A newspaper article may be more of a program highlight of the youth’s activities. It can advertise the presentation and relay the information discovered during the program. Because news should be fairly unbiased, a newspaper article is generally not as boldly stated as an Op-Ed piece in terms of advocating for the proposed ordinance.

GUIDE FOR WRITING AND SUBMITTING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

1. Newspapers often print student work in a special section on certain days of the week. Check with your local newspapers for their availability and guidelines.

2. A newspaper article is generally between 200 and 500 words long. Check with your local newspaper for their writing guidelines and format requirements. They may specify a column width and number of inches long that the article may be.

3. The writing style in a newspaper is short sentences that are to the point. Each paragraph should be no more than three sentences long. Even though you will edit your piece before submitting it, do not be surprised if the newspaper editors make additional changes.

4. Open your article with a statement that tells the reader what the article is about. A shortened version of this statement may become the title of the article.

5. Newspaper articles should not contain any personal opinion or emotion. Tell the facts as simply as you can. Consider including the following:
   - What the EYPC program (and/or the organization that sponsored it) is.
   - Why youth became involved in the program. (Use quotes.)
   - What youth like about the program. (Use quotes.)
   - What youth learned (about their community, government, and the statistics from data collection).
   - What will be happening next (Community Presentation and Youth Presentation).