

Charleston County News Release

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October 21 Session for Citizens to Learn about County Government

Learn how your tax dollars are spent – free, final quarterly session offers public insight into county government!

<u>Charleston County Government</u> is inviting residents into the classroom one last time this year, and the subject is local government.

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

The final quarterly session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, with separate morning and afternoon sessions. Residents may attend one or both of the sessions. The first three sessions were held on March 9, May 4 and July 20.

October 21 Morning Session, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: County Services

Location:

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

Topics:

- Transportation Sales Tax: RoadWise / Greenbelts
- Mosquito Control
- Zoning / Comprehensive Plan
- Environmental Management

Moderators:

- Kurt Taylor, Charleston County Deputy Administrator
- Walt Smalls, Charleston County Assistant Administrator for General Services

October 21 Afternoon Session, 1-5 p.m.: Community Services II

Location:

Trident One Stop Career Center (1930 Hanahan Road # 200; North Charleston)

Topics:

- Grants Development
- Urban Entitlement
- Stimulus Funding (ARRA)
- Workforce Development
- Trident One Stop Career System and tour

Moderator:

Christine DuRant, Charleston County Community Services Director

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

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.