



Valparaiso Invites Participants to City Government Academy

To encourage community engagement, the City of Valparaiso offers a seven-week City Government Academy as an opportunity for residents to learn about how city government works in Valparaiso. “So far 130 people have graduated from our City Government Academy. We’re pleased to see them go on to become more engaged in the community. In fact, several of our graduates are currently serving in elected or appointed positions throughout the city,” said Maggie Clifton, Valpo’s Director of Community Engagement and creator of the academy. The spring session of the Academy will run from April 3 to May 15, meeting on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“The City Government Academy shares the ‘how’ and ‘why’ of Valparaiso government and participants learn more about how decisions are made, how dollars are allocated, and how services are delivered each day,” said Clifton. “We’re excited that participants report that they’re more likely to attend a public meeting or get involved in public service after the academy experience.”

Academy participation is free but limited to 35 participants per session. Registration is required. To learn more about the Academy or to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/ValpoAcademy or call Maggie Clifton at City Hall, (219) 462-1161.

Caption: So far 130 people have graduated from Valparaiso’s City Government Academy. Pictured here is a recent class. To learn more and register, visit tinyurl.com/ValpoAcademy