

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Information Item – Citizens Academy Update	
FROM: Carla Huggins, Lead for NC Fellow	MEETING DATE: November 20, 2024
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ATTACHMENTS: Citizens Academy Presentation	

PURPOSE: To present information on the formation of a citizens academy for City residents.

BACKGROUND: The City of High Point aims to create a citizens academy that will educate City residents on local government and its operations, as well as foster collaboration and understanding between the City and the community. The presentation will outline the academy’s curriculum and timeline in summary.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: This item is for information only.





High Point 101: Citizens Academy

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What is a Citizens Academy?



Concord 101 Class of 2023



A demonstration in Greensboro's City Academy



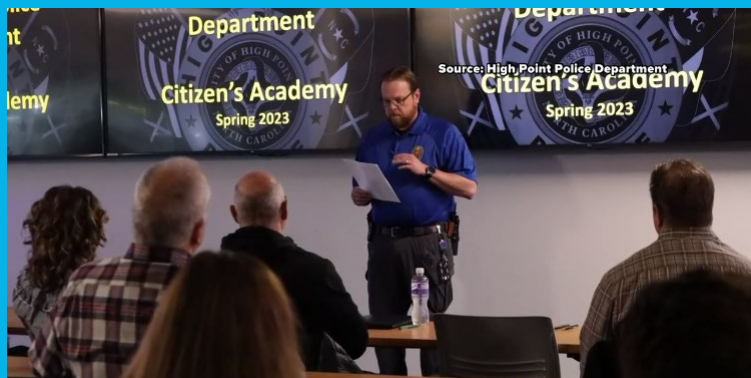
First day of Kinston 101 in 2021

Citizens academies are educational programs conducted by cities and counties aiming to create better informed and engaged citizens.

– UNC School of Government

Continuing the Tradition

High Point has a demonstrated commitment to fostering community partnerships by bringing government and residents together for mutual growth.



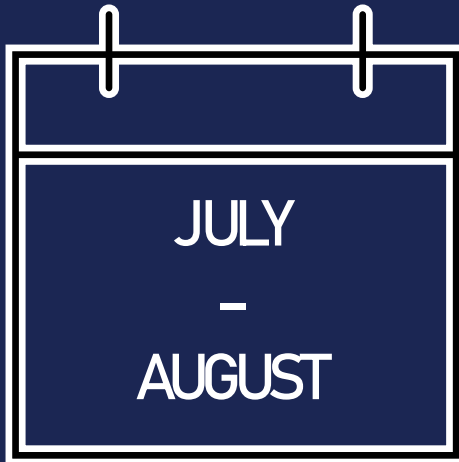
High Point's Citizens Police Academy brings residents together to familiarize them with the department and its policies, people, training, and practices.



Leadership High Point immerses participants in the City's culture, enabling them to learn about the community and how to contribute to its success.

Program Timeline

apply



Residents of High Point who are 18 years or older are eligible to apply. Once the application period ends, 20 participants will be selected.

explore



Over 8 weeks, participants will hear from a variety of different departments about City operations and services.

advance



Graduates will be recognized at a City Council meeting, solidifying the partnership between City and community.

Session Titles

1.

High Point 101: City Overview

5.

Transportation

2.

Public Services & Utilities

6.

Budget & Finance

3.

**Community & Economic
Development**

7.

Public Safety

4.

Planning

8.

Parks & Recreation



Session Overview

Below are some of the broader topics
each session might touch on:



Events &
Programming



City Administration,
Structure, & History



Divisions, Services,
& Responsibilities



Plans, Reports, &
Other Outputs



Projects
(Past, Present, Future)

Benefits

EDUCATION



Participants will learn about local government services and operations.

The program will provide unique insight into City functions and cultivate understanding and collaboration between City staff and residents.

ADVANCEMENT



Graduates' knowledge of City operations and structure makes them more competitive candidates for boards and commissions, fostering community and government involvement even after the program.

TRANSPARENCY



The program will enable residents to learn about City operations firsthand from staff, building trust and creating opportunities to consult participants later about City matters.



Thank You!

ANY QUESTIONS?