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Press Release

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Calling residents to participate in the Camden County Citizens' Academy 2011

Woodbine, GA – (May 18, 2011): Building on the successes of the 2009 and 2010 Citizens' Academy, Camden County Government is preparing for the 2011 class in efforts to continue carrying out our goal of open government. The Citizen's Academy is a free interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise Camden County Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Camden County on how daily County Government operations contribute to building a better community.

Classes are limited to 20 applicants and will be handled on a first come first served basis. Individuals must be willing to commit to 1 full day per month for 4 months. Classes will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at various County facilities. Citizens from all segments of the community are encouraged to apply.

All interested individuals can view additional details, a 2011 class schedule, as well as an application online at www.co.camden.ga.us. Please submit completed applications to Camden County Government, P.O. Box 99, Woodbine, GA 31569, or via email at citizensacademy@co.camden.ga.us, or via or fax to (912) 576-5647 by Friday, July 15, 2011.

Don't miss out on learning more about your local government!

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"Leadership that Listens"

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County Attorney

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Commissioner, District 5



Camden County Citizens' Academy 2011 Participation Information

Purpose

What is the Citizens' Academy?

The Citizens' Academy is an interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services and operations that comprise Camden County Government.

The program will focus on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Camden County on how daily County Government operations contribute to building a better community.

Various County staff and elected officials will host the sessions. Camden County encourages the participants to effectively share the information with other individuals and businesses in the community.

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Am I Eligible to Participate?

Standards for Admission

- Applicants must make a commitment to attend ALL sessions.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Participants must be a resident of Camden County, a business owner in Camden County, or employed full-time in Camden County.
- As part of the enrollment process, participants will complete a Hold Harmless Agreement.
- The Citizens' Academy is a learning and informational program. Acceptable conduct standards will be maintained by participants to assure each session is a positive experience.

Guidelines for Graduation

-  Citizens' Academy participants are expected to attend and actively participate in ALL sessions and activities.
-  Participants shall complete and submit evaluations of each session as well as an overall program evaluation.
-  To be eligible to graduate, participants must attend and participate in ALL sessions.
-  The Citizens' Academy administrators may decide that a class member may not graduate if that member has failed to demonstrate a commitment to the program in terms of attending class and completing activities.
-  In the event a participant cannot complete the program due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, the Citizens' Academy administrators shall evaluate the individual's participation and determine whether the student shall be permitted to graduate.

How much will it cost me?

The Citizens' Academy is FREE and includes all course materials and graduation with a certificate.

Lunch will NOT be provided by the County. Participants will be on their own for lunch.

How do I apply?

Please find the application on page 4. Completed Citizens' Academy applications may be submitted in several ways:

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2011 Schedule

Date/Time/Location	Class Description	Featured Speakers
<i>Orientation & "Planning for Success"</i>		
Wednesday, July 27, 2011 Time: 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM Location: Government Services Complex, Woodbine - 2 nd Floor <i>*Tour of Government Services Complex</i>	Introduction Overview of Camden County Government* Meet the Presenters Strategic Plan Office of the County Clerk Finance & Budget Support Services Joint Development Authority	Steve L. Howard Chairman, BOCC Adam Kabasakalian Katie Bishop Mike Fender Staci Bowick David Keating
<i>"At Your Service"</i>		
Wednesday, August 31, 2011 Time: 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM Location: Government Services Complex, Woodbine - 2 nd Floor	Solid Waste Planning & Development Public Works Tax Assessor Tax Commissioner	Lannie Brant John Peterson Scott Brazell Terry Ross Beth Soles
<i>"You're In Good Hands"</i>		
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 Time: 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM Location: Emergency Operations Center, Kingsland <i>*Tour of Fire Rescue Equipment</i>	Fire Rescue/EMS* – Animal Control – EMA Health Department Extension Office PSA/Leisure Services*	Dennis Gailey Jean Manning Mark Crews Debbie Melton Robbie Edalgo William Brunson
<i>"Law & Order"</i>		
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 Time: 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM Location: Government Services Complex, Woodbine - 2 nd Floor <i>*Tour of Jail</i> Location: Camden County Courthouse, Woodbine	Sheriff's Office* – Patrol – Corrections – 911 – Investigations Superior Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Registrar's Office	Sheriff Tommy Gregory CCSO Command Staff Susan Waldron Jennifer Lewis Martin Gillette/Shirley Wise Mary Ann Kicklighter
<i>"Ready, Set, Go!"</i>		
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 Time: 5:45 PM Location: Government Services Complex, Woodbine - 2 nd Floor	Graduation/Certificate	Steve Howard Board of County Commissioners



Citizens' Academy 2011 Application

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Name:

Company:

Address:

Address 2:

City: State: Zip:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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