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How your local government serves you

FIND THESE SERVICES IN THE PICTURE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

- Animal Control (animal licensing)
- Assessor/Treasurer (property taxes)
- Building Permits/Code Enforcement
- Fire Department
- Law Enforcement (Police/Sheriff)
- Public Works (roads)

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT SERVICES:

- Public Buses
- Electricity
- Library
- School District

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND/OR SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT:

- Garbage & Recycling
- Water
- Waste Water
- Parks



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HOW DOES GOVERNMENT WORK IN CLARK COUNTY?

The city of La Center and the town of Yacolt use the Mayor-Council form of government.

This means that these cities are run by a Mayor and a City Council. People of the city vote for the person they want to be Mayor plus a few people they want as City Council members.

- The Mayor is like the captain of a team. The Mayor works with the City Council to make decisions for the city. Sometimes the Mayor cuts ribbons to open new businesses.
- The City Council members are like the Mayor's teammates. They make decisions, and it is the Mayor's job to carry them out.

The cities of Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and Vancouver use the Council-Manager form of government.

This means these cities are run more like a business. The people of the city elect a few people to be on the City Council. Then the City Council hires a person to be the City Manager, who works with the Mayor.

- The City Manager acts as the boss and makes the everyday decisions. The City Manager also makes sure the city has enough money to do business.
- The City Council works closely with the City Manager. The City Council makes important decisions for the City Manager to carry out.

The cities of Camas and Washougal are like a Council-Manager form of government except their Manager is called an Administrator.

Clark County uses the Commission form of County Government

This means there are three Commissioners plus other elected officers. The Commission form of county government is the oldest and most traditional.

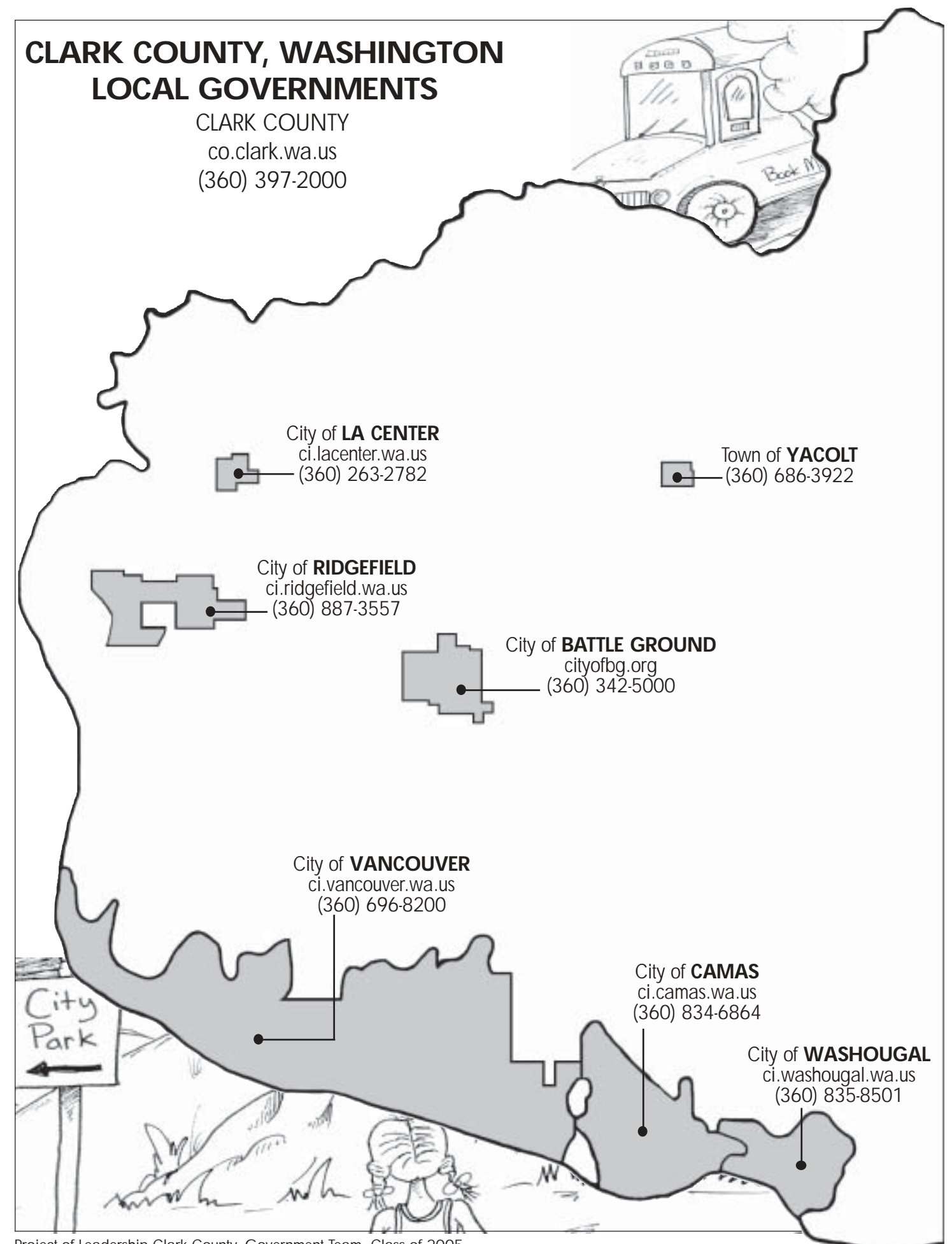
- Each Commissioner represents a certain district and is voted in by all the people of Clark County.
- The Commissioners work with other elected county officials like a clerk, treasurer, assessor, auditor, sheriff, prosecuting attorney and judges.
- The Commissioners set the budget and policies for the county.



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