

CITIZEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



City government touches so many facets of our everyday lives – from the streets we drive on to the clean water that we drink. We know that our trash is picked up every week, and that help is minutes away should we ever have to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. But exactly how does your city operate? And how can you contribute to its success?

Avondale's Citizen Leadership Academy provides an interesting perspective into the workings of your city. Through a series of interactive and informative workshops, you'll gain valuable knowledge of Avondale that will prepare you to become a more active member of the community.

TOPICS COVERED:

CITY OVERVIEW

This introductory session will provide an overview of the Mayor-Manager form of government, how the City conducts its business and what role Boards, Commissions and Committees play.

MONEY MATTERS

Learn how Avondale generate revenues and handles expenditures. How are major capital improvement projects funded? Learn how your tax dollars are put to work in your community.

KEEPING AVONDALE INFORMED

How does Avondale keep its residents informed of the myriad of special events and services offered? Who can citizens turn to with questions or concerns? Learn how to connect your local, state and federal leaders.

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BUILDING STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS

Avondale's Neighborhood & Family Services department offers programs and services aimed at supporting Avondale's families and sustaining our neighborhoods.

DEVELOPING AVONDALE

Learn how Avondale attracts new businesses and investments, how zoning impacts development and what Avondale could be like at build-out.

ROADS, WATER AND WASTE

To sustain a growing community new roads must be built and older streets maintained. There has to be enough clean water available to keep up with development. And when things go down the drain or are set at the curb, there needs to be a system big enough to handle the waste. Learn how we do this.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Meet Avondale's police and fire professionals and learn how they protect us day in and day out. Participants will see actual apparatus and have the opportunity for hands-on action. At the City Court, participants will engage in a mock trial and witness justice in action.

QUALITY OF LIFE TOUR

Take a guided tour of the City's parks and facilities to see first-hand what goes into running the show! See Avondale's "hidden" eco-treasures and more.



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