

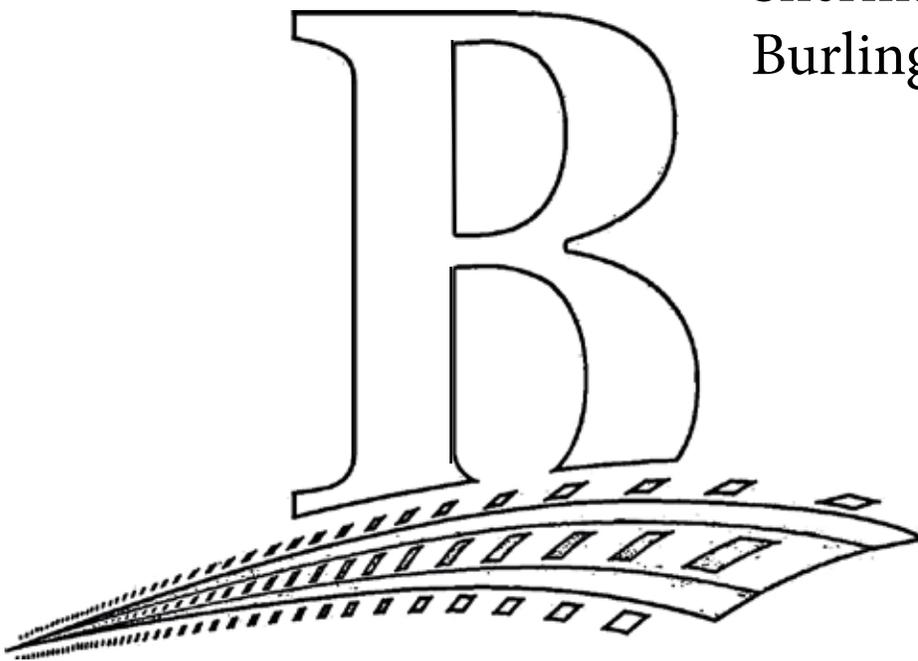


City Activity Book

Welcome To
the City of Burlington!
I'm Sherman the caterpillar
and I'll show you everything
about our City Government!



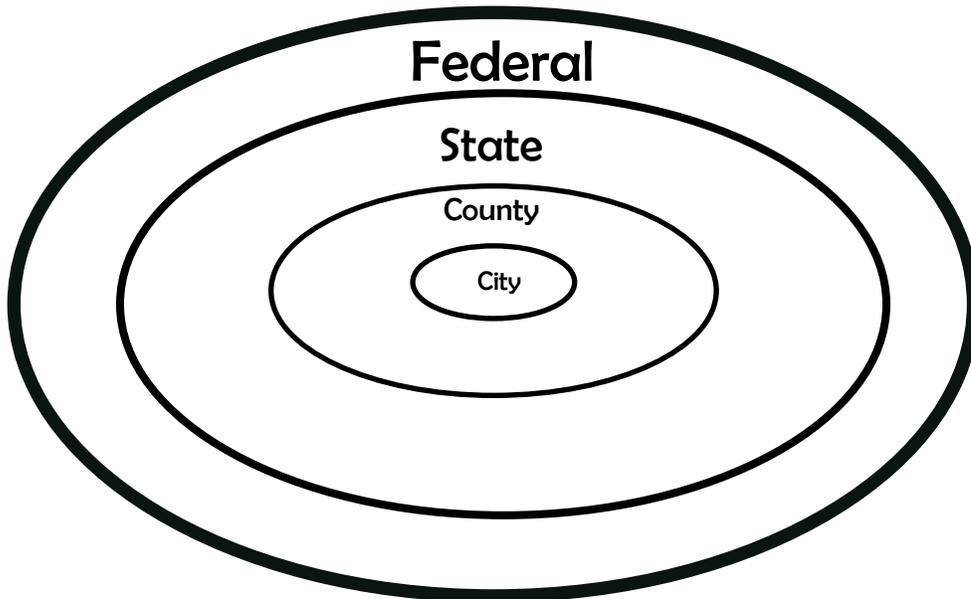
Sherman's home is in
Burlington City Park.



