

A Citizen's Academy – Civics 101
2009 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**
9/10 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd., 1st floor

WEEK #2 **Health and Human Services**
9/17 Health Dept., 2200 Ringling Blvd., 2nd Floor Auditorium Room #226

WEEK #3 **Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services**
9/24 Fire Station at Beneva and Fruitville

WEEK #4 **Sustainability Part I – People**
10/1 Nokomis Beach Plaza, 100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis

WEEK #5 **Communications, 911, Disaster Preparedness**
10/8 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #6 **Sustainability Part II – Place**
10/15 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

TOUR **“Carlton Reserve and Water Facility”**
10/17 Saturday, 9am – noon, meet at the Carlton Reserve

WEEK #7 **Delivering “Invisible” Services**
10/22 BOB, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota

WEEK #8 **Planning for the Future**
10/29 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

WEEK #9 **Pathways to Engagement**
11/5 Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

WEEK #10 **Sustainability Part III – Prosperity**
11/12 Sarasota County Administration Bldg., 1660 Ringling Blvd.

November 18 **Graduation – 9 A.M.**
Sarasota County Administration Bldg.

Week #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 (will present Week #9)

Week #2 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

Week #3 Fire, Lifeguards, and Emergency Services

- Fire Operations
- Emergency Medical Services
- Lifeguards
- K-9 Search and Rescue
- Equipment Demonstration

Week #4 Sustainability Part I – People

(Where you choose to live affects your health.)

- Smart Growth - Connectivity
- SCAT
- Libraries
- Co-operative Extension
- Sarasota History (Preservation Affects Quality of Life)
- Parks and Recreation

Week #5 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

Week #6 Sustainability Part II – Place

- Sustainability Overview
- Energy
- Trash and Recycling
- Green Infrastructure
- Water Quality
- Coastal Resource Management

10/17 Tour

- Carlton Reserve – Environmental Park Lands
- Carlton Water Facility

WEEK #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

Week #8 Planning for the Future

- Comprehensive Plan and the Community Vision
- Rezones and Special Exceptions
- Land Development
- Permitting and Inspections
- Code Enforcement
- Mock Planning Commission

WEEK #9 Pathways to Engagement

This session revolves around programs that support and enhance our quality of life in Sarasota. There will be presentations and plenty of opportunity to speak with representatives from each of the programs. Civics Alumni will also be present to share in this event.

- NEST program
- Sea Grass Monitoring
- Neighborhood Grant Program
- Beach Ambassadors
- Master Gardener Program
- SCOPE
- Keep Sarasota County Beautiful

- Libraries, Parks, History Center (Friends groups)
- Advisory Committee Chairs and/or members
- Umbrella groups for Neighborhood Organizations
- Community Health Improvement Partnerships and Action Teams
- Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice (Civility Initiative)
- Citizen's Patrol
- Friends of the Legacy Trail
- The Florida House

Week #10 Sustainability Part III – Prosperity

- Book Discussion with Mr. Ley
- Judge Haworth – Foreclosure and the Court
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Office of Financial Planning
- Procurement
- Economic Development

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 will be worth 20 points. For example, there are 10 classes and 1 tour. Attending all 10 classes worth 200 points and the 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.

- Recycling Center Tour; specific dates will be provided
- The Florida House
- Snook Haven River Boat Tour
- Re-Use It Shop
- 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.