

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between Wallace, the local government, and those it serves. The sessions will provide a “toolbox” of information to help citizens navigate the complex system of government operations and services. This program is designed to provide an overview of town government, keeping in mind that providing minute detail is impossible within the established time constraints.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Citizens will be interested in attending for many reasons, including an expectation to become better acquainted with the town and its programs and services, learning about the policies and procedures of town government, meeting new people, or finding ways to volunteer in the community. Participants may be representatives from a cross-section of citizens—New and life-long residents, professionals, homemakers, business owners, retirees, and civic group leaders—all of whom share an interest in becoming better informed about how a town operates.

GOALS

Specifically, the goals of the Academy are to provide individuals with a better understanding of the town’s municipal services, the council-manager form of government, and the challenges local governments face. The program will help teach and cultivate new community leaders and to help move those new leaders into important positions within the community. The curriculum enables participants to develop leadership capabilities and build strong relationships, and encourage citizen involvement to effect positive change in the community.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is no cost to individuals who attend the Citizens Academy.

ABOUT THE SESSIONS

Participants must commit the time to attend the program. The sessions begin in mid-January and will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for eight (8) weeks at various town locations. There will also be an optional Saturday session. Site visits will include trips to the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments, Parks and Recreational areas, Library, Airport and the Town’s Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant.

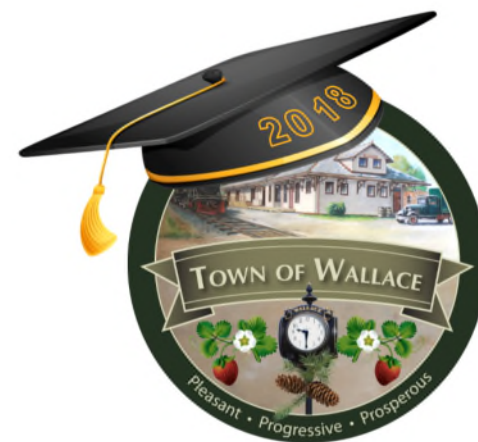
SPRING 2018 SCHEDULE

| WEEK | DATE | NAME OF CLASS |
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| 1 | January 23 | Get Ready, Get Set, GOv! |
| 2 | January 30 | What Makes the Town Run |
| 3 | February 6 | Planes, Trains and Automobiles |
| 4 | February 13 | Plan On It |
| 5 | February 20 | Keeping the Records, Following the Law...A World of Possibilities |
| 6 | February 27 | To Serve...And Protect |
| 7a | March 6 | Behind the Scenes of Public Services Operations |
| 7b | March 10 (Saturday) | At Your Leisure |
| 8 | March 13 | Show Me the Money |
| | April 12 | Graduation Ceremony |

I’M INTERESTED...

Interested participants must be 18 years of age and must live within the city limits of Wallace or within its planning jurisdiction (ETJ). Those who qualify and are interested must submit an application and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class size will be limited to 15 participants. When class capacity has been met, the excess applications are carried over to the next academy. Applications request the standard information, such as name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and employer name and occupation, but they also ask for the applicant’s length of time living in Wallace, membership on any Wallace Boards or Commissions and what you expect to learn as a participant. We are excited and look forward to having you take part in our program.

WALLACE CITIZENS ACADEMY



**LEARN ABOUT
GOVERNMENT
FROM THE
INSIDE
OUT**
THROUGH OUR
8-WEEK COURSE
BEGINNING
JANUARY 23, 2018

**APPLY NOW!
APPLICATION ON BACK**

Application Deadline: January 5, 2018



CLASS APPLICATION SPRING 2018

Name of Applicant: _____ Nickname: _____

Applicant's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Reside Within: Wallace City Limits ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) Not Sure
(Participates must reside within the Wallace City Limits or Planning ETJ)

How long have you resided in Wallace? _____

Shirt Size: Male Female S M L XL 2XL

Are you currently a member of any Town of Wallace Board or Commission: No Yes

If yes, which one(s)?

| Board or Commission | Title or Role | Dates |
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Briefly discuss what you hope to learn as a participant in Wallace's Citizens Academy and how you plan to use the information.

The Citizens Academy will be held at various locations through the Town. Would this create a transportation issue for you? If yes, please describe.

No Yes _____

Do you need any special accommodations? If yes, please describe.

No Yes _____

Space is limited to 15 participants. Qualified Applicants are chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please Mail or Drop-off application to:

**Town of Wallace
Attn: Citizens Academy
316 East Murray St
Wallace, NC 28466**

Or

Email Applications to:
jgantt@wallacenc.gov

Application Deadline: January 5, 2018

The Citizens Academy will be held on Tuesday nights from 7 PM to 9 PM for 8 weeks beginning January 23, 2018. There will be one optional Saturday class. Additional Applicants will be placed on a waiting list for the next session.

For the safety of participants, a background check will be completed on all applicants. A felony conviction automatically excludes an application from participation. For this purpose, please include the following information.

Gender: Male Female

Race: _____

Date of Birth: _____

By signing application below, you agree to participate in the 8 week program and understand that to graduate from the program you must successfully complete each of the modules. You also agree to allow the Wallace Police Department to complete a criminal background check.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____