First let's take a look at our City's history
and how our government works.

What is government?

There are four different levels of government. The Federal Government runs the whole country. The state government makes decisions about North Carolina. The county we live in, Alamance County, serves different communities in our area. The City of Burlington only makes decisions about our city. Our City operates under a Council/Manager form of government.



Our City Council tries to make life better for everyone in the community.

Their job is also to keep us safe by making laws. At the head of the City Council, is the Mayor. The Mayor is elected by citizens every two years. The Mayor and four Councilmembers make important decisions for the city at City Council Meetings. Can you name Burlington's Mayor and Councilmembers?

Mayor _____
Councilmember _____
Councilmember _____
Councilmember _____
Councilmember _____

The City Manager is the "top boss" of the city. He or she makes sure the laws made by council are enforced. The City Manager is in charge of all the City Offices. The City Manager is in charge of the people who run City departments like Police, Fire and Public Works.

Our City Seal



The seal of Burlington represents our great city.

“The woman standing ever so straight,
Represents our progress; one of our best traits.

A bolt of cloth for the textile goods here made
Can be found at her feet where it has been laid.

The gear represents the great businesses we possess.
We’ve always stood out way above all the rest!

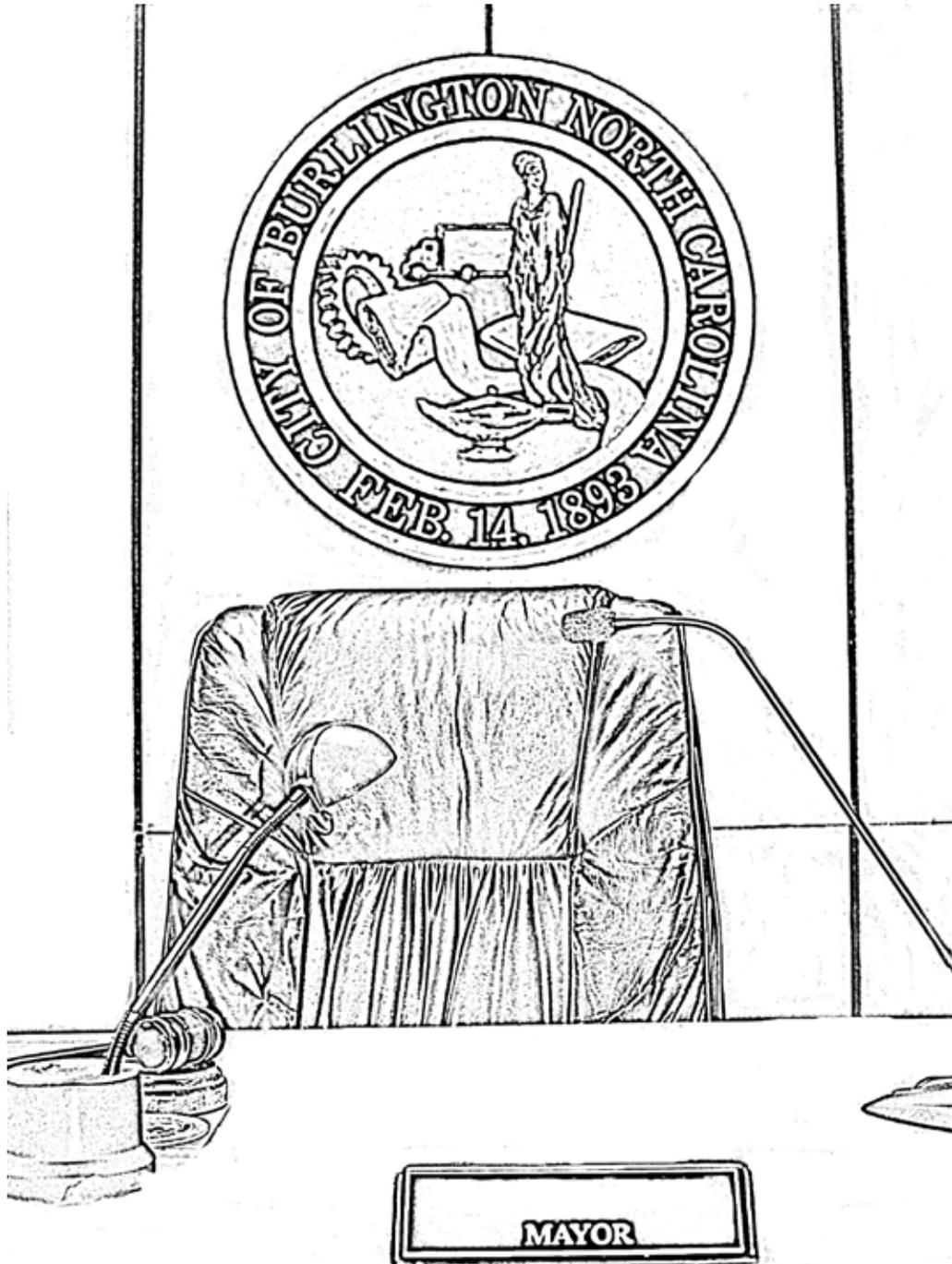
The truck is one way products are moved,
Yet other means are just as good.

