



Let's Communicate!

Jim Romine, Executive Director

Learn More About Your Local Government!

Have you ever wondered how potholes are repaired, how the Fire and Police Departments are able to respond so quickly to emergencies, how the City of Georgetown

prepares its budget or decides where to build a new road, a park, or a new fire station? From time to time, all of us ask ourselves these questions, and I am no different. This fall, I enrolled in the Georgetown Citizens Academy to learn more about OUR City to help me to be a better manager for OUR Community, and I want to share a little information about this opportunity with all of you.

The mission of the Georgetown Citizens Academy is to provide to the citizens of Georgetown the opportunity to receive an in-depth education about the services and operations provided by the City of Georgetown. The goal is that the participants will “graduate” with a greater understanding of municipal operations. We are learning about the relationship between the citizens, the City Council, its Boards and Commissions, and the City Administration. Additionally, we are learning how and why projects are undertaken and the manner in which services are provided, as well as receiving an overview of the budget planning process, the development review process, the transportation planning process, and many other responsibilities and functions of our City’s government. Each class has been conducted by City staff and has been very interesting and interactive.

Goals of the Georgetown Citizens Academy

- To educate the public on what their local government does for them
- To improve and increase citizen awareness and interest in local government
- To develop citizen understanding of their role in city government
- To provide an opportunity for citizens to become involved in civic democracy and to see how tax dollars work to improve the quality of life for all residents
- To provide an inside look at the operations of the City of Georgetown
- To help identify issues and areas of concern for citizens to help develop/implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan
- To encourage citizens to become involved in their local government
- To demonstrate what is provided by the local property tax and utility rates

Structure of the Georgetown Citizens Academy

- Approximately twenty-five (25) students per class
- Nine (9) sessions, approximately 2.5 hours each
- Attendance at one (1) additional Public meeting
- Classes are held on Thursday afternoons. Participants will hear from representatives of more than twenty city departments
- Upon successful completion of the classes, a diploma will be presented by the Mayor and City Council.
- The Academy is free to the participants

I have personally gained valuable insight into the operations of OUR city by participating in this Academy, and I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the sessions. I encourage all of our residents who want to have a better understanding of OUR city to consider enrolling in this Academy at some point in the future and appreciate all of the hard work our City Manager, Paul Brandenburg, does to make our community and city the BEST. If you are interested in learning more about the Georgetown Citizens Academy or want to fill out an application online, you can visit the City’s website at <http://georgetown.org> or contact the City Manager’s Office at 512-930-3723.

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Upcoming Board Workshops and Meetings

Workshops held quarterly
Meetings held quarterly

 Workshop: Thursday, February 9
1 p.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79

 Meeting: Thursday, February 23,
8:30 a.m., SCB, Live on Channel 79

Board Agenda and Minutes are posted on www.sctxca.org/Community Association/Board of Directors.

Board Meetings and Workshops will be shown LIVE on Channel 79. BOD Meeting rebroadcast day of meeting at 2, 6 and 8 p.m. and following Wednesday at 6 p.m. Workshop rebroadcast at 6 and 8 p.m. day of workshop.