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City Graduates 17 from Citizen Academy

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg hosts an annual Citizen Academy for residents to have an in-depth opportunity to learn more about their local government.

Starting at the end of August, 17 individuals committed every Thursday evening to the Citizen Academy program.

“It is always exciting for city staff to see the level of commitment and dedication to learning about Harrisonburg from the participants of this program,” explained Mary-Hope Vass, public information officer.

The participants learn in a hands-on environment and experience how each department operates. Each class of the Citizen Academy brings unique backgrounds and ideas and departments answer a myriad of questions. This program also serves as a catalyst to get citizens more involved in local government.

There are Citizen Academy graduates currently serving on City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and volunteer at the information desk in City Hall. It is an ideal opportunity to find an area in local government, which matches the skills and expertise of the community member, who can help make educated decisions to better the city of Harrisonburg.

To learn more about the program or to apply for the 2016 Citizen Academy, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/citizen-academy.

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