

Enhance Community Involvement with E-Gov CommunityLink

E-Gov CommunityLink enhances community involvement by providing an affordable, ready made toolkit that can be accessed from a city's website and integrates with e-gov applications and social networking sites. Create a dialog with citizens in a controlled environment using the latest web technologies.

CommunityLink Core Features

- **CommunityLink Portal**—*where the public goes to see what's happening*—shows what's new on the city's website, by aggregating the newest content from numerous E-Gov Basics applications and providing links to the details.
- ****City Blog** provides an easy way for city officials to update the public on topics of interest. Citizens can send comments to the city.
- ****News Headlines** displays most recently added items to city news posts.
- ***Upcoming events** list next few events on the E-Gov Link calendar.
- ***New documents** lists most recently added documents to the E-Gov Link document center.
- ***New FAQ's** list most recently added items to the E-Gov Link FAQ list. Citizen can pose new questions.
- ****Rumor Mill** allows citizens to share rumors they have heard and get feedback from city staff.
- **RSS Feeds** allow users to see city content in their favorite RSS reader without requiring them to visit the website
- **"Share This"** allows users to post items of interest to their own Twitter, FaceBook or other social media pages.
- **Links** to other E-Gov Link applications, like citizen requests, email subscriptions, etc.

CommunityLink Advanced Features

Note: All public inputs reviewed by the city prior to publication.

- ****Polls:** Get input from citizens and post results of previous polls. Citizens can add comments too.
- ****Forum (Discussions):** Citizens can post comments on various topics set by the city and suggest new topics.
- ****Bulletin Board:** citizen can create items for a searchable bulletin board. Each item will have a headline and body text. Items will be posted most recent on top.
- ****Jobs:** Public can post Help Wanted listings that will be searchable by keyword and category.
- ****Real Estate:** Public (or Economic Development) can post listings of commercial (and/or residential) real estate for sale.
- ****Community Spotlight** is the place to find that business, organization, person or event that contributes to the community. Public suggestions invited.
- **Other Added Features**
 - Post citizen comments to blog entries
 - SMS and Twitter "subscriptions" for alerts, news items, etc.
 - Ability for city to push CommunityLink content to city's Twitter and FaceBook pages. E-Gov Link can provide assistance for initial page set-up.
 - Enhanced citizen registration

*Feeds from existing E-Gov Basics applications

**New E-Gov Basics features that are also accessible from standard E-Gov Link menu