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Citizens Government Academy: Third Time is a Charm! *City Hall Opens its Doors to Citizens*

City Manager Milton Dohoney is once again opening the halls of city government to citizens. This is the third session of Cincinnati Citizens Government Academy, a ten-week program designed to provide an in-depth look at how local government is organized and how services are funded and delivered. The goal of the Academy is to improve citizens' understanding of the workings of effective government and to encourage their involvement for improved and sustained quality-of-life in their communities now and in the future. Begun last fall, the Academy has graduated over 45 participants from various organizations, businesses, and communities throughout the City.

"As city government continues to engage citizens, it's important that citizens have a broad understanding of how their government works," said Dohoney. "We believe that informed citizens are involved citizens. That makes for better government," he continued. "The Academy may also bring forth some new ideas from the public that we may need to consider."

Academy students will take field trips to various City departments to learn about its services and programs. The schedule is as follows:

The third session of the Citizens Government Academy will be held Mondays 6 to 9 p.m. Classes will begin September 15th and end November 17th.

[The Citizens Government Academy](#) is free and available to all city residents. Class size is limited to 30 participants and will be filled in the order in which the applications are received. Deadline for applications is September 5, 2008. For more information, please call Trina Porter at 352-5335 or e-mail citizensgovernmentacademy@cincinnati-oh.gov. Applications are available online at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/cmgr/200808GCAApp.cfm> or at City Hall, 801 Plum Street, Suite 104.

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