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Flagler County now taking applications for September Citizens Academy

July 24, 2018 – Flagler County is accepting applications for its Fall 2018 Citizens Academy program, a free 10-week course designed to introduce participants to the day-to-day operations of Flagler County government. Registration is free, however class size is limited to 30 and applications are accepted on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

Citizens Academy classes take place on ten consecutive Thursday evenings, from 5 to 8 p.m. beginning September 6 and running through November 8. The Academy will conclude with a special Monday evening question-and-answer round-table with County Commissioners and staff, followed immediately by graduation at the November 19 board meeting.

Participants will hear from – and question – county leaders, directors and staff, about the operations and services provided by Flagler County departments. Topics include Land Management and Environmentally Sensitive Lands, Senior Services, Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation, Code Enforcement, Tax Collections, and many others. Students will also engage in some friendly competition – against the clock and fellow-students – during a budget-balancing, priority-setting exercise.

Academy classes are scheduled at various County facilities so that participants experience first-hand the broad range of resources and capabilities that Flagler County provides. These include the E911 Dispatch center, Flagler Executive Airport control tower, a Kim C. Hammond Justice Center courtroom, the Emergency Operations Center, and Tourism Development offices.

A ceremony on Monday, November 19 at 5 p.m. will recognize the 15th graduating class, during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Interested residents can fill out an application at www.flaglercounty.org/citizens_academy or they can request a form from PR & Marketing Specialist, Rose Keirnan at rkeirnan@flaglercounty.org, 386-313-4026.

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Offered twice yearly, the next opportunity to participate in Citizens Academy will be a series of morning classes in Spring 2019.

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