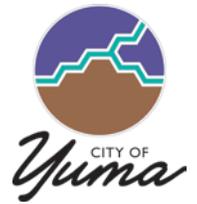


2017 Neighborhood Leadership Academy



Vision

To develop collective ownership in our community through increased dialogue and meaningful participation with citizens, the region, business community and other stakeholders.

Program

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is an effort to ensure that the goals of the City are shared at the neighborhood level and neighborhood issues are at the forefront of policy decisions considered by the City Council. This program encourages citizens to be knowledgeable about how City government works and its role in community affairs. The NLA supports the formation of neighborhood associations and empowers residents in a neighborhood to seek a better quality of life that is citizen-driven and focused. The program targets residents' city-wide but focuses on non-traditional leaders in order to build a diverse capacity for future leadership. NLA is organized annually and will meet this year for three hour sessions on Thursday evenings, every week from January 12th to April 20th culminating with a Graduation Night on April 27th. Class size is limited to 25 citizens.



Curriculum



In a creative learning environment, the NLA brings together the City of Yuma's senior staff as representatives to equip participants with valuable insight and direction about understanding the City Charter, roles and responsibilities of City Council and City administration, an understanding of how city government works and its role in community affairs. Overviews are provided of most major City departments with ample question and answer opportunities offered in each session. Additionally, the program contains exposure to many departments that function in the service of city residents: Public Works, Yuma Art Center, Parks & Recreation, Utilities, Police Station, Fire Station and others are included. Participants will also receive training in the area of Team-Building and Leadership by a qualified professional.

Results

Graduates from the Neighborhood Leadership Academy are prepared for appointments to City Boards and Commissions and are ready to serve if asked with City Staff and the City Council on ad hoc committees focusing on special issues and topics.. Academy members acknowledge that they leave far better informed and prepared to participate in community organizations, committees and boards, as well as to be an informational resource to neighbors, friends and co-workers. The Neighborhood Leadership Academy has been a significant success story for the Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Development Department since inception in 1996. Since January 2016 two NLA graduates have been serving as Councilmembers.

•Class size is limited •There is no fee to participate • City of Yuma website link:

[Neighborhood Leadership Academy](#)

Or you may contact Tad Zavodsky Neighborhood Services Specialist (928)373-5187

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Neighborhood Leadership Academy

2017 Class Sessions Schedule

(sessions are Thursdays except week of April 4)

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| January 12 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to NLA • Team Building and Leadership |
| January 19 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Clerk & City Attorney City Government Overview “How to Have Your Voice Heard” |
| January 26 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Division • Building Safety Division |
| February 2 5:30 pm 254 S. Main St | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Recreation • Yuma Arts Center Presentation/Tour |
| February 9 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Administrator • Engineering • Capital Improvement Program |
| February 16 5:30 pm 1500 S. 1 st Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Station Presentation/Tour • Municipal Court |
| February 23 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Services • Economic Development |
| March 2 5:30 pm 353 S. 3 rd Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Station #1 Presentation/Tour |
| March 9 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boards & Commissions • Public Affairs • Information Technology Services |
| March 16 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Human Resources |
| March 23 5:30 pm 2670 S. Ave 9E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities Presentation/Tour Agua Viva Water Plant |
| March 30 5:30 pm Public Works 155 W. 14 th St | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet Services Presentation/Tour • Solid Waste/Recycling • Streets |
| April 4 (Tuesday) 4:00 pm City Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Hall Tour (Ricky Rinehart) • Citizen’s Forum 5:30 pm • City Council Worksession 6:00 pm • Neighborhood Leadership Recognition |
| April 13 5:30 pm City Hall Rm. 190 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Downtown Presentation/Tour • Heritage Area |
| April 20 5:30 pm 420 S. Madison Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WACOG Fair Housing • HACY Presentation/Tour |
| April 27 6:00 pm Yuma Art Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Dinner |