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City of Pensacola graduates 28 in Citizens Academy

Twenty-eight area residents graduated Tuesday evening from the City of Pensacola Citizens Academy. Attendees from across the area concluded this nine week course with a graduation ceremony at Osceola Golf Course.

The Citizens Academy is a comprehensive program designed to enhance awareness of and access to City services, and create ambassadors for the City. The graduating class spent nine weeks learning about City departments and visiting City Hall, Pensacola International Airport, Pensacola Police Department, Pensacola Energy, City sanitation facilities and fire stations among others.

2016 Pensacola Citizens Academy Graduates:

Davis Allen
Honor Bell, III
Larry Brooks
Brigette Brooks
Laurie Byrne
Sarah Coutu
Philip Floyd
Evelyn Forbes
Tamika Hampton
Carl Handlin
David Hoffman
Shantay Legrant
Louis Legrant
Kevin Mair
Joshua Mair
Bridgette Martin

Jack Martin
Caitlin McCormack
John Nixon
Ben Ouellette
Renay Pierre-Robinson
Blaine Richardson
Leah Robinson
Lauren Samoszenko
Kaitlin Santiago
Paul Shaffer
Laura Sikes
Doug Speck

“City operations and services work like a machine, but not a lot of our residents know how intricate these processes are,” said Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward. “The academy gives interested participants an opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at how their trash gets picked up, streets get paved, how the airport operates and more.”

The Academy began on May 17, and assembled every Tuesday evening. This course is a free nine-week, hands-on, interactive introduction to the inner workings of the City of Pensacola and its departments. Dinner is provided and tours and demonstrations make the course both informative and fun.

For more information about the next Pensacola Citizens Academy, please contact Helen Gibson, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator at 850-436-5650 or hgibson@cityofpensacola.com.

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