

A Citizen's Academy – Civics 101
2010 Fall Session
People – Place – Prosperity

The Academy will meet each Thursday evening from 6-9:00 p.m. The following list identifies the weekly agenda and location (*subject to change*).

WEEK #1 **“The Big Picture”/Greeting, Overview, Constitutional Officers**
9/02 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #2 **Communications, 911, Disaster Preparedness**
9/09 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #3 **Sustainability Part I - People**
9/16 Twin Lakes Park, Green Bldg., 6700 Clark Road

WEEK #4 **Planning for the Future**
9/23 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #5 **Sustainability Part II - Place**
9/30 Twin Lakes Park, Green Bldg., 6700 Clark Road

TOUR **“Carlton Reserve and Water Facility”**
10/02 Saturday, 9am – noon, meet at the Carlton Reserve

WEEK #6 **Health and Human Services**
10/07 Health Dept., 2200 Ringling Blvd.

TOUR **“Waste Water Treatment Facility”**
10/13 Wednesday, 10 – 11am, 4001 Iona Road

WEEK #7 **Delivering “Invisible” Services**
10/14 BOB, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd

WEEK #8 **Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services**
10/21 47 N. Adams Drive

TOUR **Celery Fields**
10/26 Tuesday, 8 – 10am., Palmer Blvd

WEEK #9 **Sustainability Part III - Prosperity**
10/28 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #10 **Pathways to Engagement**
11/04 TBD....

November 10th - Graduation – 9 A.M. -Sarasota County Administration Bldg.

- 9/02 - #1 Constitutional Officers**
- James Ley – County Administrator will provide opening remarks
 - Sheriff Knight
 - Barbara Ford-Coates – Tax Collector
 - Karen Rushing – Clerk of the Court and County Comptroller
 - Kathy Dent – Supervisor of Elections
 - Bill Furst – Property Appraiser

- 9/09 - #2 Communications, 911, Disaster Preparedness**
- Communications
 - Access Sarasota TV Station Tour
 - Introduction to scgov.net
 - GIS maps
 - 861-5000 Call Center
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - 911 Call Center Presentation and Tour

- 9/16 - #3 Sustainability Part I – People**
- Smart Growth - Connectivity
 - SCAT
 - Libraries
 - Co-operative Extension
 - Sarasota History
 - Parks and Recreation

- 9/23 - #4 Planning for the Future**
- Comprehensive Plan and the Community Vision
 - Rezones and Special Exceptions
 - Land Development
 - Permitting and Inspections
 - Code Enforcement
 - Smart Growth
 - Mock Planning Commission

- 9/30 - #5 Sustainability Part II – Place**
- Sustainability Overview
 - Energy
 - Trash and Recycling
 - Green Infrastructure
 - Water Quality
 - Coastal Resource Management

- 10/02** **Tour, 9am - noon**
- Carlton Reserve – Environmental Park Lands
 - Carlton Water Facility
- 10/07 - #6** **Health and Human Services**
- Epidemiology and Disease Control
 - Clinical and Community Health Services
 - Mosquito Management Services
 - Environmental Health Services
 - Health Promotions, Planning and Nutrition Services
 - Human Services
- 10/13** **Tour, 10 – 11am**
- **Waste Water Treatment Facility**
- 10/14 - #7** **Delivering “Invisible” Services**
- Equipment Demo
 - Traffic Operations tour
 - Overview of Mobility
 - Utilities and Surface Water
 - Septic –to-Sewer
 - Blueprint for Bldg. Infrastructure
 - Post Construction: Operating & Maintaining Infrastructure
- 10/21 - #8** **Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services**
- Fire Operations
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Lifeguards
 - K-9 Search and Rescue
 - Equipment Demonstration
- 10/26** **Tour, 8 – 10am**
- **Celery Fields Storm Water Project**
- 10/28 - #9** **Sustainability Part III – Prosperity**
- Role of Citizen and Leader
 - Office of Financial Planning
 - Procurement
 - Economic Development

11/04 - #10 Pathways to Engagement

This session revolves around programs that support and enhance our quality of life in Sarasota. Civics Alumni will also be present to share in this event.

Points to Graduate:

In order to graduate each participant will be required to accumulate 220 points. Point assessment encourages participants to optimize the opportunities made available. Participants will have ample opportunities to accumulate additional points to make up for the classes they are unable to attend.

Each session, defined as a class or tour, will be worth 20 points. There are 10 classes and 3 tours. Attending all 10 classes worth 200 points and one tour worth 20 points equals 220 points.

Additional opportunities are listed below and each one is worth 10 points. This learning opportunity is for you therefore we are happy to entertain other ideas.

- The Florida House (it's scheduled to open this fall)
- Snook Haven
- Re-Use It Shop
- Rothenbach Park
- History Center
- Orange Blossom Community Garden
- Attend a Sarasota County Commission meeting
- Volunteer for an event

Your choice. Select a place where you have not been and that broadens your understanding of Sarasota County.