

Valparaiso Introduces Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Valparaiso is introducing a Mayor's Youth Council, designed to encourage youth to interact with City government, build leadership skills and enhance civic engagement. "We're really looking forward to getting to know more young leaders – to share our mission and learn from them as well," said Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy. "This is a nonpolitical, educational council. We will introduce the many areas of service within city government and may spark some aspirations in the process," he said.

The Mayor's Youth Council will provide youth an opportunity to network and build relationships with mentors, enhance skills and knowledge that could lead to serving their community and add to experience that could be used for job or education applications.

Mayor Murphy invites students who will be entering their junior year of high school to apply to serve on the council, which will be sworn in by the Valparaiso City Council on Aug. 23, 2021. The Council will meet monthly on a Wednesday evening, gather for a daylong retreat in August and meet for volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Participation on the Mayor's Youth Council is limited to 15 students, due to space. For more information and an application packet, visit the Community Engagement page on the City of Valparaiso website Valpo.us or contact Community Engagement Director Maggie Clifton at MClifton@valpo.us or 219-462-1161.