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THE MAYOR &
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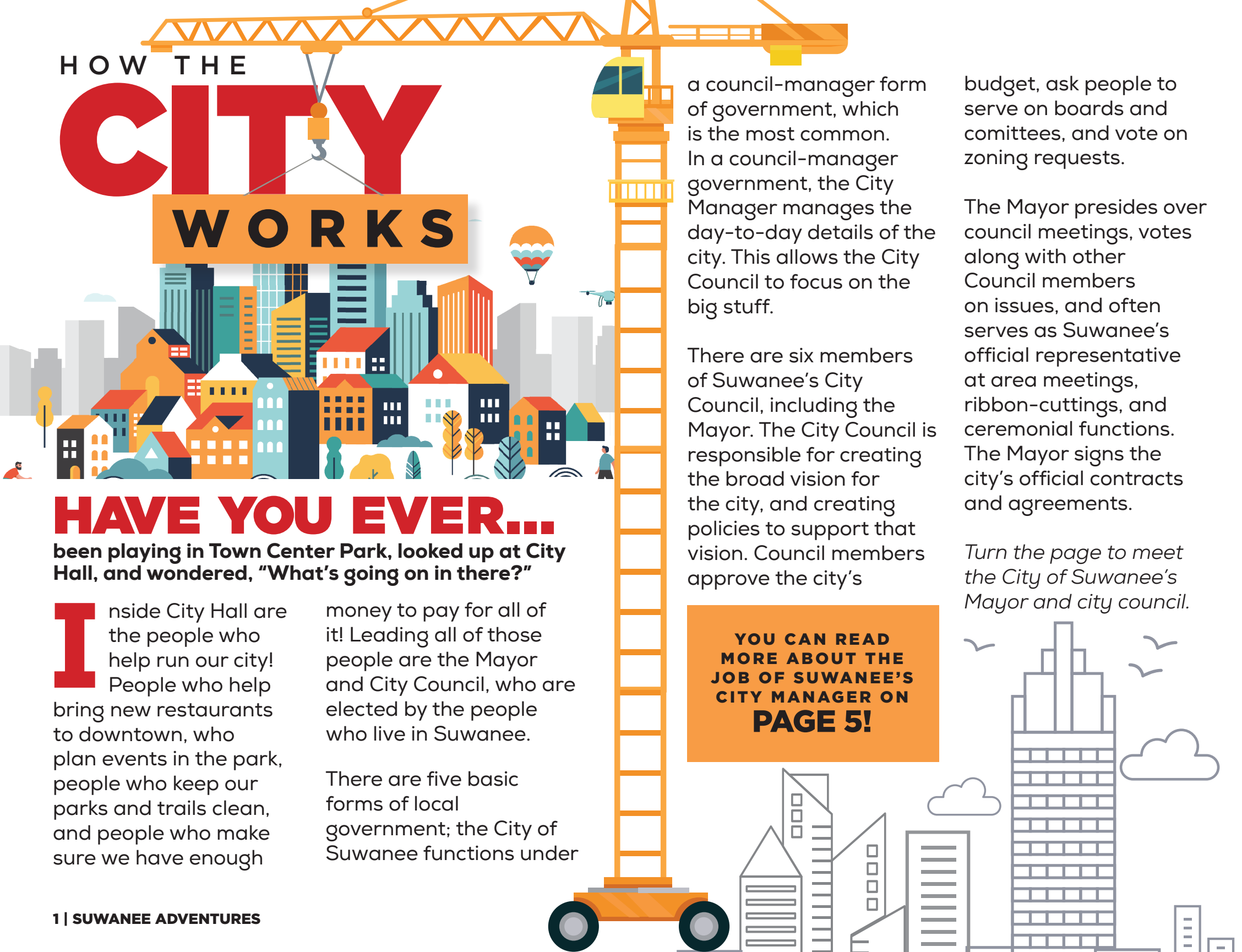


CITY MANAGER



HOW THE

CITY WORKS



HAVE YOU EVER...

been playing in Town Center Park, looked up at City Hall, and wondered, "What's going on in there?"

Inside City Hall are the people who help run our city! People who help bring new restaurants to downtown, who plan events in the park, people who keep our parks and trails clean, and people who make sure we have enough

money to pay for all of it! Leading all of those people are the Mayor and City Council, who are elected by the people who live in Suwanee.

There are five basic forms of local government; the City of Suwanee functions under

a council-manager form of government, which is the most common. In a council-manager government, the City Manager manages the day-to-day details of the city. This allows the City Council to focus on the big stuff.

There are six members of Suwanee's City Council, including the Mayor. The City Council is responsible for creating the broad vision for the city, and creating policies to support that vision. Council members approve the city's

budget, ask people to serve on boards and committees, and vote on zoning requests.

