

STEPS TO BECOMING A L-E-A-D-E-R

Listen

Speaking out and taking a stand is one thing, but keeping an open ear is essential. Don't assume what citizens want. Go out and talk with all organization members.

Enthusiastic

If you are passionate about local issues, the enthusiasm will radiate to the rest of the community. A positive attitude and optimism will also go a long way to make the task both fun and effective.

Action

Goals are important, but providing a comprehensive plan of action that explains how to reach those goals is even more so. Be creative and take risks in order to find new ways of accomplishing those goals.

Dependability

The community should be able to trust its leaders to operate ethically and with their best interests at heart.

Educated

A leader should have a good understanding of the dynamics of the community, and how its members operate. A leader should also lead by example.

Results

The motivation to be a leader should not be for an impressive resume or to satisfy the urge for attention – it should be about getting something positive done. There are true leaders, and then there are people who grab a leadership position as a stepping stone in their career.

