

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

January 14, 2010

Dear Residents,

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has implemented a "**Citizens Academy**" which is designed to provide the citizens of Citrus County a view into their local government and its operation.

The first such class is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, February 18, 2010**. It will consist of nine separate sessions, beginning on the aforementioned date and concluding on April 27, 2010. The initial three segments will be on consecutive Thursdays (February 18, February 25, and March 4) from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and then a week off.

The second group of meetings will be held on three more consecutive Thursday sessions (March 18, March 25, and April 1) and then a week off.

The last three weeks will include two consecutive Thursday sessions (April 15 and April 22) and a final session on Tuesday, April 27, with graduation at a regular Citrus County Board of County Commissioners' meeting.

There will be field trips during some of the sessions via a Citrus County Transit bus and light refreshments during each session. The sessions will be held at different locations around Citrus County as indicated below. Attendees will evaluate each session.

The BOCC Citizen Academy schedule as currently planned will be as follows:

- Session 1:** At Courthouse -- introduction, program explanation, BOCC scope and mission.
- Session 2:** At Citrus County Fire Rescue Training Academy in Lecanto -- Fire Rescue.
- Session 3:** At LGB -- Internal Support Offices of: Management & Budget, Systems Management, Human Resources, Training & Development, Community Services' section of County Extension Office and the Florida sunshine law.
- Session 4:** At LGB -Water Resources & Utilities (field trip to a plant) and Utility Regulation.
- Session 5:** At Homosassa Library -- Library Services and Development Services.
- Session 6:** At LGB - Public Works, Part I (field trip to Landfill, Fleet, & Road Maintenance).
- Session 7:** At Old Courthouse -- Public Works Part II: (field trip to the Community Services Section - Animal Shelter Services facility and the Inverness Airport).
- Session 8:** Start at Canning Center and bus to Community Resource Center – Community Services (with a field trip to Central Ridge Park).
- Session 9:** At Courthouse -- Wrap-up, graduation and overall evaluation.

I have attached a copy of the application for this first inaugural session of the Citizen Academy to this SMW Bulletin. If you are interested in participating, please submit your application to the office of Mr. Gary Maidhof at Gary.Maidhof@bcc.citrus.fl.us by January 20 in order to provide sufficient time for scheduling.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association
cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA