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How to Be a Good Citizen
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A good citizen is usually nice, caring and kind. They help with stuff because they think it is right. They don't get paid; they just do it because they feel like their help is needed.

I have seen a few people in my community that are good citizens. For example, there is a lady down the street from us who picks up trash when she takes walks. My family always makes sure there are no plastic bags flying around because they can hurt the neighbor's horses.

In Franklin Township sometimes if someone's home gets burned down, people will give them tables and chairs and help them rebuild their home. The fire department people in Franklin Township are all volunteers. They are good citizens to do it.

Some people help other people with their driveway; for example, my dad sometimes helps people get the snow out of their driveway. He jokes that he just accidentally cleans their driveway, but I think he is being a good citizen.

One time our pig got loose. Our neighbor and his friend came over and they got the pig and put him back in his pen. It was fun to watch them do it.

There is a girl down the street who has ALS and her mom had a heart attack. There was a long list of good citizens who helped them. I helped play with their cat named Chicken and my mom made food and brought it over. Sometimes in our community if someone has a problem, you help take care of them.

I think Franklin Township is a great place to live because it is a small community so there are not a lot of people, but everyone helps each other. I am lucky to live in Franklin Township with great friends and neighbors.