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2012 Harrisonburg Citizen Academy Space Still Available

Harrisonburg, VA — The 2012 Harrisonburg Citizen Academy is now accepting applications.

The academy will begin its seventh annual session on August 30, 2012 and conclude November 15, 2012. This free program is open to all city residents 18 years of age and older. For twelve weeks, participants meet on Thursday evenings for two hours to learn more about the functions and services of city government from the people who provide those services.

Other benefits of program participation include: Help build a livable, sustainable community; Gain a deeper understanding of how local government works from the people who help guide decision-making; Meet government leaders and staff members and visit various government facilities; Understand how you can become more engaged in your community; Participate in dialogues with City staff about successes and challenges; Serve as a role model for other residents interested in social change; Help foster an environment that contributes to a positive quality of life; and, Gain the knowledge needed to become a member of a City advisory board or commission.

“The Citizen Academy provides an opportunity for residents of Harrisonburg to learn more about the city and the city’s services,” said City Manager Kurt Hodgen. “We have had nothing but positive feedback from program participants and look forward to another great year.”

Since 2006, over 80 people have graduated from the program and many have gone on to serve on an advisory board and Council. Applications are available in city offices or online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/citizens-academy. Applications are due in the City Manager’s Office by five in the afternoon on Thursday August 16, 2012.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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