The Mayor presides over council meetings, votes along with other Council members on issues, and often serves as Suwanee's official representative at area meetings, ribbon-cuttings, and ceremonial functions. The Mayor signs the city's official contracts and agreements.

Turn the page to meet the City of Suwanee's Mayor and city council.

**YOU CAN READ
MORE ABOUT THE
JOB OF SUWANEE'S
CITY MANAGER ON
PAGE 5!**

MEET THE *City Council*

Mayor Jimmy Burnette

IRL: Owns a residential remodeling company

"I've worked with over 20 city council members and four mayors, and we've been able to achieve a lot during that time because we've worked together, had a common vision, and shared goals. I always say with that, you can't fail."

Pete Charpentier

CITY COUNCIL POST 5

IRL: Marketing Director

"My favorite part of being on the City Council is talking to Suwanee residents. I enjoy hearing what they love about Suwanee and helping them when they have a concern or issue. I am proud of our actions as City Council to provide additional funding for our city Police Department. The money purchased new computer applications that help the police department do their job better and keep Suwanee safe."



Heather Hall

CITY COUNCIL POST 5

IRL: Physician Assistant

"I ran for city council to help my city, learn about my neighbors, and help others to learn about people like me."



Beth Hilscher

CITY COUNCIL POST 4

IRL: Lawyer

"As a business owner, property owner, and a parent, I want to ensure that Suwanee continues to be a wonderful place to raise a family and operate a business."



Linnea Miller

CITY COUNCIL POST 3

IRL: Consultant

"My favorite part about being on the city council is listening to what citizens care about, so they know that their government hears them. I learn about their ideas and issues, and help them solve problems. I love to help create, build, and lead a city where people love to live!"



Larry Pettiford

CITY COUNCIL POST 2

IRL: Owner of a windshield installation and repair service

"My greatest desire for Suwanee citizens is for them to have the confidence that their opinions and involvement are desired, and truly make a difference in our decision making process."

Departments

& WHAT THEY DO



PUBLIC WORKS

Maintains public spaces like parks, roads, sidewalks, and buildings



PLANNING

Helps create plans for the city so that citizens can know what to expect



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Creating a great community so that people will want to live and work here



FINANCIAL SERVICES

Collecting taxes and licenses to make sure the city's bills get paid



POLICE

Keeping Suwanee citizens safe



COURT

Making sure people follow the rules when they are in Suwanee



ISpy

WITH MY LITTLE EYE

- The Public works crew taking care of a park
- Volunteers helping at an event
- a painted cow near playtown suwanee
- strawberries at the farmers market
- a banner announcing a town center park event
- a construction crew building the new fire department
- a giant yellow sunset at sims park lake
- a police officer being a helper
- a big red piece of public art in front of city hall.



**What
Do You
Do?**

CITY OF SUWANEЕ

City Manager

BY: MARTY ALLEN

Who runs this town, anyway?

Well, the answer is: a lot of us do. The City of Suwanee has a council-manager form of government. That means that the citizens elect a city council to represent them, and the city council appoints a city manager to run the day-to-day operations of the city (that's me).

My job is to oversee the activities of city departments and manage nearly 150 city employees while implementing the city council's policies. My staff creates the budget, directs planning, conducts research, develops policies, and evaluates potential public programs, among other daily tasks.

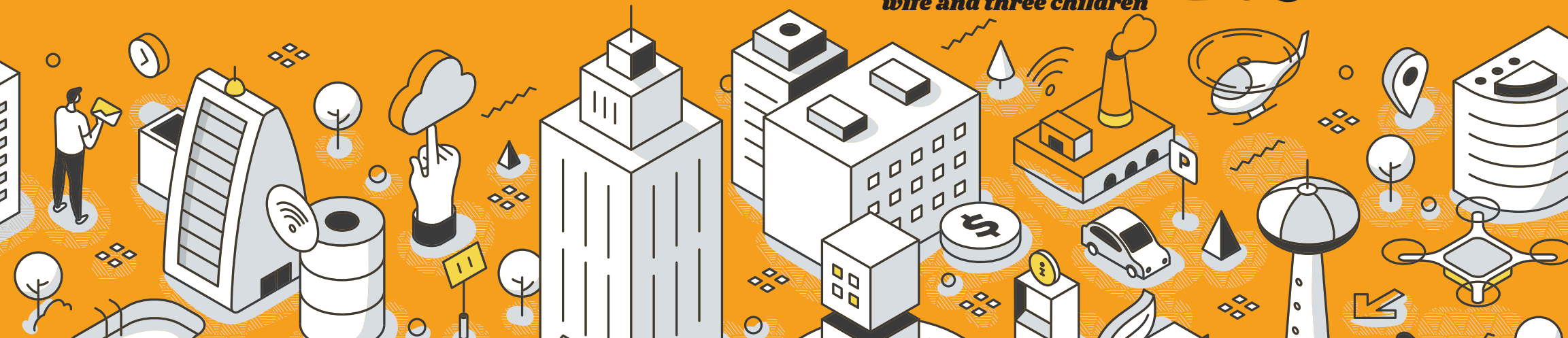
One of the most important parts of my job is providing direct staff assistance to city council members. The city staff helps the council makes decisions by offering advice in their areas of expertise. So if the council needs to make a decision on stormwater, but they don't know much about how excess rainwater is managed, I have an expert staff member who can answer their questions and make recommendations.

