

City of Victoria 2015 Citizens Academy
Class # 9

Every Thursday from January 8 – March 5, 2015

Logistics

- **Nine consecutive Thursday evenings: 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm**
- A meal and drinks are provided at each session
- Participants should plan to attend all sessions
- Two optional lunch sessions and one City Council meeting are also scheduled
- Five sessions will be held at 700 Main Center, Room 204, the rest at other city facilities
- Limited to 20 participants
- Free of charge

Schedule

Session 1. January 8, 2015; 6 p.m.: Who Are We? City Manager; City Secretary; Finance Director (Session held at Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Overview of City Government/City Council/History:

Mayor Paul Polasek

City Manager Charmelle Garrett

Assistant City Manager John Kaminski

City Budget Overview:

Finance Director Gilbert Reyna

Session 2. January 15, 2015; 6 p.m.: Economic Development: Convention and Visitors Bureau, VEDC and City Communications (Room 204, 700 Main Center)

CVB Overview, Tourism and Bootfest:

Victoria Economic Development:

VEDC Director Dale Fowler

**Session 3. January 22, 2015; 6 p.m.: Earth Friendly:
Environmental Services (Room 204, 700 Main Center)**

Overview, Water Issues, Environmental Services:
Intergovernmental Relations Director Jerry James

Solid Waste, Curbside Recycling & Household Hazardous
Waste: *Director of Environmental Services Darryl Lesak*

Air Quality and Blue Sky Initiative:
Programs Coordinator Kate Garcia

Education Programs (Victoria Kids Recycle & Idle Free
Jamboree):
Education Specialist Breanna Plunkett

**Session 4. January 29, 2015; 6 p.m.: As the City Grows:
Development Services Department (Room 204, 700 Main
Center)**

Development Services Department Overview:
Director Jared Mayfield

Development Center – Permitting & Inspections:
Deputy Director ??

GIS Mapping on the Internet:
GIS Manager Adrian Canas

**Session 5. February 5, 2015; 6 p.m.: At Your Service/The
Victoria Water System: Public Works Department (session
will be held at the Surface Water Treatment Plant, 2902 Bluff
St. – enter via Riverside Park between Elder Field and the
Children’s Playground)**

Utilities, Streets, Drainage, Engineering, Traffic Control, Utility
Billing, Industrial Pretreatment and Stormwater:
Director of Public Works Lynn Short

Session 6. February 12, 2015; 6 p.m.: The Good Life: Library and Parks & Recreation (session scheduled for the Bronte Room in the Victoria Public Library, 302 N Main St.)

The Victoria Public Library:
Where the Journey Begins:
Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone

Keeping Citizens Aware of Library Services:
Communication Services Manager Jessica Erebia

What is Needed to Get a Library Card:
Access Services Manager Sandy Thigpen

Beyond Books: How to Use Your Library Card for Information Access:
Assistant Library Director Catherine Muehlbrad

How to Stay Technologically Connected and Competent:
Training Services Manager Katherine Henley

Programs and Services for All Ages:
Public Services Manager Brandy LeLeux

Friends Group, Advisory Board and Other Ways to Support Your Public Library:
Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone

Parks and Recreation Overview:
Director of Parks and Recreation Colby VanGundy

Recreation & Community Center:
Assistant Director of Recreation Danielle Williams

Session 7. February 19, 2015; 6 p.m.: To Protect and Serve: Police - (session will be held at the Police Station located at the corner of Church St. and 306 S. Bridge; this session will run until 8:30 or later)

Police Department Overview:
Police Chief Jeffrey Craig

Demonstrations (Evidence unit, SWAT, and other demonstrations)

Session 8. February 26, 2015; 6 p.m.: Fire Department - The Leader in Emergency Service (session will be held at Fire Training Facility, 1411 SW Ben Jordan East – this session will run until 8:30 or later)

Fire Department Overview and Demonstrations:

Fire Chief Taner Drake, Assistant Chief Robert Fox and Fire Marshal Thomas Legler

Training Facility Tour, Jaws-of-Life Demonstration, High-Rise Demonstration

Session 9. March 5, 2015; 6 p.m.: Making Victoria Better: Municipal Court (Room 204, 700 Main Center)

Municipal Court Overview:

Municipal Court Clerk Sherrie Norred

City Secretary Office:

City Secretary Scarlet Swoboda

Legal:

City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz

Finance Update (if requested):

Finance Director Gilbert Reyna

Q & A session, Awarding Certificates:

City Manager Charmelle Garrett

Optional Sessions

- 1) **Tuesday, noon, February 10, 2015 - Tour the 9-1-1 Communications Center (Meet at Room 204, 700 Main Center);** Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at the first academy session)
- 2) **Tuesday, 5 p.m., February 17, 2015 - Attend City Council Meeting at City Council Chambers – corner of Juan Linn and Main Street** (meal included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at the first academy session)
- 3) **Wednesday, noon, February 25, 2015 – Emergency Operations for the City and County); Richard McBrayer – Interim Emergency Management Coordinator (Meet at the EOC, 205 N. Bridge St., Ste. B101)** Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign-up sheet will be passed around at the first academy session)