil**.



### recycling glass

- Can be used to make new **glass bottles, jars** and **fiberglass**.
- It can also be made into **sand**, and it's used to **make insulation**.

### find out more!

[deaturga.com/sanitation](http://deaturga.com/sanitation)

# fire/rescue + police careers crossword

from trainee to chief,  
Decatur has 22 types of jobs  
in public safety.

Use the cues at right to solve this crossword puzzle. Red is for firefighter positions, and blue is for police.

## bonus

### 5 fire safety tips:

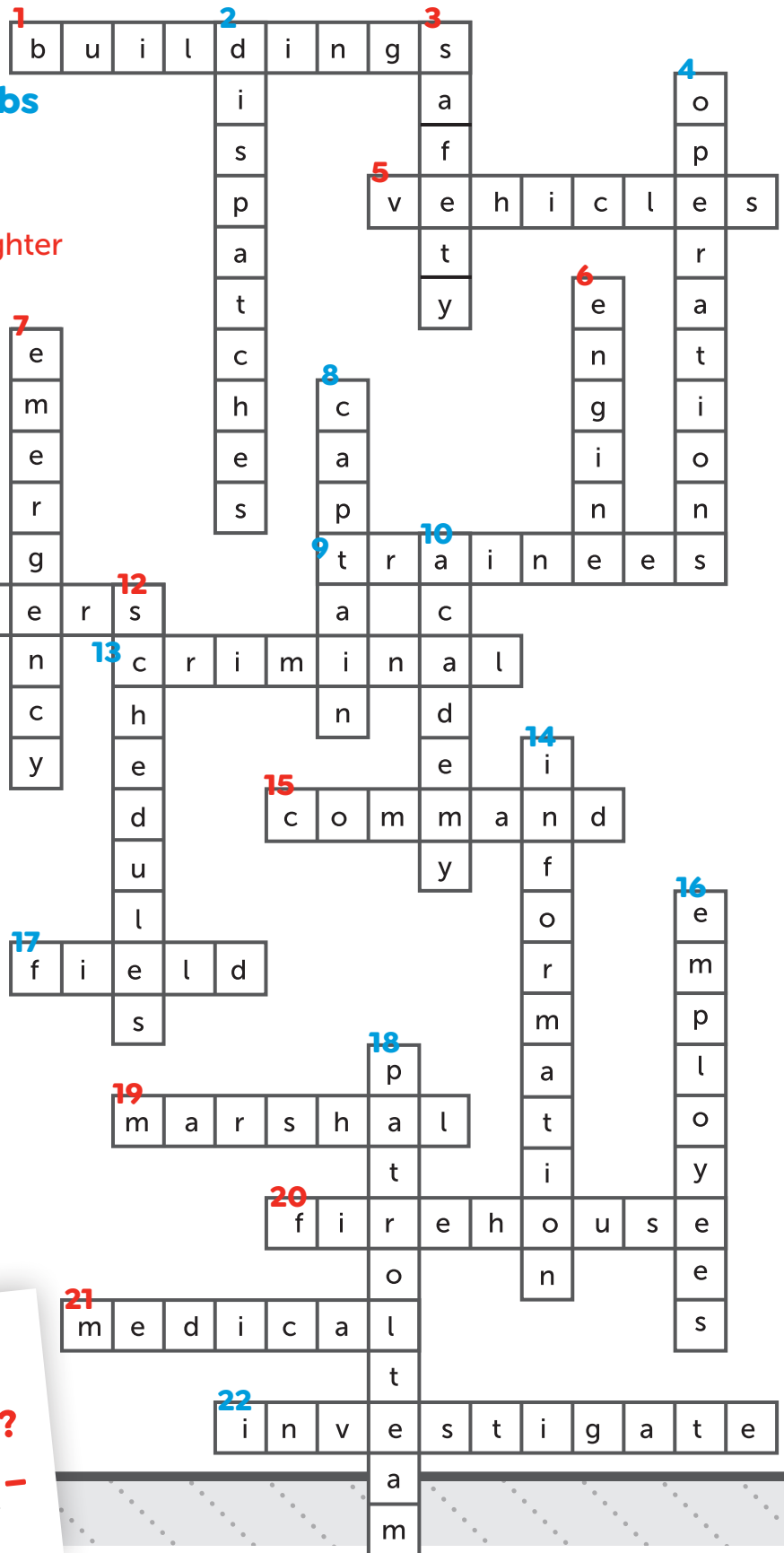
1. When you hear the smoke alarm it means "Get out and **STAY** out."
2. Sleep with your door **CLOSED**.
3. Know **TWO** ways out of your room.
4. Stay **LOW** under smoke.
5. Have a safe meeting place **EVERYONE** in the family knows in case of an emergency.

