We provide counsel to the local governing body and implement and participate in a variety of youth-identified community initiatives.

We enable young people to communicate their concerns regarding local matters that affect them, directly participate in local government and make decisions to potentially improve their community.

We provide youth with an opportunity to develop leadership, communication and advocacy skills.

We promote civic engagement among youth by offering real-world experiences with elected bodies.

We empower local councils to gain insight regarding the community’s “young” dynamic, improve services that directly affect young people and be more representative of the community as a whole.

We organize community service projects, lead citywide advocacy campaigns addressing a youth identified issue and conduct youth forums to discuss topics of concern, offering recommendations to the Council.
Dear Students and Parents,

Orange City is proud to announce an exciting opportunity for three current 10th grade students to fill available positions on the Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Council is composed of seven 10th-11th grade students, who will be charged with representing the interests of youth in the Orange City community.

The Youth Council will:
- Involve youth in local government through participation on local boards and committees
- Increase youth voice and communication with Orange City’s future direction
- Increase volunteerism among youth and adults in civic affairs
- Enhance civic education of youth

The three potential members will be selected through an application process. An ideal Youth Council will be composed of a diverse group since they will be representing ALL youth in the Orange City area. Our primary criterion for selection will be a demonstration that the youth wants to make a difference here in Orange City and greater West Volusia—and we will give them the opportunity to do just that!

Members of the Youth Council will receive verifiable volunteer hours for their efforts. They will also be a viable candidate to receive a college scholarship from the Florida League of Cities.

All applications must be emailed to mberinger@ourorangecity.com, turned into either the City Clerk’s office (229 E. Graves Avenue, Orange City), or University High School Activities office (Room 2B-110).

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Council, please feel free to contact Mr. Sarro at the University High Activities office or contact me at the City Clerk’s office by phone or email.

Sincerely,
Melani Beringer
Deputy City Clerk
mberinger@ourorangecity.com
Phone: 386-775-5405
Fax: 386-775-5407
Applicants MUST be currently enrolled in 10th grade. Applicants MUST also be enrolled at University High School or be a resident of the City of Orange City.

ALL information must be completed to be considered for the Orange City Youth Council.

Name: ______________________________________________

Age: ___________  Grade: ______________

School: ______________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________

Student Phone: ___________________________  Student E-Mail: ___________________________

Why do you want to serve as a member of the Orange City Youth Council?

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What are the three most important issues to you, your friends and your family concerning your neighborhood?

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

Are you interested in community service hours for this project?  YES _______ NO ________
Please list any other activities you will be involved in during the school year. Include employment, sports, community, school clubs, and religious groups.

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What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?

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If you could bring one thing to this City or change one thing, what would it be?

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Please list two adult references (other than family). One reference must be either your school principal, teacher, or other school personnel. A second reference must be from one community leader (i.e., coach, business owner, government official, clergy) who is familiar with you.

Reference 1
Name/Relationship: ____________________________________________________________
Phone/E-mail: ____________________________

Reference 2
Name/Relationship: ____________________________________________________________
Phone/E-mail: ____________________________
I have read and understand the commitment required for the Orange City Youth Council. I also realize the importance of teamwork and cooperation, and I am willing to make this commitment.

Student Signature: __________________________________________________________

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission

I give my permission for ________________________________ to seek the position of representative on the Orange City Youth Council.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________________ Date: _____________

Parent/Guardian Phone: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Email: ________________________________