

City of Newport

Second Citizen's Academy

The City of Newport's Second Citizen's Academy is an eight (8) week program designed to improve citizens' education and increase engagement in the day to day operations of Local Government. Through presentations by each department and various divisions, participants will receive firsthand knowledge of how city tax dollars are budgeted and expensed for City Services.

The 2025 Citizen's Academy Sessions are scheduled to begin February 20, 2025 and will run for eight (8) consecutive weeks from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the City of Newport Municipal Building, 998 Monmouth Street in the Multi-Purpose Room, with a final graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The program is FREE and available to all City of Newport Citizens, Commissions, Boards or Business Owners. Class size is limited to Twenty (20) participants. Applications are available online at newportky.gov or at 998 Monmouth Street, 2nd Floor and are due no later than February 3, 2025. All applicants must be accepted in the class and will have a background check by the Newport Police Department prior to taking the class. For additional information contact Terry Fornash at 859-655-6349 or email tfornash@newportky.gov

WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 20th CITY OF NEWPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Learn the core functions of city government and how elected officials and the city manager work both independently and collaboratively to make city and policy decisions. Presented by: Mayor Tommy Guidugli Jr., John Hayden, City Manager and Brian Steffen, Assistant City Manager. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

WEEK 2: FEBRUARY 27th FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Director will describe the budgeting process and give a budget overview and the financial transparency platform and how your tax dollars work for you and the community. He will also give an overview of the different functions in

the department. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

WEEK 3: MARCH 6th POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief and Command Staff will educate everyone on how the Police Department functions on a daily basis and how they provide the upmost of safety to our community. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

WEEK 4: MARCH 13th FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Chief and/or Command Staff will educate everyone on how the Fire Department works on a daily basis to provide the upmost of safety in our community. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor with a Tour of the Fire Department.

WEEK 5: MARCH 20th PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS

The Planning & Development, Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer will educate everyone on city regulations, code violations, health and safety and how their functions work and how they impact the community. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

WEEK 6: MARCH 27th COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION, BUSINESS LIAISON OFFICER AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Community Services, Parks & Recreation, the Business Liaison Officer and Historic Preservation will give overviews and educate everyone on their functions and daily operations and how they impact the community such as Street Cleaning, Trash Pickup, Snow Removal, Park Facilities, Veteran's Memorial Pool Facility etc. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor with a City wide bus tour.

**WEEK 7: APRIL 3rd MUNICIPAL OPERATION & COMMUNITY LIAISON
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

The Municipal Operation & Community Liaison and Economic Development Coordinator will give overviews and educate everyone on their functions. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

WEEK 8: APRIL 10th GRADUATION

Presented by the Mayor, City Manager and Assistant City Manager. Classes will be at the Municipal Building in the Multi-Purpose Room, first floor.

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Second Citizens Academy Application
February 2025

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The academy will provide citizens an opportunity to learn about the 3.5 square miles of Newport and it's 15,000 residents. The academy will offer a "hands on" opportunity to learn more about the city's diverse services.

The eight week program will include an overall view of the City Services that are provided to our community.

The classes will be held on Thursday evenings, once a week over an eight-week consecutive period. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided.

Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old and have no felony charges. Additionally, the City reserves the right to deny any application as deemed appropriate.

To Apply:

Applications can be found on the website (newportky.gov) under Citizens Academy Class.

Complete the attached application and forward to the following:

**Terry Fornash, Human Resources Coordinator
998 Monmouth Street
Newport, KY 41071
859-655-6349
tfornash@newportky.gov**

City of Newport Second Citizen's Academy Application

Applicant's Name:

Last: _____, First: _____, Middle: _____

Maiden Name: (If applicable) _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Drivers License Information:

State: _____, Number: _____, Expiration: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Phone Number: Home: _____, Work: _____

Cell Number: _____

Employer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Other:

Are you a resident of Newport? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony Crime? Yes _____ No _____

Briefly explain why you wish to enroll in the City of Newport Citizen's Academy:
