

Olathe Civic Academy

Make a Difference in Your Community!



The Olathe Civic Academy is a program that provides citizens with an in-depth look at municipal government.

The academy will meet weekly on Thursday nights from 5:45 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from April 17 through June 12, concluding with graduation at the Tuesday, June 17 City Council meeting.

Each of the academy's nine interactive sessions will be led by representatives from 12 City departments and four public agencies.

The Olathe Civic Academy provides a unique opportunity for citizens, City staff, and elected officials to interact.

What is the cost of participation?

There is no fee to participate in Olathe Civic Academy, but the Academy does present a substantial time commitment for participants. Participants are strongly urged to attend all nine Olathe Civic Academy Sessions.

What is expected of participants?

In addition to attending all nine Olathe Civic Academy sessions, participants will be asked to attend one City Council meeting between April 17 and June 10. Dinner will be provided before each Civic Academy session, so participants need to bring only their enthusiasm and questions.

Why should you participate in Olathe Civic Academy?

- ❖ You will learn about your City's government, how it works, and how it impacts your neighborhood.
- ❖ The Olathe Civic Academy is a great opportunity to meet other active Olathe residents, City staff and elected officials.
- ❖ You will learn about opportunities to become more involved in municipal government.
- ❖ Olathe Civic Academy is open to individuals who live or work in Olathe.

How do you apply?

Complete an Olathe Civic Academy Application. Applications are located on the City's web site at www.olatheks.org or may be obtained by calling Carolyn Hendley at (913) 971-8946. Applications should be submitted by mail to Civic Academy, c/o Carolyn Hendley, City of Olathe, P.O. Box 768, Olathe, KS 66051-0768 or by e-mail to chendley@olatheks.org. Applications must be received no later than March 28, 2008.

In order to maximize participant interaction and to address space restraints, class size will be limited to 20 participants. Applicants will be notified of their participation by April 4, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Hendley at (913) 971-8946 or by e-mail at chendley@olatheks.org.