



Delray Beach Residents Academy

General Information

Overview:

The Delray Beach Residents Academy is a 6-week program to acquaint residents of Delray Beach with the structure of City government. The Academy provides residents with the information, resources, and tools to become knowledgeable community members and effective neighborhood leaders. City staff will conduct Sessions with expertise in their respective departments.

Program Objectives:

- To provide an introduction to City Leaders and Staff.
- To provide information and materials that will enable citizens to understand how departments that make up our local government serve our community and understand the processes involved.
- To provide citizens with information to enable them to successfully navigate and unravel the “red tape” syndrome of what can be a complex system of government operations and services.
- To create a closer working partnership between the residents of Delray Beach and its local government.

Program Description:

The Delray Beach Residents Academy is a six (6) week program. Each session is three (3) hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., one evening a week (Thursdays), ending with a graduation ceremony. Classes will include an overview of City government and pertinent information from City departments. At the end of the semester, participants should have an increased understanding of the organizational structure and operations of the various City departments that impact the quality of life in the City of Delray Beach. Graduates of the Academy will be prepared to have a role in the future of their neighborhoods and the City overall through government/citizen interaction.

Eligibility:

The applicant must be a resident of the City of Delray Beach and must be 18 years or older to participate in the program. Classes are limited to 25 participants, with a minimum enrollment of 20. Class rosters will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost:

YOUR TIME! There is no charge for the program. The only cost is your time, effort, and commitment.