

Citizens Academy Newsletter

September, 2023

YOUR BRAND NEW NEWSLETTER

As Citizen's Academy Ambassadors, we know you want to stay informed about what's happening in and around Charles County, and we are excited to share the news with you!

What's the biggest news this month?

The next Citizens Academy Cohort begins September 14th, and there are still a few spots left! Share the news with future ambassadors, and have them email the <u>community engagement team</u> to sign up!



CITIZENS ACADEMY UPDATE

Doria Fleisher, Community Engagement Coordinator

sign up!



Citizens Academy is open for Fall 2023 registrants! Do you know someone that would make a great county ambassador? Send them our way! Classes start in September! <u>Learn more</u> or Email us at <u>communityengagement@charlescountymd.gov</u> to

APPLY NOW

SEPTEMBER NEWS

BIG NEWS!

Citizens Academy Update

Surveys

Boards and Commissions & Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Events



CITIZENS ACADEMY SURVEY

What do you want from your Ambassador Relations Committee? Tell us Here!



We are so very excited to have formed a Citizens Academy Ambassador Relations Committee to help ensure that Ambassadors from ALL our cohorts have ongoing opportunities to learn, network, and support each other and Charles County! Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey below to tell us what you would like for this committee to focus on! <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AmbassadorRelationsCommitteePlanning</u>

COMMUNITY CONNECTION SURVEY TAKE SURVEY Where do you engage? Tell us Here!

We are always looking for ways to connect more with our community in the actual and virtual spaces they already are going! Please take a minute the share what online community groups you like to participate in! <u>https://surveys.zencity.io/charles-county/tz1UQs/en?s=sd</u>



Love Citizen's Academy? Help us keep everyone up to date by joining the Ambassador Relations Committee! Contact <u>Jessica</u> to sign up!



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

These Boards and Commissions are looking for Members! <u>More Info</u>

The Board of Appeals

<u>The Board of Appeals</u> is looking for one Alternate Member. Members are "Citizen Planners" and typically do not have any formal training prior to their appointment. The Board is made up of 6 citizens, 5 members and an alternate, appointed by the County Commissioners. Members are appointed for staggered terms of 4 years. Learn more at our <u>Virtual</u> <u>Meeting Information</u> Page.

Charles County Pension Plan Committee

<u>The Charles County Pension Plan Committee</u> is looking for one At Large Member. Meetings typically occur on the first Thursday of every February, May, August, and November from 3:00 - 4:30PM.

Charles County Police Accountability Board

The <u>Charles County Police Accountability Board</u> is looking for one District 3 member and one District 4 Member to meet at least on a quarterly basis.

Commission for Women

The <u>Commission for Women</u> is looking for 10 citizen members. Members are appointed for 4 year terms. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board

The <u>Homeowners Association Dispute Review Board</u> is looking for 1 resident who is a member of professions associated with common ownership communities, (such as attorneys who represent associations, developers, housing management or tenants.) Members serve 3 year terms.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Volunteer Opportunities Continued!

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Committee (SORP)

The SORP is looking for one Retiree Member and one At Large Member. The <u>Charles County Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan</u> provides a measure of financial security for Sheriff's Office employees and their families during post-retirement.

Planning Commission

The <u>Planning Commission</u> is looking for one Citizen Member to serve for a four-year term. Members do not typically have any formal training. The Planning Commission hears various land use and regulatory requests related to zoning, subdivision, and development regulations within the County.

Nuisance Abatement Hearing Board

The <u>Nuisance Abatement Hearing Board</u> is looking for one citizen member to hear citizen complaints regarding unsightly accumulation of paper, junk, vehicle parts, trash, garbage, leaves, etc. The board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 PM.

Commission for Veterans Affairs

The <u>Commission for Veterans Affairs</u> is looking for two members. Members are sought from various veteran organizations and organizations with a mission to support veterans.

Click Here for More Information on Vacancies!

OCTOBER 28, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

Lunch with the Fall 2023 Cohort in Port Tobacco!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM <u>Household Hazardous Waste</u> <u>Collection</u> 10430 Audie Lane

September 2 & 3*

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunflower Festival Serenity Farm, Benedict

September 9*

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM <u>BioBlitz at Mallows Bay</u> Mallows Bay Park

September 12

9:00 AM <u>Commissioners Meeting</u> <u>Watch Live</u>

September 22*

Car Free Day <u>Register Here to Win</u>

September 23*

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM <u>American Revolution French</u> <u>Alliance Day</u> Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park

September 23*

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM <u>St Charles Running Festival</u> 11765 St Linus Dr.

September 23 & 30

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM <u>Free Scrap Tire Disposal</u> Charles County Landfill

September 26

9:00 AM <u>Commissioners Meeting</u> <u>Watch Live</u>

September 30*

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM <u>Southern Maryland Comic-</u> <u>Con</u> Capital Clubhouse

*Indicates Event Host other than Charles County