

City of Victoria 2017 Citizens Academy Class # 11
SCHEDULE

Every Thursday from January 5 – March 2, 2017

Logistics

- **Nine consecutive Thursday evenings: 6 to 8:30 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 205, the rest at other city facilities
- Limited to 20 participants
- Free of charge

Schedule

Session 1. January 5, 2017; 6 p.m.: Government 101: Enhancing Livability (Session held at Room 205, 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 12, 2017; 6 p.m.: A Three-Tiered Approach to Economic Development (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Victoria Economic Development & Primary Jobs:

VEDC Director Dale Fowler

Vice President of Marketing Adrian Cannady

CVB Overview, Tourism and Bootfest:

CVB Director Joel Novosad

Retail Recruitment:

Assistant City Manager John Kaminski

Session 3. January 19, 2017; 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 4. January 26, 2017; 6 p.m.: As the City Grows: Development Services Department (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

Development Services Department Overview:

Director Jared Mayfield

Development Center – Permitting & Inspections:

Deputy Director Julie Fulgham

GIS Mapping on the Internet:

GIS Manager Adrian Canas

Session 5. February 2, 2017; 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 and Assistant Chief John Ray

Demonstrations (Evidence unit, SWAT, and other demonstrations)

*** OPTIONAL SESSION**

Tuesday, noon, February 7, 2017 - Tour the 9-1-1 Communications Center (Meet at Room 205, 700 Main Center); Noon until 1 pm. (lunch included, sign-up sheet will be

passed around at prior academy sessions)

Session 6. February 9, 2017; 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

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

Beyond Books: How to Use Your Library Card for Information Access:
Public Services Manager Brandy LeLeux

Stay Technologically Connected and Competent:
Training Services Manager Katherine Henley

Programs for All Ages:
Programming Services Manager Barbarajean Williams

Future Projects and Other Ways to Support the Library:
Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone

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

Session 7. February 16, 2017; 6 p.m.: Earth Friendly: Environmental Services (Room 205, 700 Main Center)

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

*** OPTIONAL SESSION**

Tuesday, 5 p.m., February 21, 2017 - 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 prior academy sessions)

Session 8. February 23, 2017; 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

*** OPTIONAL SESSION**

Tuesday, noon, February 28, 2017 – Emergency Operations for the City and County); Richard McBrayer –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 prior academy sessions)

Session 9. March 2, 2017; 6 p.m.: Foundations of Municipal Government: Be a Resource, Provide Justice and Legislate (Room 205, 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

