

Civics Academy Testimonials from past Participants

I have lived in Wilsonville for over 30 years and have seen the city grow and change. I have always been interested in what is going on in the city but did not have a lot of knowledge about how the city works. The Civics Academy allowed me to learn about how the city works, how the different departments serve the city. I also learned about how I can further become involved in serving the city to make Wilsonville better. It is difficult to impact state and federal government, but you can impact change on the city level. Since the academy I signed up to help the Wilsonville Food Bank, and am now serving on the board of the Food Bank. I hope to further become involved in the city by volunteering my time in other departments.

- Tom H.

The Civics Academy 2022 provided a superb and comprehensive introduction to the City of Wilsonville, its policies, programs, and people. As a result of what I learned, I feel more connected to my community and will be a willing ambassador for what I call my brave little city.

- Sherry D.

Steven and I signed up for the Wilsonville Citizens Academy when we moved here at the recommendation of our son, Bryan, who went thru it a couple of years before us. We really didn't know what to expect and we were pleasantly surprised by the program. It gave us the opportunity to see how the city is run and how all the activities and facilities operate. We were able to meet with other citizens of Wilsonville and discuss issues and areas of concern within our city as well as develop pride in Wilsonville.

We really enjoyed going to the Capital building and getting to meet our representatives. The water treatment facility was a favorite outing and we learned a lot. The speakers at our meetings were knowledgeable and helped us understand our city's history and what goes into planning a well-run city.

We've recommended others to the program! It was an educational and enjoyable experience!!

- Lynda & Steven B.

As a recent participant of the Wilsonville Civics Academy, I was fortunate to learn first-hand about the work of the various departments of city government. I was most impressed with the professionalism, creativity, and accountability of each-and-every city manager and employee we met along the way. My background and education are in public administration and nonprofit management, so I know how difficult it is to manage complex systems in a way the public can best understand and appreciate how their tax dollars are being used. Wilsonville City Council and City Manager's Office have done outstanding jobs developing the monthly meetings of the Civics Academy and providing the leadership essential to its survival. I look forward to participating in additional sessions and encouraging others to invest in their city through building their knowledge of local government.

- Alice G.

I joined the Civics Academy hoping to gain a better understanding of what the city does and ways in which I could be involved. The city had well put together presentations that allowed for plenty of questions and answers, and seemed genuinely interested in hearing ideas and feedback from us, as community members. Through the academy I learned about an opening on the budget committee, applied for it, and was ultimately appointed. The Civics Academy was a great learning opportunity that I hope more people take the chance to experience.

- Synthea R.

I would recommend the Wilsonville Citizens Academy to anyone and everyone that wants a clear "behind the scenes" view of the city of Wilsonville and how it works. Having spent many years on several volunteer citizen committees, my view into our city was strong; however, the WCA extended my education throughout all portions of our city and extending beyond to Coffee Creek Women's Prison, the Water and Sewage treatment plants and down south to Salem for an education on our state government. The insight given by the WCA is invaluable and the best way to find the citizens volunteer opportunity (ies) that fits you the best. Let me end by saying that I recommend WCA to anyone that wants to more about the city and the services it offers.

- Andrew K.