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Registration for Civic Academy Now Open!

City program looks to inform residents and encourage active participation

WHEAT RIDGE – The City of Wheat Ridge has opened registration for the 2013 Civic Academy. The program will take place on Tuesday evenings this fall. The scheduled dates are October 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. each evening. Civic Academy is designed to inform residents about the City's organization and encourage active participation in local government.

Mayor Jerry DiTullio said, "Civic Academy is a great opportunity for residents to learn about the issues and opportunities facing Wheat Ridge. We want to engage our residents and encourage them to dedicate themselves to improving our community."

Starting with a recommendation from the 2005 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Committee outlining a need for investing in leadership development and volunteerism, the Civic Academy was created to introduce members of the community to the City's organization.

"The City of Wheat Ridge wants to ensure residents have opportunities to get involved at the local level. Civic Academy is a great first step for those interested in learning about their City government. It will help them gain a deeper understanding of how the City works and the priorities that we will focus on for the future," said City Manager, Patrick Goff.

Civic Academy helps increase public awareness of what local government does for residents. With presentations by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and various City departments, residents will learn how the organization works to deliver results and is focused on providing a high quality of life in Wheat Ridge.

The Academy has been reorganized to attract more participation. This year's program will include a leadership training session focused on the power of resilience in tough times. "We continue to look at ways to make the Academy more appealing and easier to fit into residents busy schedules" said Nathan Mosley, Management Analyst. Interested parties should fill out an application and submit it by September 13. A minimum of 12 people must register for Civic Academy to ensure the program takes place.

For more information or to apply for the Wheat Ridge Civic Academy please visit the City's website or contact Nathan Mosley at 303-235-2867 or nmosley@ci.wheatridge.co.us.

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