### 5 daily challenges to be fire fighter fit:

1. Eat healthy food
2. Drink lots of water
3. Do ten push-ups
4. Do ten sit-ups
5. Do ten jumping jacks

what's on your  
**fire fitness top 40?**

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑



Find out more at  
[decaturga.com/police](http://decaturga.com/police) and  
[decaturga.com/fire](http://decaturga.com/fire)

## across

- FIRE MARSHAL**  
Investigates the causes of fire and enforces the fire code; makes sure that buildings, businesses, and schools are safe.
- DRIVER**  
Drives and maintains emergency vehicles.
- FIELD TRAINING OFFICER**  
Supervises trainees during field training phase.
- POLICE SERGEANT**  
Frontline supervisor assigned to supervise a specific group of 4-5 police officers.
- POLICE CAPTAIN**  
One for each division: communications/special units/criminal investigators; Patrol/support services; accreditation, internal affairs, recruitment.
- FIRE CHIEF**  
Leads department, sets vision/mission, manages budgets, staffing, operations for two firehouses. Takes command for large incident scenes.
- MASTER OFFICER**  
Most senior officer on a shift, minimum five years of experience. Most are also field training officers.
- ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF**  
Also serves as the fire marshal.
- FIREFIGHTER**  
Works to put out fires, provides emergency medical care, and maintains the firehouse.
- FIRE SERGEANT**  
Supervises an engine company at Station One and leads emergency medical training on their shift.
- INVESTIGATOR**  
Same level as master police officers, they investigate and solve cases.

## down

- OFFICER**  
Assigned to a shift, responds to 911 dispatches, interacts with the community.
- INSPECTOR**  
Reviews construction plans for new buildings to ensure they're safe, and makes sure that public events meet safety requirements.
- DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF**  
Oversees department operations, and budget; implements new ideas with focus on the future.
- FIRE LIEUTENANT**  
Supervises an engine company at Station Two and leads fire training for their shift.
- DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**  
Oversees department fire and emergency management operations and training.
- POLICE CHIEF**  
Responsible for entire department budgets, staffing and operations. Relies on all positions to help implement their ideas and views for the future. Similar to the "captain of a ship."
- TRAINEE**  
Officer attending the police academy, also in the field training program.
- FIRE CAPTAIN**  
Manages staffing, schedules daily tasks, and coordinates units on emergency incidents for their shift (there are three separate shifts).
- PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**  
Manages community engagement activities, educational classes, handles social media, and provides information to the public.
- COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS**  
Employees who answer all 911 calls and dispatch officers. Also keep criminal histories on offenders.
- POLICE LIEUTENANT**  
Mid-level manager assigned to patrol team of 4-5 officers. Responsible for shift administrative tasks; reviews crime trends, ways to combat them.

what's  
your  
perfect  
**public safety pop song?**

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

# where would you work at the city?

## here are six examples of career paths at the City of Decatur.

Check off the skills and attributes that line up with your interests and abilities. Tally up your score to see which career might be in your future!

### Downtown Program Manager

Skills, attributes needed:

- Communication
- Friendliness
- Logistics
- Project management
- Detail oriented

total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Local Government Management Fellow

Skills, attributes needed:

- Willingness to serve
- Active listening skills
- Adaptability/flexibility
- Collaboration
- Teamwork

total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fire Apparatus Operator

Skills, attributes needed:

- Math
- Good physical shape
- Reading
- Communication
- Listening

total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Supervisor, Athletics

Skills, attributes needed:

- Know sports, safety
- Equipment knowlege
- Teach/demonstrate
- Collaboration
- Work with diverse people

total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Manager, City Manager's Office

Skills, attributes needed:

- Reliability
- Discretion
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Leadership

total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Equipment Operator

Skills, attributes needed:

