

If I Were Mayor...

I am Lily Oien and have lived in Happy Valley for 10 years, I am 12 years old. I know a lot about this city and these are some things that I would do to make our community a better place for kids and adults.

If I were Mayor of Happy Valley, I would do a city-wide clean-up where all of the kids and adults would do a nice neighborhood clean-up once a year so that our city would stay clean and the environment would be better.

Also, I would have a lot of festivals. One of the festivals that I would do is a community festival to celebrate people from different backgrounds and cultures. We could do this at Happy Valley Park, and there would be food and activities from different cultures, the whole city would be welcome. All of the kids and adults can learn about people in our community that are from all around the world.

If I was Mayor, I would make sure the city had a small carbon footprint and the people were more active because it is proven that active people are healthier. We could help that by having more bike races, running, and more things that promote being active outside.

I would also make sure that all people treated everyone equally. I would propose an idea to all of the people in Happy Valley that every week you do 1 kind act, whether it's holding the door for someone or buying your friend their favorite candy. I got that idea from my teacher Mrs. Whitewolf and my school, HVMS. My school and my teachers inspire me to always do the right thing.

I would also make schools a little more fun because right now they are fun, but kids still choose to not go to school. To change that, I would have more spirit days and fun activities and have more creative ways to learn. Of course, right now there is a pandemic so schools are not as fun as they usually would be if we were at school. But, once we are all back in the classroom, these new ideas will help all kids be excited to go learn at school.

If I were Mayor of Happy Valley I would distribute masks, gloves, and hand sanitizing material so that the people of Happy Valley that are in need could be safe against this virus.

Also, I would have more competitions and activities just like this one so that our people in our community would be more involved. These competitions would be things like field day, bike races, runs, pinewood derby races, math competitions, writing competitions, or even a go-cart race. These activities would get more kids and adults more involved in the community.

Our community is an important thing in this city and if I was Mayor of Happy Valley Oregon I would help the community become more connected. I would help kids want to be more active in the community, I would promote a kind act of the week, I would hold a city-wide clean-up, I would also have more festivals and community activities, and make the city of Happy Valley a better place.

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