2020 Citizens Academy Schedule

The City of Woodland Park Citizens Academy is an interactive educational program that helps citizens understand how local City government is organized and how services are funded and delivered. Participants must be able to attend all seven sessions, barring unforeseen circumstances. There is no cost to participate in the Citizens Academy. Light refreshments* provided at each session. Online application: https://bit.ly/2E2qUBQ

Citizens Academy Purpose: To improve citizen understanding of the workings of effective local municipal government and encourage citizen involvement in the community.

**Mondays, February 3-March 23, 2020  ◆  5:30 pm – 8:30 pm**
(no class on Monday, February 17)  Academy dates and times are subject to change

During the seven-week Academy, you have opportunities to explore and gain knowledge in the following areas:

**Week 1**
Your Local Government 101  LOCATION: Council Chambers
February 3
Introductions, and a historical overview are followed by the fundamentals of a Home Rule City and City Administration. Meet some key team members and elected officials who make up the City, and gain insight into the roles and processes of your local government. *(includes Attorney, Court, Cemetery, HR)*

**Week 2**
Smart Growth / Dollars and Sense  LOCATION: Council Chambers
February 10
Planning, Zoning and Building – a hands-on experience to explore the various laws, processes, and outcomes involved in ensuring that growth happens in a well-planned out manner.
Finance – gain knowledge about local government finance, including revenues, taxes, expenditures and what goes into the process of budget planning.

**Week 3**
Cool, Clear Water  LOCATION: Council Chambers
February 24
Water Utility – In the first of two utility sessions, tour the City’s water treatment facility, and learn about the City’s water collection, treatment and distribution processes, and repair work.

**Week 4**
Something for Everyone!  LOCATION: Ute Pass Cultural Center
March 2
Parks and Recreation & Culture - Dive in with Parks and Recreation to discover how to maximize your leisure through parks, trails, open spaces, facilities and programs, followed by an Aquatic Center tour.

**Week 5**
The Right Treatment - Waste Not  LOCATION: Council Chambers
March 9
Wastewater Utility – learn about the City’s wastewater collection, treatment, distribution and repair processes followed by a tour the wastewater treatment facility.

**Week 6**
Keeping the Community Safe  LOCATION: Police Department
March 16
Police Department - Meet your police officers, learn about the police department, its various operations, and experience what occurs during a “typical” day at the station.

**Week 7**
Buildings, Roads, Drainage and More!  LOCATION: Council Chambers
March 23
Public Works – Streets and Roads, Engineering, Fleet, and Facilities - From roads to drains, see how Public Works oversees improving and maintaining these community assets. Followed by a tour.

**April 2**
Academy Graduation  LOCATION: Council Chambers
7:00 pm
City Council Meeting –Academy Graduate Recognition

For more information contact Karen Casey, Community Engagement Manager: kcasey@cityofwp.net  (719) 687-5218

*Restaurants and other business are invited to consider sponsoring one of the weekly meals and graduation shirts*