Not to toot my own horn, but I'm an expert in my area too. One of the advantages of the council-manager system is that the council can select an individual who is specifically educated and trained for the job of managing a city. In college, I learned how to lead a local government and create and implement policies (which is just a fancy word for how we choose to govern).



**Marty Allen with his
wife and three children**

*Marty earned his masters
in public administration
from the University of
Georgia, where he often
returns to speak to other
MPA students!*



A Snapshot of our Community

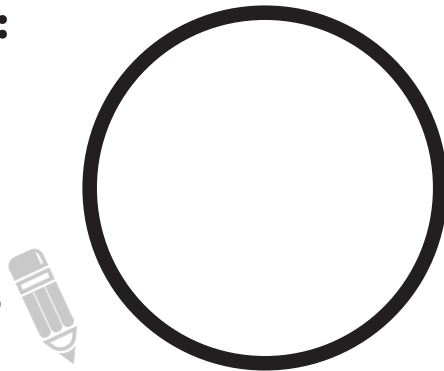
Every ten years, the United States government takes a census to find out how many people live in our country! The data helps inform where your community needs a new fire department, funding for schools, or even help respond to natural disasters.

20,786 People call Suwanee home!

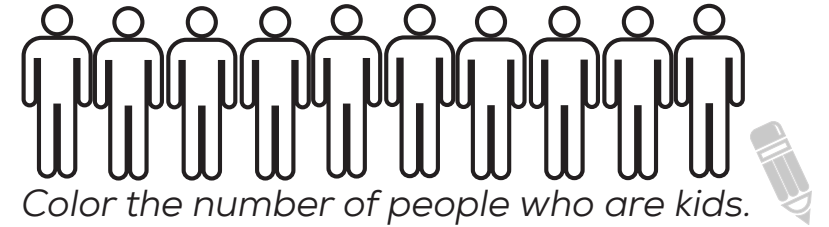
What we look like:

White	62%
Asian	20%
Black	13%
Hispanic or Latino	5%

Divide and color the pie chart to show Suwanee's demographics



3 out of every **10** people are kids!



Do You know what percentage of people in Suwanee are kids?



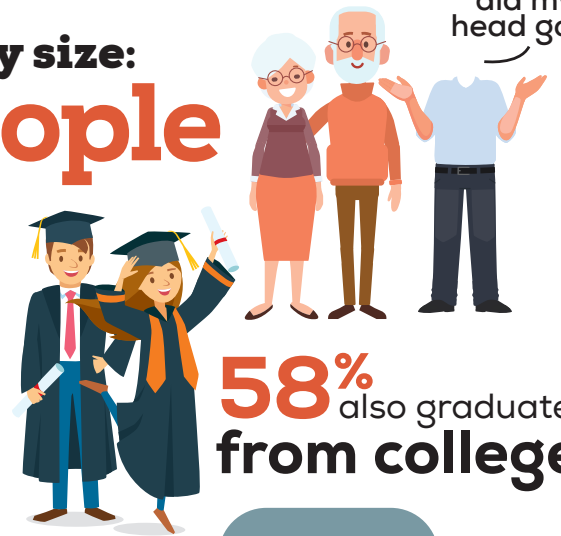
Average Family size:
2.81 People

Where did my head go?!

97% of adults who live in Suwanee graduated from **high school**

58% also graduated from **college.**

26% of people living in Suwanee don't speak **English** at home.



BONJOUR!

HALLO!

HOLA!

안녕하세요

Upcoming EVENTS



Max's Moon Run

MAY 6 | 6:30 PM



Suwanee Arts Festival

MAY 14 | 10 AM

MAY 15 | NOON



Food Truck Friday

JUNE 3 | 5:30 PM



Movies Under the Stars

JUNE 11 | 7:00 PM

Join us in
Town Center
Park for these
**awesome
open air
events!**

MAYOR

Jimmy Burnette

COUNCIL

Pete Charpentier

Heather Hall

Beth Hilscher

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