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**Youth Leadership Council**

**What is the Youth Leadership Council?** The Youth Leadership Council is a group of high school students working toward the common purpose of developing their individual leadership skills to strengthen the Town of Walnut and its surrounding communities through volunteer service and increased communication with municipal leaders. In short, it is an opportunity for motivated 9th - 12th graders to *learn, lead, and serve* within the scope of their own community.

**What does the YLC do?** The Council will serve a vital function in town event planning and organizing. They will partner with other community-wide groups on fund raising, promotion, and youth involvement in town projects. The YLC will give back via service projects and charity drives. Additionally, the Council will provide valuable insight into issues affecting the youth of the community to the Mayor and Board of Alderman of Walnut.

**What are the benefits to applying?** First and foremost, the Youth Leadership Council will have the ability to directly improve their community. Members will network with other youth councils from other areas of Mississippi. They will have access to the experience and guidance of mentors from the local, state, and national level. Career insight and preparation will be available. Of course, participation will look great on that college/professional school application and it will be fun, too!

**What are Members' responsibilities?** YLC members must conduct themselves in a behavior befitting an ambassador of their community. They must attend meetings and participate in the service projects chosen by the YLC. All efforts will be made to avoid conflicts with other student-related activities, but if a member is absent for 3 consecutive meetings, or 4 in a year, they will no longer hold the privileges of a YLC member.

**What should I do if I am interested?** Talk it over with your family. Direct any questions to those listed above. *Fill out an application and return it by September 12th.*