



*Celebrate what makes
YOUR city great!*

CITY government week

North Dakota League of Cities

Thank you to all the city staff and elected leadership that coordinated and participated in City Government Week activities. We enjoyed hearing about all the great activities to enhance public awareness of the role local government plays in the lives of citizens every day.

We also realize that many cities hold similar activities throughout the year – not just during City Government Week. So please continue to share your activities and projects with us!

Beach started City Government Week with an open house at City Hall and awarded daily door prizes. They also held a free pet licensing day. Mayor Walter Losinski had lunch with the fourth grade class and gave the students centennial coins, a coloring page and NDLC pencils. Council member Jeanne Larson visited grades K-3 and they participated in a coloring contest with the winner in each class receiving a certificate for a personal pan pizza. These students also received NDLC pencils. Council member Henry Gerving visited grades 5-6 and took coloring and activity pages, centennial coins and NDLC pencils for them. And Mayor Losinski and Auditor Kimberly Nunberg met with the entire elementary school to award the winners from the coloring contest and announce that the city would sponsor a pizza party for the entire school. The junior high and high school physical



education students utilized the multi-use train all week for their PE classes. While doing so, they collected garbage along the trail. These classes will also be treated to pizza for their efforts in keeping the community clean.



Forman sponsored a coloring contest for grades K-6 and gave away pool day passes and memberships to the winners. The pictures were on display at city hall and the winners were invited to the April city council

meeting. They also hosted tours of the water plant and their new reverse osmosis water treatment facility for all residents. City maintenance staff Anthony Fiala and Thomas Orth and Mayor Mark Bopp gave tours and answered questions. Auditor Trish Pearson provided refreshments and answered questions as well.

The sixth grade and senior classes from **Garrison** participated in a city trivia contest. The top three winners received movie passes.



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The city of **Granville** sent a “Let’s Celebrate What Makes Our City Great” survey with city invoices and residents were able to respond by returning the surveys. Questions included who the city was named for, what year it was founded, and who was the first person to come to town. All returned entries were entered into a drawing and the winner was awarded \$25 in Granville Bucks.



The city of **Harvey** celebrated City Government Week with an Open House at Auditor Karen Nordby’s office, the police department gave out free pet licenses and the kindergarten class participated in a coloring contest. Auditor Nordby, Mayor Ann Adams and Officer Burr served lunch at the grade school. They held a Mayor for a Day essay contest and selected two third grade mayors. They were picked up from school by Officer Burr in the police car, took a tour of the city water plant, shop, fire hall and ambulance building, then returned to city hall to open the Council meeting with our Mayor. They were each awarded a “Mayor” certificate and a goodie bag filled with chamber bucks, movie passes, pizza certificates and other items.



Mayor Jerry Obenauer, **Hazen**, visited with the seventh grade government classes to talk about civic issues.

The city of **Lisbon** held a Mayor for a Day essay contest for third and seventh grade students and also gave the fifth grade students a tour of the water plant. Other activities included a maze and word search for first graders, a coloring activity for second graders, a word scramble and fill-in-the-blank for third graders and the fourth graders were assigned city jobs! Also, an Earth Day city-wide clean-up was held. Many businesses allowed their employees to participate and nearly 200 students participated.



New Salem’s auditor, Melissa Davis, and council member, Aglae Young, read to the kindergarten class. City staff also planted trees with the elementary and junior high classes for Earth Day.



Rolla city employees bought and shared pizza with the high school and seventh grade students who helped fill sandbags for area flooding. City employees bought caramel rolls and visited with the seventh graders about city government and the students completed Mayor for a Day essays. And the third graders were treated to pizza, participated in a Q&A session about city government and completed Mayor for a Day essays.

Williston held a Mayor for a Day essay contest for third and seventh grade students. Two winners were selected and were presented with a plaque and gift baskets filled with North Dakota-made products at the City Commission meeting. They were also invited to ride with Mayor Howard Klug in the Band Day parade.



Wishek held several activities for City Government Week. Grades K-2 participated in a coloring contest and the winner was the honorary Cross Walk Guard for a day and received a ride home from the police department. Members of the fire department, city council, ambulance and police department visited these classrooms to provide city information and Mayor Les Otto talked about Arbor Day. The third and seventh grade students participated in a Mayor for a Day essay contest. The third grade winner will kick-off Summer Fun Days and the seventh grade winner will get to open a city council meeting. Also, grades 3-6 participated in tours of the hospital, ambulance, National Guard Armory, and Lyle Nantt, public works director, provided some informational city facts and ice cream floats.

