

## What Makes Parks Great

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An ideal Tecumseh Park would have plenty of green space for people to relax and lay in. It would be well-maintained with clean pathways for walking and biking.

There would also be a large playground for children to play on and enjoy, as well as a splash pad for hot summer days. The park would also have picnic areas with grills and plenty of shade trees.

This beautiful park would also have a soccer field for kids to have games and just kick soccer balls. It could also have a basketball and a volleyball court for team sports or pickup games.

A great idea for this park would also be an outdoor movie theater. This would be great for people of all ages, just imagine being able to relax on a warm summer evening and watch a movie under the stars. This would be a great way to bring the community together.

Another great idea would be a community garden, this would be a great idea to promote healthy eating and sustainability. People could sign up for a plot and grow their own fruits and vegetables. Not only would this be a great way to promote sustainability and healthy eating but it could also build a sense of community.

In the winter you could still use the park a lot with this idea, an ice rink! This would be a great way to get kids of all ages and adults out of their houses during the cold winter time. Don't worry if you don't have skates or a helmet there will be a place where you can rent them, and feel free to use your own stuff on the rink.

I think this would be the ideal Tecumseh Park to have fun in all seasons and to bring the whole community of different ages together!

I would love to be the mayor of Tecumseh for a day because Tecumseh is the best town EVER! There are many parks, an arena, a pool, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and a beautiful community of houses and stores.

If I was lucky enough to be Mayor for a day, I would ask people how we could make the town better. My friends might say that we make a few changes like upgrading Lacasse park by adding more slides, a rock wall, a fireman pole, a small zipline, and a sand pit for the little kids. I would have to talk to the Parks and Recreation department about my ideas, hopefully money in the budget.

The Tecumseh Cornfest is one of my family's favorite festivals of the year. We love the parade, the rides, shows and of course the corn eating contest. I would meet with the Festival Committee and ask that all my favorite activities are included in the festival this year.

I would like to sit at the horseshoe in the Mayor's Chair and wear the chain of office during a council meeting. I would listen to what all the members have to say. The people of Tecumseh might have some good suggestions and I would love to hear them. Maybe, they would choose me to be mayor permanently!

For New year's there could be a small ball drop at Green Acres park where everyone does a huge countdown and we could all have a drink of some sort, like hot chocolate, sparkling water or pop for adults. You could do a huge cheers with your family and friends and then there would be fireworks and everyone would have glow sticks and wave them around and have the best night ever.

These are some of the ideas I have. I know being mayor is a hard job, but I think I can handle it for the day.

Participant: Dawson Smith

Teacher: Ms. Letteri

School: St. Pius X

**Mayor for a Day**

**By: Peyton Santarossa**

If I were the Mayor for a Day my goal would be to try and reduce the number of vehicles on the road. If I look at my school parking lot at the end of a school day, it is overfilled with cars picking up students who are not on a bus route because they are too close. My priority would be to make it safer for students to be able to walk home without the fear of being hit by a vehicle.

First I would work with the Planning and Development department and have them look at the walking path for the addresses around each school, to map out how students who are close enough to the school and where a bus will not stop would get home safely. If a sidewalk or busy intersection had to be crossed I would go to the Financial Officer to find funds to temporarily hire a crossing guard.

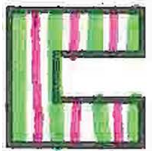
As a long term solution I would put a motion forward in the annual budget to install solar powered pedestrian crossing lights that would replace the need for crossing guards.



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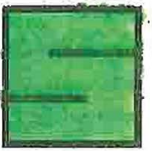
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