

City of Gaithersburg Junior Mayor Contest – 2019

The theme for this year's contest was: "Together We Can..."

- What is the issue or cause and how would you propose to solve it?
- How would you get the community and your fellow officials on board to help?
- Offer a suggestion that would help people to work better together.

If I Were Mayor, I would...

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If I were mayor, I would stop car crashes involving pedestrians from happening in our City. As mayor, I would add more stop signs to intersections, change speed limits on streets that have more accidents, and add traffic lights where there are none. These car crashes are very dangerous, especially to the weak, elderly, and very young. It is very important to stop them from happening in our streets.

I would make a speech at City Hall to let everybody in the city know how dangerous car accidents are for pedestrians. I would ask people to vote if money should be spent on more traffic lights or more stop signs. I would also have a meeting with the City Council Members and Public Works to talk about what is happening and find a way to stop it from happening. I would work with the transportation crew to learn about the most dangerous intersections in the City for pedestrians.

One way to find money to add stop signs, traffic lights and speed limit signs are fundraisers to get the money we need. I would have an event where people would run laps around Bohrer Park. For every lap, they would pay \$.50. Another way would be selling shirts about pedestrian safety. To spread the word about what is happening; volunteers can help make murals about pedestrian and driver safety. Rewards for safe drivers would include \$50 in cash and a free trip to Washington D.C for a family of 4.

Let's help keep pedestrians safe in our city.