

## **Tomorrow's Leaders: Understanding Illinois Local Government**

So much of what we hear about government concerns issues in Washington, D.C. or in Springfield. People are likely to know the name of the President of the United States but not the name of the county board member, alderman, or trustee who represents them on a local government board.

Local government affects our daily life profoundly. *"Tomorrow's Leaders: Understanding Illinois Local Government"* is a high school curriculum that helps students understand how local government works for them. This curriculum contains eight units discussing issues such as: who's in local government, local government finance, physical infrastructure, law enforcement, the court system, local government services, public safety, and being a good citizen.

In order to participate in community decision-making, we need to know how local governments operate and what services each kind of government provides for us. High school teachers are welcome to come learn how to utilize this curriculum in their class. Teachers who participate in the training will earn five CPDU's, be provided with a teacher's manual, 30 student handbooks, and will receive lunch all for \$25.00. The curriculum training will be held on October 22 at the University of Illinois Extension Center in Breese from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The registration deadline is September 25. For more information or to register contact Stephanie Richter, coordinator for youth development programs at 526-4551 or [srichter@illinois.edu](mailto:srichter@illinois.edu).