

Consider the possibilities ...

Every municipal government relies on citizens who are willing to volunteer in many fields and at various levels of responsibility.

If you are interested in serving the [Town/Village/City] of [Municipality] in a volunteer position, please

- circle any titles below that interest you,
- fill in the other side of this panel, and
- detach and mail the panel to:

[title of contact person, if any]
[Municipality name]
[mailing address]

[Important: Insert a list of the current or recurring volunteer opportunities and local committees in your municipality and adjust the line spacing (a Paragraph setting) as you see fit. For example:]

[Planning Commission member]

[Annual Parade committee member]

[Insert any other information you like here – or delete all but the contact info below. This text box is set for the words to settle to the bottom so additions will fill upward. To change this, right-click on any line edge* of this text block, choose “Format Shape” from the bottom of the pop-up menu, and in Text Options – Text Box, change Vertical Alignment to Top or Middle.

*If you happen to click on a dot and change the dimensions of this text box, please Undo until the box gets back to its original size and position.

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The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) has been a valuable non-profit, membership-based resource for local governments and officials for 50 years. VLCT’s mission is “to serve and strengthen Vermont local government,” which it does by hosting trainings, responding to member inquiries, advocating for the tools to make local governments work, offering employee benefit and risk management programs, and brainstorming about the future of local government.

VLCT has been a vital part of Vermont’s past and will help to shape its future. VLCT joins your local government in inviting you to be a part of this process.

Are you ready to serve your local government?

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municipal logo
or seal here]

*[Insert name of your town/village/city
wherever in this panel
it fits and looks best.]*



We seek good people to serve the common good.

Local government – the level of government closest to us all – is much more accessible and better able to address everyday concerns than state and federal governments. You trust your municipal officials and employees to provide important services, solve problems, make improvements, and operate reliably year in and year out. Yet **effective governance doesn't happen by chance**: it requires dedicated individuals working hard for the common good.

Towns, cities, and villages run on volunteers: from serving on boards, commissions, and advisory committees to working as polling officials, volunteer firefighters, or elected officials; from joining clean-up days and working on recreational or cultural events to helping to write the town history, keeping track of artifacts, and publicizing community milestones, your participation is important!

Vermont's local governments arose long ago to fulfill basic communal needs for roads, bridges, and public safety. Over time, many other services came under their purview, such as recording property ownership, educating the community's children, providing safe drinking water, disposing of refuse responsibly, and other activities of importance to the people of the community. When problems weren't handled at the state or federal level, citizens had to come together to do it themselves. We still do. You can help.

Like all cities and towns, we need community-minded input from dedicated residents who are prepared to **work together to make thoughtful decisions**, even when agreement isn't easy to reach. The continued health, vitality, and individuality of our locality is worth making the effort. We need people to offer constructive ideas or a fresh outlook, to get involved, to find workable ways to compromise on contentious issues – all as part of helping our entire community thrive.

There is always something to do, and **it matters** that residents volunteer to help. Getting involved in local government can be more than just internally satisfying: the most vital programs and services can generate positive interest from outside the community, attracting people and businesses that will add interest, value, and spirit to our **[town/village/city]** and potentially increase property values along with quality of life.

Please volunteer TODAY!

YES! I would like to learn more
about volunteering for the
[Town/Village/City] of **[Municipality]**

On the back of this form, I have circled the possible opportunities that interest me most. In addition, my interests include

I have particular experience and/or skills in

My contact information is

First name	Last name
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Street address or P.O. Box number

Municipality

Phone number(s)

The best time(s) to reach me

Email address

The best way to reach me is circled below.

Email Phone Text