The lamp stands for education, culture and the like.
Burlington prides itself on this, yes ma’am, that’s right.

Together the pieces make our great seal,
Which altogether show Burlington’s strong will.

Burlington possesses a diverse community,
Where different kinds of people live in unity!”

The Council Chamber



The council chamber is inside of the municipal building in Downtown Burlington. This is where Burlington's City Council meetings take place. The Mayor sits in the middle seat and leads the meetings. You are invited to come to meetings whenever you like. That's what makes our government a democracy!

Burlington and The Railroad

The Burlington Railroad was built in 1850 and was part of the North Carolina Railroad Line. Burlington was first called "Company Shops" by the railroad company. The railroad left and in 1893 the City was incorporated as Burlington.



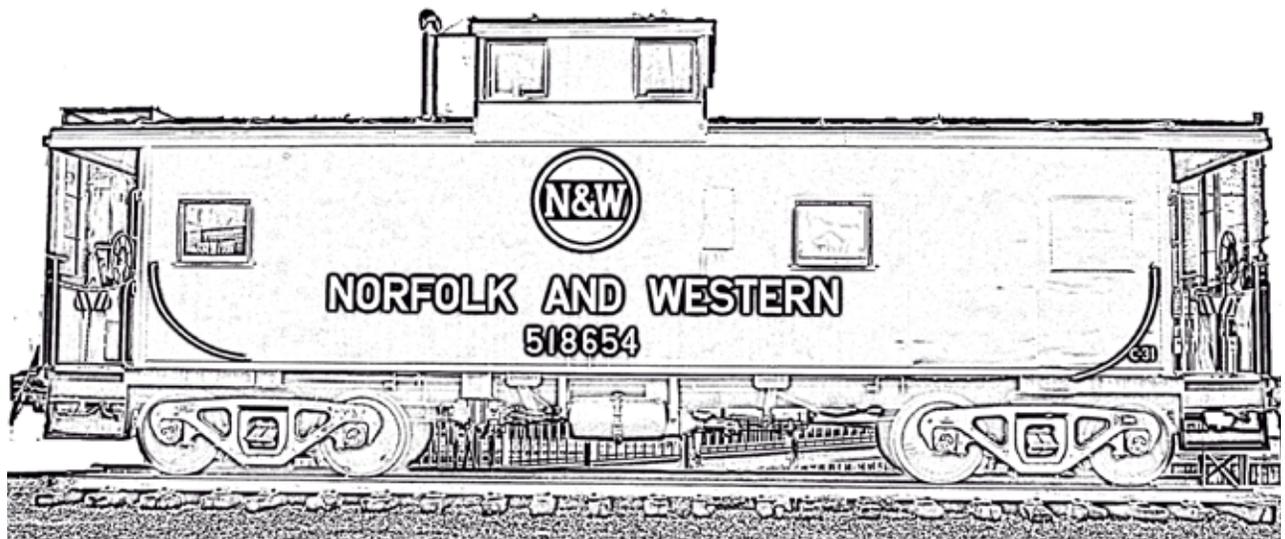
**The Train Depot is a historic landmark
in our City.**

**This is what an old caboose
looks like!**

**The caboose was the last car
on the train
and was used as the train crew's
living quarters.**

**The conductor also had
an office here.**

**Today the caboose is
a museum
that you can visit
in Downtown Burlington
on Saturdays!**



Recreation and Parks

This City Department helps to keep our city beautiful by creating and maintaining our city's parks. They host some fun events throughout the year and also manage programs for youth, seniors, and athletes.

