



## City of Buda Recruiting for 2016 Buda Citizens' Academy

**BUDA, TX** — There is no doubt about it. The City of Buda is growing by leaps and bounds. In fact, according to a March 2016 report by the Texas State Data Center, the City of Buda saw a 77.9% increase in population from 2010-2015. The rapid growth presents some unique challenges for our city. With new homes being constructed, new businesses setting up shop, and an influx of new people moving to town, this is a busy time for Buda. It is also a perfect time to learn how our city government operates.

The Buda Citizens' Academy is a 12-week program that gives citizens an inside look at how each city department functions. A different department will present each week, providing information on what services they provide to the public and how they are funded. The academy begins on **Thursday, September 1, 2016 at City Hall from 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM**. Only **citizens who live within the city limits of Buda** can register. **You must attend a minimum of 10 classes to receive a certificate**. All classes will be held on Thursday, with the exception of the Public Works and Fire Department Classes. The Public Works class is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM at the Public Works Building** and the Fire Department class will be held on **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Fire Department**.

**Registration begins on Monday, July 11, 2016 and ends Friday, August 19, 2016**. You can register for the Buda Citizens' Academy on our website at [www.ci.buda.tx.us](http://www.ci.buda.tx.us) or you can click on the link

below and it will take you directly to the registration page.

### [Register Here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aee28a6f94-buda2)

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There are only 25 spots available in the academy. If you are interested, please register ASAP. We need a minimum of 12 citizens to register in order to hold the classes. We also want to mention that the Buda Citizens' Academy is not a vehicle for promoting your personal or professional interests. The purpose of the academy is to educate citizens about the city and to provide some fun along the way.

### *Stacy Morgan Testimonial 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

Stacy Morgan graduated from the 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy. Morgan is currently on the Affordable Housing Committee.



*Stacy Morgan Graduating From 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

"The Buda Citizens Academy is great way to learn about our city and to learn about volunteer opportunities. The citizens' academy gives you a behind the scenes peek at our local government and you get to meet all the people that keep our city running," said Morgan. "We, as citizens, have an opportunity to shape the future of Buda without running for public office. This is the fast track to being appointed to a wide variety of committees and boards that rely on Buda citizen participation. "

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### *Jeremy De Alcalá Testimonial 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

Jeremy De Alcalá graduated from the 2014 Buda Citizens Academy. He says it has helped him build relationships in the community.

"I attended the Buda Citizens Academy to join in the voices leading positive and responsible change in my community. As residents of the City of Buda for the past 15 years, my wife and I have enjoyed growing our family along with the city. We have seen explosive population growth, and our decisions today will impact future generations of Buda residents," said Alcalá.



*Jeremy de Alcalá Graduating from 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

"Last year I was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, a capital improvements and planning advisory commission to the city's Parks and Recreation Department. The Buda Citizens' Academy prepared me for this role, which it is my honor and privilege to serve on. The Citizens' Academy has also opened other doors for me to serve my community, including a position on the Board of Directors for the Buda Area Chamber of Commerce. It is because of my strong desire to help shape our community that I serve our city for the benefit of its citizens and their families. If you believe in our community and the importance of taking an active role in molding it's future for the better, I would recommend the Buda Citizens' Academy to you."

### *Belinda Ellis Testimonial 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

Belinda Ellis graduated from the 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy. She is currently a board member with the Historic Preservation Commission.

"I thought this was very enlightening, very helpful, and very informative as far as how the City of Buda operates. I thought they did a great job for every session in how they broke everything down," said Ellis. "It even included a tour of the Wastewater Plant."



*Belinda Ellis Graduating from 2014 Buda Citizens' Academy*

"It is a commitment to go to each of the sessions, but it is well worth it because you learn so much about the city. It definitely provides you with the reasons why laws and policies are in place."

### Important Dates

**Registration:** July 11, 2016—Aug. 19, 2016

**Academy Start Date:** Sept. 1, 2016

### Buda Citizens' Academy Summary

Must Attend 10 Classes to Graduate

Academy Lasts 12 Weeks

Most Classes Held on Thursdays

# Buda Citizens Academy Schedule – Fall 2016

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**1<sup>st</sup> Session – September 1, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

Orientation  
Welcome by the Mayor  
Introduction of Council Members  
Presentation on Council/Manager Form of Government by City Manager  
Goals and Objectives for the City of Buda

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session – September 8, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

**Finance Department & Municipal Court**

Budget process  
Utilities  
Taxes and what they pay for – where does the money go?  
Court fees

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session – September 15, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

**City Secretary**

Code of Ordinances  
Public Comment Forum  
Elections  
Open Records Requests  
Archives  
Alcohol and Sales Permits

**Human Resources**

Hiring Process  
Employee Relations

**Public Information Officer**

Press Releases  
Website  
Social Media

**4<sup>th</sup> Session - September 22, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

**Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects**

CIP and financing mechanisms

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**5<sup>th</sup> Session – September 29, 2016**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Buda City Hall**

## **Planning & Development**

- The Permitting & Land Development Process
- State legislative process
- Code Enforcement
- Commissions and Boards
- Long Range Planning (Comprehensive, Transportation, etc.)
- Annexations & growth management

**6<sup>th</sup> Session – October 6, 2016 \* \*\* Bus Tour will start at 6:15 PM from Buda City Hall \*\*\***

## **Parks & Recreation**

- Parks Bus Tour
- Special Events
- Park Maintenance
- Parks Commission
- Parks Permits & Rental

**7<sup>th</sup> Session – Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Public Works Building**

## **Public Works**

- Administration
- Water System Operations, Backflow and Cross connection
- Wastewater collection System
- Maintenance: Streets Overview
- Emergency Management Overview
- Conservation
- Wastewater Plant Tour

**8<sup>th</sup> Session – Thursday October 20, 2016**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Buda Library**

## **Buda Library**

- Library Cards
- Activities
- Services
- Long term plans
- Library Commission
- Library Tour

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**9<sup>th</sup> Session – October 27, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

**Police Department**

Public Safety  
Animal Control  
Traffic

**10<sup>th</sup> Session - Wednesday, November 2, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda Fire Station**

**Fire Department**

Public Safety  
EMS Services  
Tour of Fire Station

**11<sup>th</sup> Session – Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

**Tourism & EDC**

Community Services  
Public Relations  
Promotions  
Economic Development Strategy & Process

**12<sup>th</sup> Session – Tuesday, November 15, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

Buda City Council Meeting (Must stay at least two hours to get credit)

**Wrap-up & Graduation**

**November 17, 2016      6:30 – 8:30 PM      Buda City Hall**

Q & A - subjects students want more information on  
Course evaluation – feedback from students on what worked & what did not  
Presentation of Certificates  
Reception (Cake, punch)

For more information, go to <http://ci.buda.tx.us>

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