

# 2020 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 given consideration in 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 9<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup> culminating with a Graduation Night on April 23<sup>th</sup>. A group of 25-30 citizens are selected for a single academy from the group of applicants.

## 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. Participants will also receive training on 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 to work with City Staff and the City Council on ad hoc committees focusing on special issues and topics, along with community events. 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 Community Development Department of the City of Yuma since the time of its inception in 1996. Since January 2016, the Yuma City Council has had two Neighborhood Leadership Academy graduates serving as Councilmembers.

•Class size is limited •No fee to participate • City of Yuma website link:  
<http://www.yumaaz.gov/community-development/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-involvement.html>  
Or you may contact Tad Zavodsky Neighborhood Services Specialist  
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## 2020 Class Sessions Schedule

*Dates and times and subject matter are subject to change as necessary*

<b>January 9</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to NLA</li> <li>• Team Building and Leadership</li> </ul>
<b>January 16</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Clerk &amp; City Attorney City Government Overview "How to Have Your Voice Heard"</li> </ul>
<b>January 23</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Division</li> <li>• Building Safety Division</li> </ul>
<b>January 30</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood Services</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Capital Improvement Program</li> </ul>
<b>February 6</b> 5:30 pm 254 S. Main St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks &amp; Recreation</li> <li>• Yuma Arts Center Presentation/Tour</li> </ul>
<b>February 13</b> 5:30 pm 1500 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Station Presentation/Tour</li> <li>• Municipal Court</li> </ul>
<b>February 20</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Human Resources</li> </ul>
<b>February 27</b> 5:30 pm 353 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Station #1 Presentation/Tour</li> </ul>
<b>March 5</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boards &amp; Commissions</li> <li>• Information Technology Services</li> <li>• Public Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>March 12</b> 5:30 pm 175 N. Main Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities Presentation/Tour Main Street Water Plant</li> </ul>
<b>March 19</b> 6:00 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Administrator</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> </ul>
<b>March 26</b> 5:30 pm Fleet Facility 155 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet Services Presentation/Tour</li> <li>• Solid Waste/Recycling</li> <li>• Streets</li> </ul>
<b>March 31 (Tuesday)</b> 4:00 pm City Hall & Council Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Hall Tour <span style="float: right;">4:00 pm</span></li> <li>• Citizen's Forum <span style="float: right;">5:30 pm</span></li> <li>• City Council Worksession <span style="float: right;">6:00 pm</span></li> <li>• Neighborhood Leadership Recognition</li> </ul>
<b>April 9</b> 5:30 pm City Hall Rm. 190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic Downtown Presentation/Tour</li> <li>• Heritage Area</li> </ul>
<b>April 16</b> 5:30 pm MHN Resource Center 2150 S Arizona Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WACOG Fair Housing</li> <li>• HACY Presentation/Tour</li> </ul>
<b>April 23</b> Yuma Art Center 6:00 pm 254 S Main St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation Dinner</li> </ul>