Can you unscramble the names of some of the parks in Burlington?

yict krpa _____

fiarhldi rpak _____

lkea mcaitnohsk arkp _____

wlliowroobk rakp _____



Answer Key:
City Park
Fairchild Park
Lake Macintosh Park
Willowbrook Park

Have you ridden The Dentzel Carousel in City Park?

The Carousel was built around 1906. That makes it more than 100 years old! It has many animals like horses, pigs, giraffes, and ostriches.

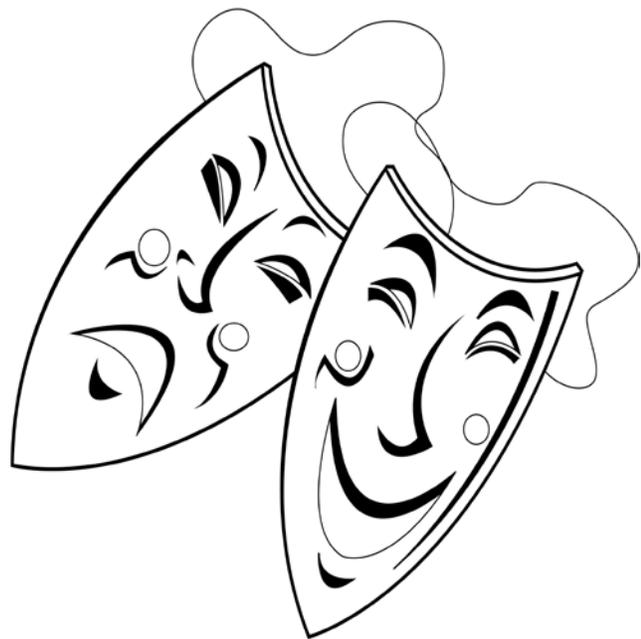


Burlington bought the carousel in 1948 and restored it in 1981. Every year in September there is a Carousel Festival held in City Park to celebrate this historic treasure!

Have you been to the Paramount Theatre?



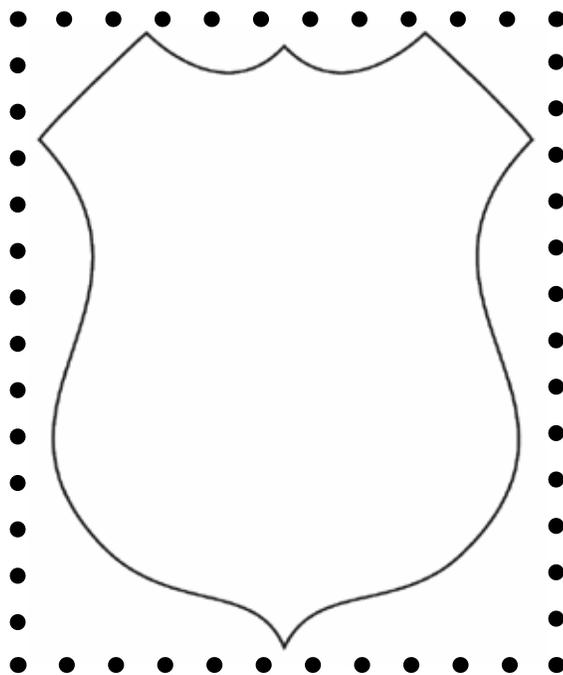
The Paramount Theatre is located in Downtown Burlington. It was built in 1928 and was called The Grand. In 1973 it was almost torn down, but instead it was restored and still stands today. They have the best plays in town!



Here's our Police Department. Officers work every day to enforce the law and keep us safe. If you ever have an emergency, dial 9-1-1 and an officer will come to help.



It's time to make your own police badge.



Let's Explore The Fire Department



Burlington's Firefighters work hard to protect us from dangerous fires and other emergencies. They also teach us about safety.

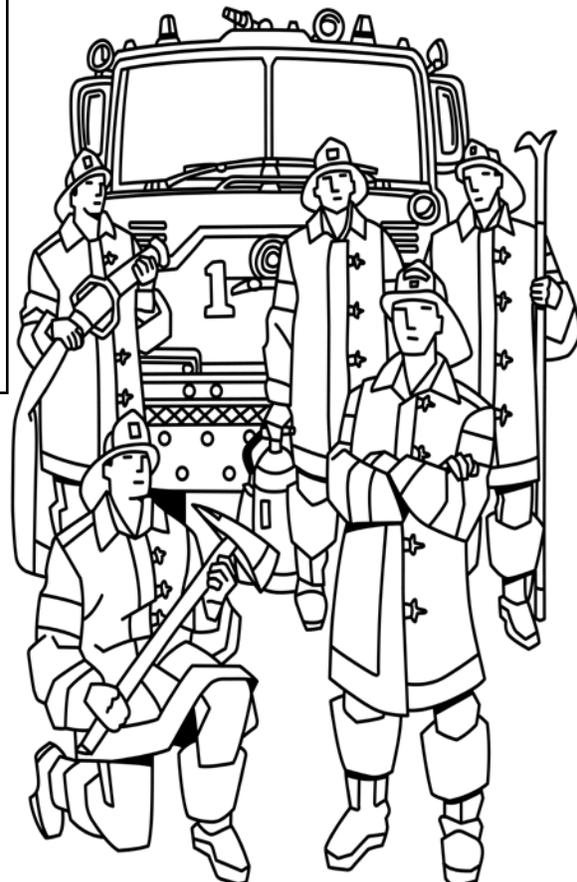
Can you find all the words?

Fire Station Word Search

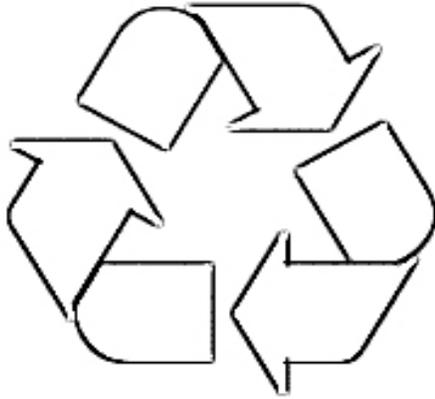
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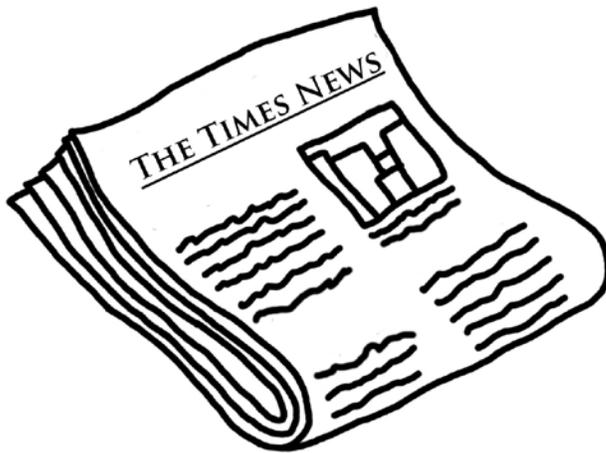
HOSE, TRUCK, FIRE, SIREN, LADDER, HELMET, SPOT, FIREMEN, STATION, SMOKE



The Sanitation Department coordinates recycling collection every other week.



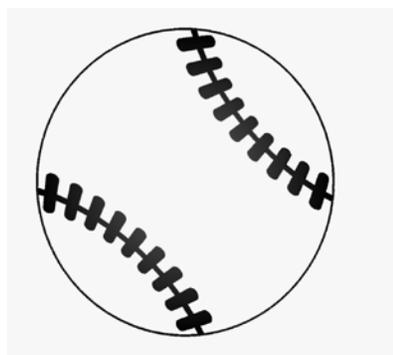
Circle the items that should be recycled.



