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City Seeks Participants in Citizen Academy

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is looking for citizens interested in participating in the annual Citizen Academy.

The 2016 Citizen Academy will begin at the end of August and run through the beginning of November. This is a 12-week program comprised of one 2-hour session per week, which is designed to teach residents about the city and the services it provides.

“The Citizen Academy is a fun way for our staff to meet members of the community while giving the participants a unique view of city operations,” explained Mary-Hope Vass, public information officer. “We always enjoy the opportunity to teach others how city services are delivered, while also providing additional resources to residents.”

Participants will hear from each department and see firsthand what services they provide in a hands-on environment. Staff will give an overview of their department, explain specific equipment or tools that are used, and provide a tour of the facilities and various divisions within the department.

The academy is free and open to all city residents 18 years of age or older.

To apply for participation in the 2016 Citizen Academy, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/citizen-academy. Applicants may fill out the online application and submit it electronically or print the application and mail it or deliver in person to the City Manager’s Office, 409 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Questions? Contact Mary-Hope Vass, public information officer, at maryhope.vass@HarrisonburgVA.gov or by calling 540-432-7701.

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