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Citizens Academy to be Offered for Fourth Year

Participants will gain insight into county government operations

Leonardtown, MD – County citizens have many questions about governmental operations. They want to know which county department is responsible for a particular service, who may be responsible for making certain decisions and how are those decisions arrived at. If you're interested in learning more about how county government works, sign up for the St. Mary's County Government Citizens Academy.

Now in its fourth year, Academy sessions will take place on seven Tuesday evenings, between September 5 and November 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sessions will be held at various county operated locations. The mission of the Academy is to provide an overview of county programs and services. Participants will gain a better understanding of county government operations and will receive a certificate upon successful completion. Persons residing in St. Mary's County, 18 years of age and older, are eligible to participate. Enrollment is limited to 25 pre-registered applicants.

"The Citizens Academy is a wonderful opportunity for residents to learn about county government from the inside," says Commissioner President Randy Guy. "Participants can ask questions and get answers regarding county government operations."

The opening session will feature an overview of county administration. Subsequent sessions will be hosted by the departments of Aging and Human Services, Economic Development, Land Use and Growth Management, Recreation and Parks, Public Works and Transportation and Emergency Services and Technology.

"Citizens taking part in our Citizens Academy will become more engaged with county government by becoming advocates in their communities," says County Administrator Dr. Rebecca Bridgett. "The Academy's goal is to educate and inform about county government programs and services."

Citizens interested in learning more about the academy, can go to www.stmarysmd.com/citizensacademy/ to download the brochure. Online applications will be available beginning Monday, July 3. Deadline to apply is Friday, August 18. Those selected to participate will be notified by Friday, August 25

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