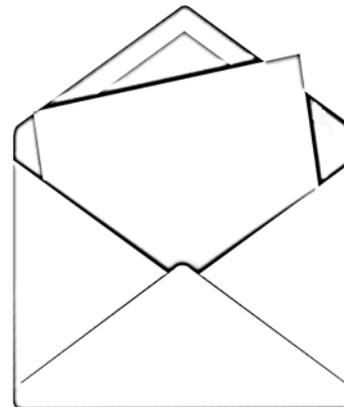
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Cans



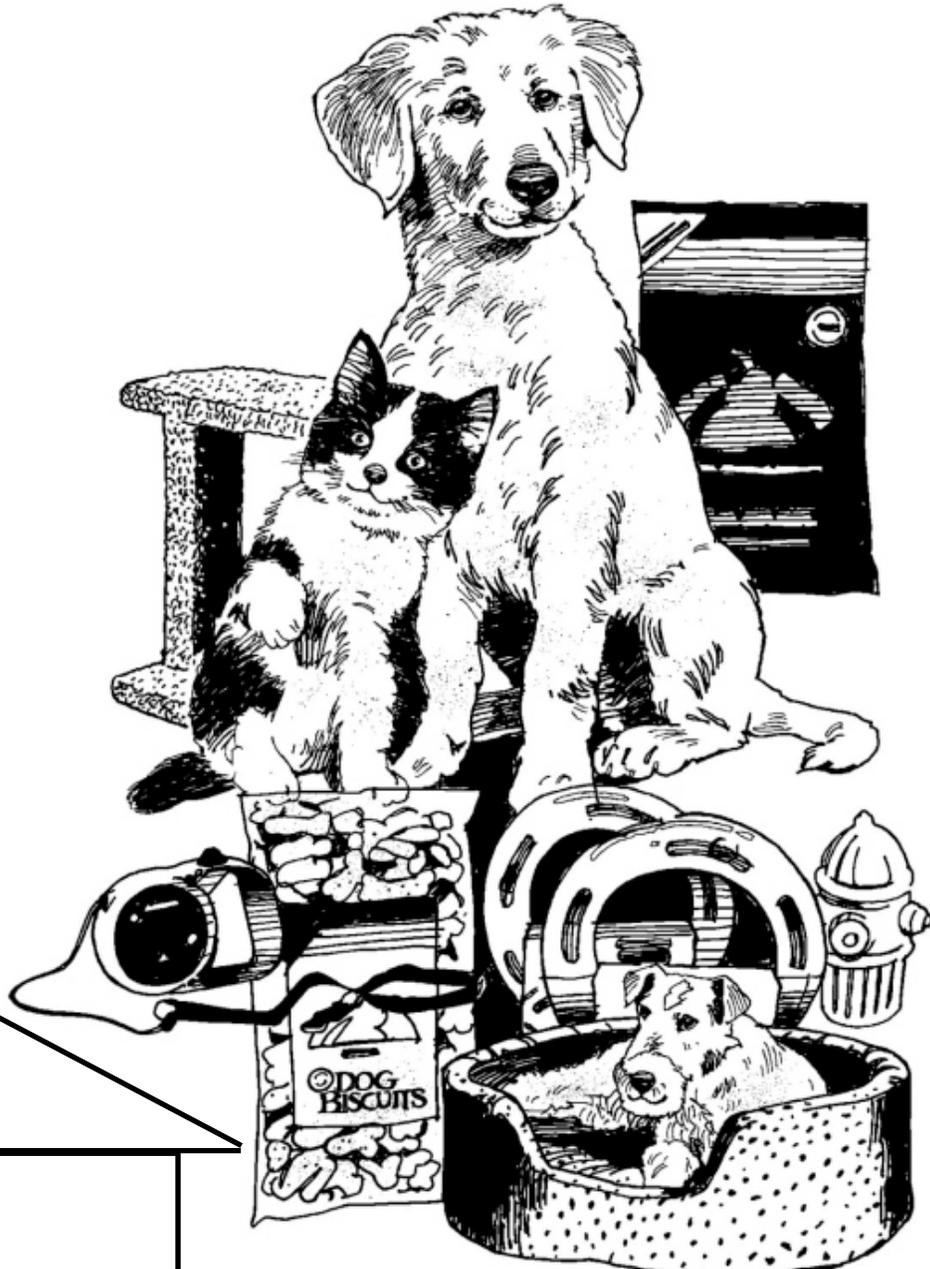
Baseballs



Paper

Have you ever been to the Pet Adoption Center?

