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July 20 Session for Citizens to Learn about County Government

Learn how your tax dollars are spent – free, quarterly sessions offer public insight into county government!

[Charleston County Government](#) is inviting residents into the classroom, and the subject is local government.

For residents who want to know where their tax dollars go, the Charleston County Citizens' Academy is offering free quarterly sessions on different topics to provide residents with a further understanding of county government.

Citizens' Academy is offered as one-day sessions on a quarterly basis. Topics include the county budgeting process, garbage and recycling, law enforcement, the court system, emergency services, planning and zoning, and much more.

The first two sessions were held on March 9 and May 4, and the third quarterly session will be held on Tuesday, July 20, with separate morning and afternoon sessions. Residents may attend one or both of the sessions.

July 20 Morning Session, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Public Safety

Location: Charleston County Emergency Operations Center (4045 Bridge View Drive; North Charleston)

Moderators: Rae Wooten, Coroner, and Jason Patno, Director of Charleston County's Emergency Management Department

Topics:

- Coroner
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Operations Center/Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Consolidated Dispatch

July 20 Afternoon Session, 1-5 p.m.: Charleston County Judicial System

Location: Charleston County Detention Center (3481 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston)

Moderator: Chief Deputy Mitch Lucas, Charleston County Sheriff's Office

Topics:

- Sheriff's Office
- Overview of the Charleston County Detention Center
- Tour of Detention Center

There is no formal registration required for the workshops; however, County staff would like to have an idea of the number of people who plan to attend the morning and/or afternoon sessions. Residents should e-mail Mai Green at maigreen@charlestoncounty.org or call (843) 958-4000 if they plan to attend.