- Learn equipment
- Math
- Know plants, trees
- Outdoor skills
- Listening

total: \_\_\_\_\_

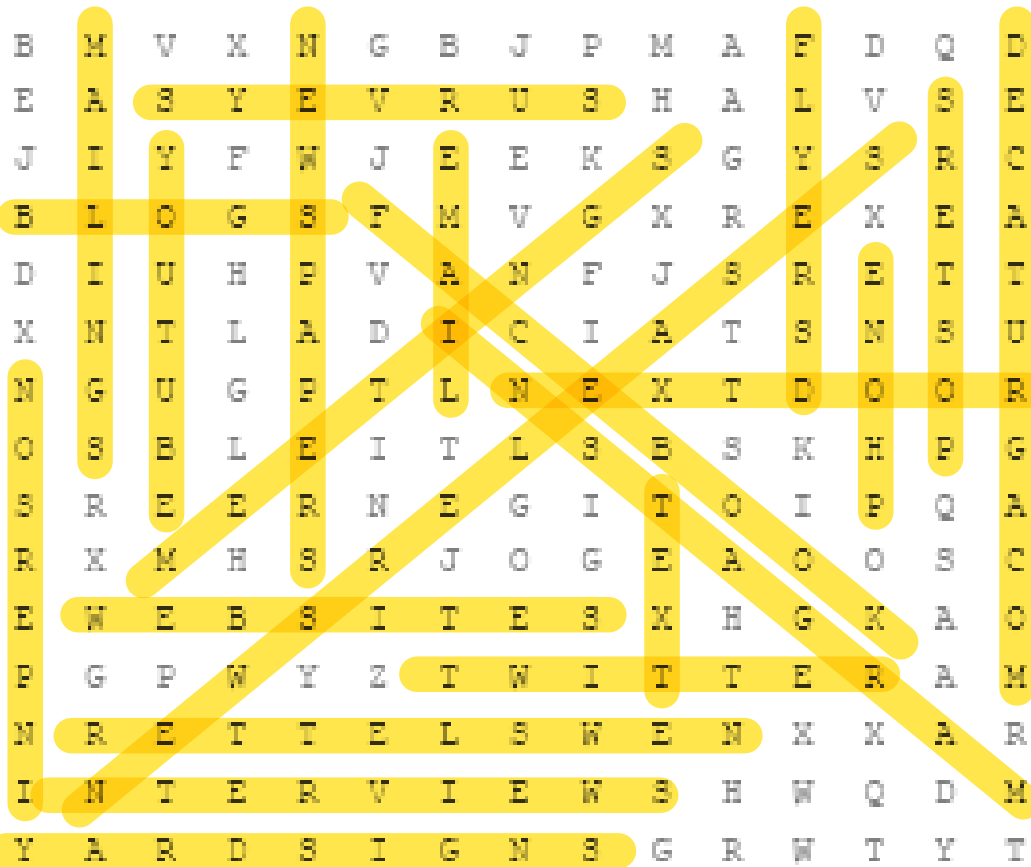
## what's your score?

Want to invite a city employee to speak to your student group about a particular career path? Interested in an internship or "shadowing" opportunity? Contact [info@decaturga.com](mailto:info@decaturga.com)

what's your fave task time tune?

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

# how do you get city news?



## find these words!

- BLOGS
- DECATURGA.COM
- EMAIL
- FACEBOOK
- FLYERS
- IN PERSON
- INSTAGRAM
- INTERVIEWS
- MAILINGS
- MEETINGS
- NEWSLETTER
- NEWSPAPERS
- NEWS RELEASES
- NEXTDOOR
- PHONE
- POSTERS
- SURVEYS
- TEXT
- TWITTER
- WEBSITES
- YARD SIGNS
- YOUTUBE

