

Citizen's Academy – Civics 101 2012 Spring Program Schedule 25th session

The Academy will meet Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. The following list identifies the weekly topic and location (*subject to change*). There are additional outings noted as “tours” that have been arranged to expand the educational experience. Details for the weekly topics, the tours, and program participation and successful completion can be found on the subsequent pages.

WEEK #1 3/15	“The Big Picture”/Greeting, Overview, Constitutional Officers Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
WEEK #2 3/22	Communications, 911, Disaster Preparedness Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota
WEEK #3 3/29	Planning for the Future RL Anderson Administration Bldg., 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
SPRING BREAK 4/5	No Class
SPECIAL TOUR 4/10	Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services Fire Station Tour and Presentation, Station #10, 35 Vic Edwards Dr., Sarasota <i>Tuesday Evening: 6pm-8:30pm, light dinner included</i>
WEEK #4 4/12	Health and Human Services Health Dept., 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
WEEK #5 4/19 TOUR	Environmental Services Bee Ridge Water Reclamation Facility, 4001 Iona Road, Sarasota Prior to class, an optional tour will be offered of the Water Reclamation Facility from 8:30-9 am.
WEEK #6 4/26	Economic Sustainability Laurel Park and Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road, Laurel
WEEK #7 5/3 TOUR	Delivering “Invisible” Services BOB, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd Prior to class, an optional tour and interaction with the heavy equipment used for maintaining County property will be offered in the parking lot from 8:30-9 am.
WEEK #8 5/10	Getting Around Town SCAT Bus Route 4, Departing from 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
WEEK #9 5/17	Community Services Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice
Graduation 5/22	Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota Class will gather for a brief meet and greet at 8:30 am, followed by the graduation at the Sarasota County Commission meeting at 9 am.
3/15/2012- #1	Constitutional Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Patterson will provide opening remarks • Karen Rushing – Clerk of the Court and County Comptroller

- Bill Furst – Property Appraiser
- Randall Reid – County Administrator
- Kathy Dent – Supervisor of Elections
- Tom Knight – Sheriff
- Barbara Ford-Coates – Tax Collector

3/22/2012 - #2 Communications, 911, Disaster Preparedness

- Communications
- 861-5000 Call Center
- Introduction to www.scgov.net
- Disaster Preparedness
- 911 Call Center Presentation and Tour

3/29/2012 - #3 Planning for the Future

- Comprehensive Plan and the Community Vision
- Rezones and Special Exceptions
- Land Development
- Permitting and Inspections
- Code Enforcement
- Mock Planning Commission

4/5/2012 – Spring Break, No Class

4/10/2012 – Special Tour: Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services

- Note: Tuesday evening tour and presentation, 6-8:30 pm*
- Fire Operations
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Lifeguards
 - K-9 Search and Rescue

4/12/2012 - #4 Health and Human Services

- Epidemiology and Disease Control
- Clinical and Community Health Services
- Mosquito Management Services
- Environmental Health Services
- Health Promotions, Planning and Nutrition Services
- Human Services

4/19/2012 - #5 Environmental Services

- Prior to class, an optional tour will be offered of the Water Reclamation Facility from 8:30-9 am. Class will begin at 9 am in a conference room in the facility. Self-guided tours are available after class of the Rothenbach Park, Re-Uz It Shop, and solar array.*
- Solid Waste- Trash and Recycling
 - Energy Management
 - Sustainability Overview
 - Reducing Your Water Footprint
 - Pollution Prevention

4/26/2012 - #6 Economic Sustainability

- Office of Financial Planning
- Economic Development
- Procurement
- GIS (Geographic Information System)

5/3/2012 - #7 Delivering "Invisible" Services

Prior to class, an optional tour and interaction with the heavy equipment used for maintaining County property will be offered in the parking lot from 8:30-9 am. Traffic Operations tour

- Overview of Mobility
- Utilities and Surface Water
- Septic –to-Sewer
- Blueprint for Bldg. Infrastructure
- Post Construction: Operating & Maintaining Infrastructure

5/10/2012 - #8 Getting Around Town

Registration required. Each participant must pay their own fare on the transit system.

- Transit presentation
- Ride the SCAT bus, route #4, to South Lido Park for guided nature walk

5/17/2012 - #9 Community Services

- Sarasota History
- Extension Services
- Libraries
- Natural Resource Management
- Parks and Recreation
- Neighborhood Services

5/22/2012 - Graduation: 8:30am – Meet with the Commissioners and enjoy continental breakfast

9am – Commission meeting begins. The recognition is scheduled first on the agenda and you can leave after the ceremony.

Points to Graduate:

In order to graduate each participant will be required to accumulate 200 points. Point assessment encourages participants to optimize the opportunities made available. Participants will have ample opportunities to accumulate additional points to make up for any classes they are unable to attend. Extra outings or tours, however, are not intended to replace the regularly scheduled Thursday classes. Please remember, your attendance is key to the program's success and to the group's learning experience.

Each session, defined as a class or tour, will be worth 20 points. There are 9 classes and 1 special tour of the Fire Department. Attending all 10 events is worth 200 points. The two pre-class tours on 4/19 and 5/3 are worth 5 additional points, so attending the pre-tour and class that day will earn 15 points that day.

Additional opportunities are listed below and each one is worth 10 points. This learning opportunity is for you therefore we are happy to entertain other ideas besides the few listed below.

- Re-Uz It Shop located near Rothenbach Park
- History Center
- Sarasota County Nature Walk (see Calendar of Events for dates and locations)
- Orange Blossom Community Garden
- Attend a Sarasota County Commission meeting
- Volunteer for an event

It's your choice. Select a place where you have not been and that broadens your understanding of Sarasota County.