This academy is an one-week course designed to provide an in-depth look at the many functions of city government. It will be held at City Hall and other City locations, allowing participants to experience what the City of Waycross government does for our residents. Participants are allowed to miss only one class during the one-week (Monday - Friday) course.

The class will be limited to 40 participants who are City of Waycross residents or business owners. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Those who are running for office are ineligible.

We appreciate your interest in attending Waycross 101 Academy. Course is scheduled for February 3-7, 2025

- Give residents an opportunity to learn how to access their government
- Familiarize residents with government services, functions and activities in Waycross
- Help residents gain a better understanding about how to become involved in local government
- Enhance residents' ability to communicate effectively with local officials

Program details:

Through a combination of presentations and hands-on projects, participants will learn about vital community services including emergency services, law enforcement, planning, zoning, finance, public works, special projects, parks. Most importantly, participants will have the opportunity to connect with their local officials and city staff who provide these services.

The program is structured around five strategic commitments:
- Waycross charter introduction
- Municipality budgeting 101
- Workforce roles and responsibilities
- Director panel question and answer
- Mayor/Commission question and answer

Participants will gain a better understanding of:
- The relationships between residents, the city manager and Mayor & Commissioners and governmental departments.
- The process of deciding why and how government projects are implemented and services are provided.
- The ways various projects support the city manager and commission's goals and objectives.
- The budgeting process.
- Roles and functions of city departments.

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