**we counted 22 ways that the city communicates!**

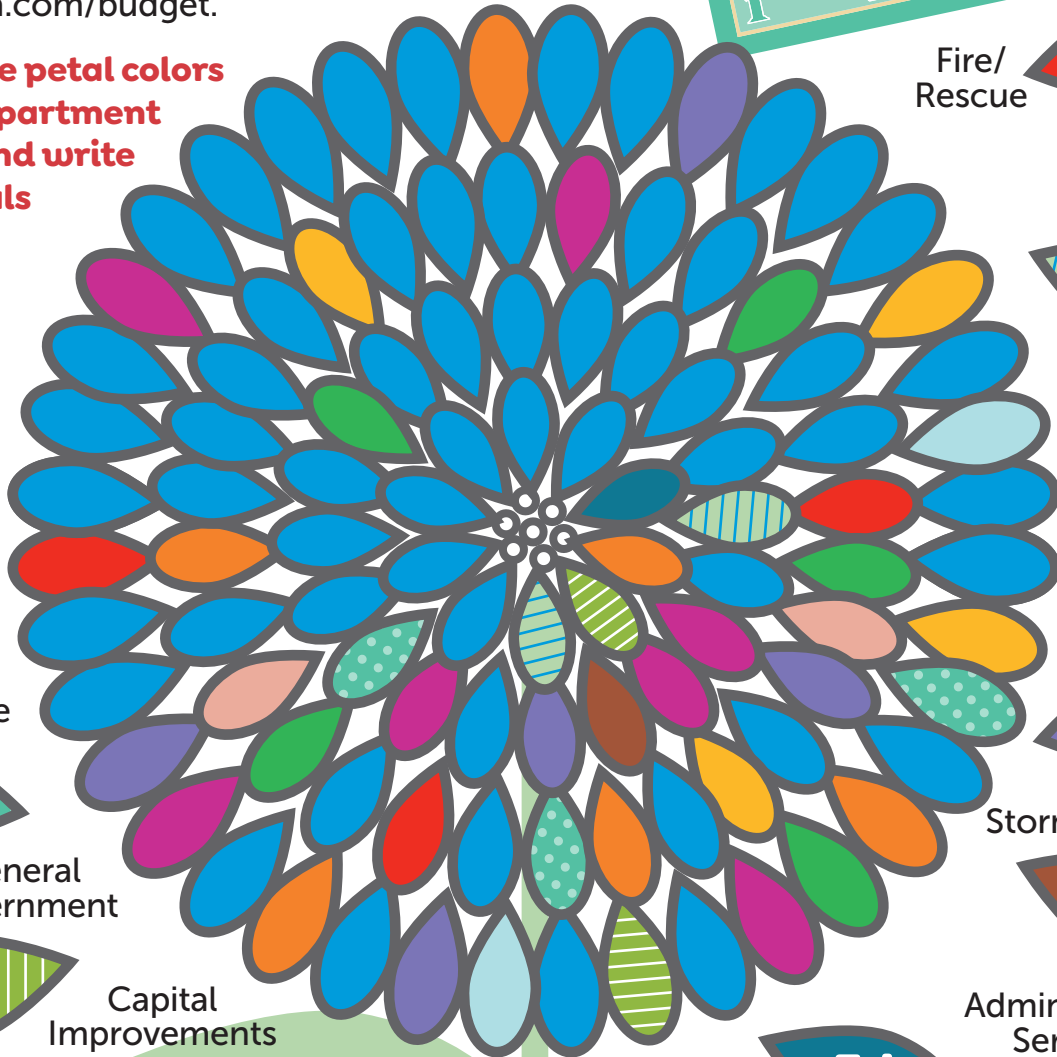
They're listed here, and you can search backward, forward, vertically, horizontally and diagonally to find them all. Which do you use most often?



# a budget flower

Each petal on this flower stands for a penny in a city budget dollar. Count each group of petal colors to see how the city budget gets used. Find out more at [decaturga.com/budget](http://decaturga.com/budget).

**match the petal colors to the department petals, and write your totals inside.**



Fire/  
Rescue

**3¢**

Active  
Living

**2¢**

Police

**5¢**

Public  
Works

**5¢**

Stormwater

**1¢**

Administrative  
Services

**4¢**

Downtown  
Development  
Authority

**1¢**

City  
Schools

**57¢**

Bond Fund

**7¢**

Solid Waste

**3¢**

General  
Government

**2¢**

Capital  
Improvements

**6¢**

Community  
& Economic  
Development

**2¢**

Children & Youth  
Services

**2¢**

*tally them up here!*

**total:**

what's  
your  
best  
budget ballad?

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

# untangle that tune

## our city commissioners love music!

Unscramble the words to figure out these favorite tunes that set their toes to tapping when they're not busy with city business.

Want to know more about your city commission? Visit [decaturga.com/commission](http://decaturga.com/commission).

"Somewhere Over the RAINBOW "  
(BRAINWO)

by "Iz" Ka'ano'i Kamakawiwo'Ole



Mayor  
Patti  
Garrett  
District 2  
Commissioner

### other favorites:

"In the Waiting Line" by Zero 7

"The Room Where It Happens"  
by Lin-Manuel Miranda

"MOUNTAINS "  
(STAINMONU)

by Prince

Commissioner  
Lesa Meyer  
District 2



### other favorites:

"After the Rain Has Fallen" by Sting

"As" by Stevie Wonder

"ROCK BOX "  
(KROC XBO)

by Run DMC

Mayor Pro Tem  
Tony Powers

At-Large  
Commissioner



### other favorites:

"Let's Go Crazy" by Prince

"Five Minutes of Funk" by Whodini

" Here Comes the SUN "  
(NUS)

by The Beatles

Commissioner  
Kelly Walsh  
District 1



### other favorites:

"Jump" by Van Halen

"You Make My Dreams Come True"  
by Hall and Oates

"This Land Is  
YOUR LAND "  
(RYOU DLAN)

by Woody Guthrie

Commissioner  
George Dusenbury  
District 1



### other favorites:

"Stand by Me" by Ben E. King

"Wonderful World"  
by Louis Armstrong

# what makes a perfect park?

**cycle paths! dog parks! ducks!**

What are your favorite park features? Draw them here! We added a few cues to get you started.



what's  
on  
your  
**parks playlist?**

↑ Note your top tune here! ↑

Find out more at  
[decaturga.com/parks](http://decaturga.com/parks).