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Norristown Launches Citizens Leadership Academy

NORRISTOWN, PA - Norristown Municipality launches the Citizens Leadership Academy this fall. The eight-week academy is a series of classes offered to Norristown residents or business owners to help develop skills as a community leader and understanding of how municipal government operates. Graduates of the Citizens Leadership Academy may go on to leadership roles on municipal boards, commissions and Council.

Municipal staff will conduct the sessions with focus on three major themes: Education, Leadership Development, and Communication Dynamics. Relevant information will enable citizens to understand how municipal departments serve the community, and understand the processes involved as stated by Crandall Jones, Norristown Municipal Administrator. "A significant element of improving community quality of life is citizens understanding how local government works. CLAs are great tools for creating a cadre of informed and committed volunteers and community leaders."

The Citizens Leadership Academy is free of charge. The Fall 2014 session will be held 6:00pm to 7:30pm on Thursdays, starting September 25 through November 13, 2014, at the Municipal Building. Participants must complete a minimum of six of the eight classes to receive the Citizens Leadership Academy certificate. The certificate will be given in a closing ceremony at the December 2nd council meeting.

Interested participants should submit an application to the Municipality by September 12th. Applications are available online at norristown.org or at Municipal Hall. Class size is limited to twenty spaces and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

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