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Buda Citizens' Academy to Open Registration for the Fall 2021 Program

BUDA, TEXAS — The City of Buda will open registration beginning Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 30 for its 2021 Buda Citizens' Academy (BCA).

The BCA, which begins Aug. 26 and runs through Nov. 18 this year, is a program designed to give participants an inside look at the inter-workings of municipal government operations and services through 2-hour courses (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.), once per week for 13 weeks. The courses primarily are held on Thursday evenings at Buda City Hall, with the exception of a Public Works course, which is held 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on a Saturday and includes a tour of the Buda Wastewater Treatment Plan. Only Buda residents may participate in the academy.

By completing a minimum of 10 of the 13 courses, participants will earn a certificate of completion at a graduation ceremony. "This program is an excellent opportunity for aspiring commissioners or council members to better understand how the city's departments function and gain an overview of how they are funded," Isabel Fernandez, executive assistant to the city manager and BCA coordinator, said. "Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were not able to offer the academy last year, so we are really excited about bringing this valuable program back to our citizens," she added.

Registration is limited to 20 participants. To secure a position in the 2021 cohort, interested Buda residents will be able to complete an online application on the City of Buda's website or fill out an application in person at City Hall, 405 E. Loop St., Buda, TX 78610. Questions about the Buda Citizens' Academy may be directed to Fernandez at 512-312-0084, or email ifernandez@ci.buda.tx.us.

The City of Buda is home to nearly 19,000 residents and has earned designations as a "Texas Main Street City" and "Tree City USA." With a vision of providing services that contribute to excellent quality of life for the citizens of Buda and a mission of meeting the needs of its citizens, Buda is situated along the Interstate 35 corridor, has 14 parks and a historic downtown district where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, relax and breathe easy here.

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