

Changing Our Community



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Changing All the Time

Change is everywhere. It is in big cities. It is in small towns. But it is not always easy. Making changes to **communities** takes a lot of work. It takes planning. Many people must work together to figure out which changes should be made. But how do these **decisions** get made?





Many Communities

A community can be a group of people who live in the same area. But it can also be a group of people who share some beliefs or do the same thing, such as playing a sport.

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Speaking Up

"Why do we need to spend money to build a new school? Can't it just be repaired?" Amy heard someone ask. A lot of people were at the town council meeting. They wanted to give their opinions on the new school.

Amy leaned over to her mom. "Am I allowed to say something?"





"Of course! This is your school. Let them know what you think," her mom said.

Amy took a breath and stood up. "It is not enough just to do repairs. The buildings are too small. There are so many kids now. The new school could have bigger rooms and better science labs. It's important for us and for future kids." People clapped as she sat down.





The next week, Mr. Wilson spoke to the class.

"I have some good news to share," he said. "A lot of you know that there has been talk about building a new school. Amy, I even heard you speak at the meeting last week," he added.



“Well, I’m happy to share that the vote is in. We are getting a new school!”

Amy smiled. She was glad that she spoke up and proud that she helped others make this decision.



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Communities are always changing. Streets get fixed. Sidewalks get added. New schools get built. But how does it all happen?

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