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City Hosts Annual Citizen Academy

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg invites members of the public to join in the annual Citizen Academy!

The Harrisonburg Citizen Academy is a 13-week program comprised of one two hour session per week to teach residents about the city and the services it provides.

This program serves as an opportunity to educate residents in a hands-on learning environment. Participants meet with different city departments each week and hear from staff on the daily operations of the city.

“Each year we look forward to opening our doors and giving residents a unique view of the city’s operations,” explained Mary-Hope Vass, public information officer.

New this year, the city is adding one week to the Citizen Academy to include some shared services that are provided to Harrisonburg and Rockingham County residents. The Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney, the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office, and the Rockingham County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office will have staff present during this year’s program. A staff member from Harrisonburg City Schools will also participate.

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

To apply for participation in the 2017 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 it in person to the City Manager’s Office, 409 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801. **Applications must be received by Monday, July 31.**

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

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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