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First Local Government Citizens Academy Open for Registration

Thanks to the enterprise of two City Council representatives, the organizing abilities of the Office of Neighborhoods staff and the generous sponsorship of the Community Forum, the City of Missoula is offering an exciting new venture with a Local Government Citizens Academy. The Academy, conceived by Council representatives Heather Harp and Gwen Jones as a hands-on way for citizens to learn about City government, is open to all Missoula residents free of charge. The City of Missoula Office of Neighborhoods is now accepting applications for the first session of the Academy.

Sessions will be held **Tuesday evenings for eight weeks, Jan. 15 through March 5, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Session locations will vary. Refreshments will be provided.

Topics will include:

- How can I get involved in Neighborhood Councils and Missoula County Public Schools?
- How do the three branches of government work?
- How the Police and Fire Departments work to keep us safe?
- How do Missoula Parks and Recreation and Housing and Community Development serve our community?
- Where does our water come from and where does it go? How do we take care of our streets?
- What are the City's present and upcoming development projects?
- What does the County do differently than the City? What are our joint ventures?
- What about City taxes?

Applications may be completed online at <https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/FormCenter/Neighborhoods-6/Missoula-Citizens-Academy-239>

Or you may request an application be mailed to you by contacting Karen Gasvoda at 552-6084 or

kgasvoda@ci.missoula.mt.us.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION: no later than Dec. 28, 2018.

Event sponsored by the Office of Neighborhoods and Community Forum with special thanks to Ward 3 City Councilors Gwen Jones and Heather Harp.