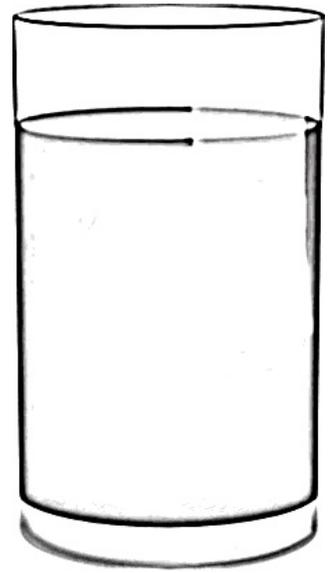
They have many dogs, cats and even other
furry friends that are available for adoption.



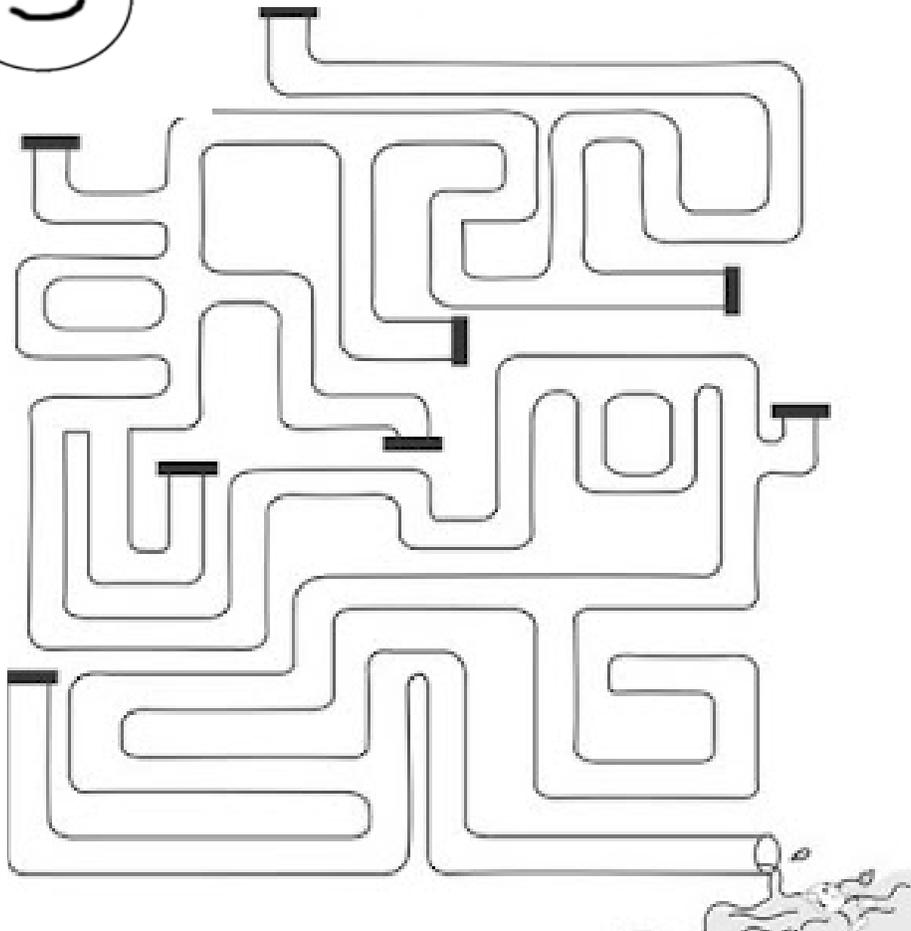
Can you decorate a house
for these animals?

Do you know from where drinking water comes?

