



## **Ocean Shores Citizens Academy**

**2023**

### **Learning About Your Local Government**

Thank you for your interest in the City of Ocean Shores inaugural Citizens Academy.

The Ocean Shores Citizens Academy is a free nine-week course designed to provide an in-depth look into how your local government operates. Participants will:

- Participate in dialogues with, City leaders, City staff and other civic-minded residents.

- Enjoy comprehensive overviews of departments, programs, and services.

- Discover the status and future for Ocean Shores development.

- Tour some city facilities

- Become informed, involved citizens.

- Become ambassadors for the city and have a role in educating others about city government.

The program is designed for residents of Ocean Shores that are 18 years or older and have not been involved with city council, city commissions or city boards. Class size is 25.

This is a 9-week course, your full commitment is requested to attend the entire series.

Classes are held on Fridays starting 10:00am until noon. (Longer sessions may happen with site tours)

First class will be March 17 continuing until May 12 (note: no class on March 31)

Registration opens February 24, 2023 and closes March 7, 2023, 3:00pm

#### **Submit a completed application:**

Via email to [keitha@osgov.com](mailto:keitha@osgov.com)

Via mail (Attn: Keitha Owen, 573 Point Brown Ave NW)

Deliver a printed copy to Ocean Shores Public Library (573 Point Brown Ave NW)

You will receive a confirmation email upon approval of your application.

**City of Ocean Shores**

**2023 Ocean Shores Citizens Academy Application**

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
As it appears on your driver's license

Address Physical Current: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to participate in the Ocean Shores Citizen's Academy?

The schedule of topics have been set, however, are any subjects you would like to possibly have addressed during the course?

During your participation in the City of Ocean Shores Citizen's Academy, photographs may be taken to document activities and events. Photographs could be used by the City of Ocean Shores for community outreach and public affairs purposes. By checking yes, you agree to release and authorize any photographs, as described above to be used by the City of Ocean Shores.  Yes  No

**WAIVER & HOLD HARMLESS:** I am fully aware that the work associated with being a participant in the Citizens Academy Program involves certain risks of physical injury or death. Being fully informed as to these risks and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in the City's Citizens Academy Program, I hereby assume all risk of injury, damage and harm to myself arising from such activities or use of City facilities. I also hereby individually and on behalf of my heirs, executors and assignees, release and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees and agents and waive any right of recovery that I might have to bring a claim or a lawsuit against them for any personal injury, death or other consequences occurring to me arising out of my participation in the program activities.

I have reviewed the schedule of classes and will be able to attend each of the sessions. \_\_\_\_\_ yes

How long have you resided in Ocean Shores? \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, all applicants are consenting to the completion of a preliminary background check being conducted by the Ocean Shores Police Department prior to acceptance into the course.

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Signature

Date

You must return this completed application to be registered for the Ocean Shores Citizens Academy

A confirmation will be sent via email after your application is approved.