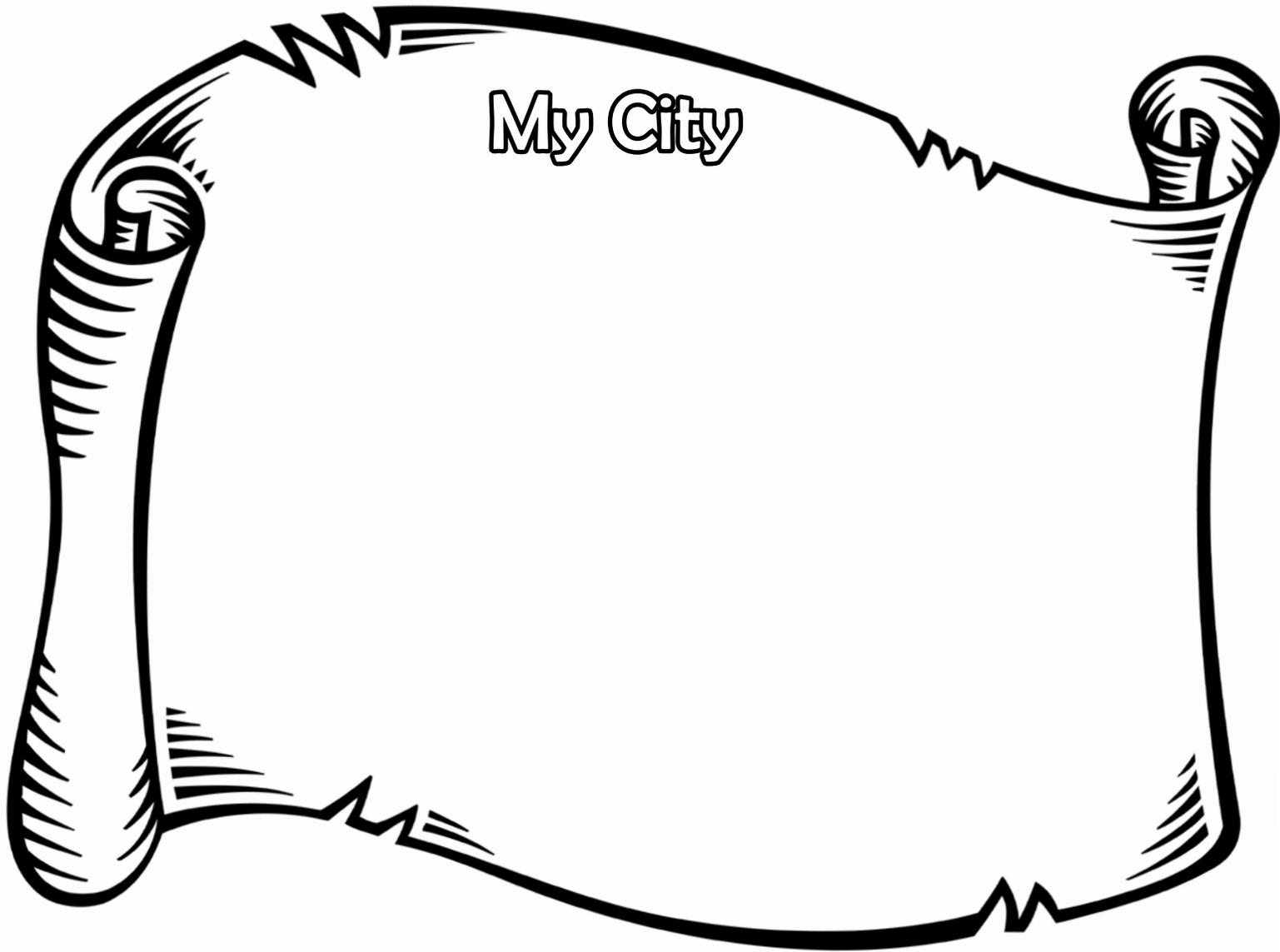
Burlington has three lakes from where it gets its water: Lake Mackintosh, Lake Cammack and the Stoney Creek Reservoir. The water then has to go through a treatment plant to make sure it's safe for drinking.



Help the water drop make it through the pipes to your faucet.



Now that you know everything
about the City of Burlington,
it's time to make your own city!



Don't forget to give it a name
and include the important places
that you learned about today.
You can even make yourself
the Mayor!

