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## Manitou Springs Fills All 20 Spots for First Ever Citizens Academy

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – In early February, the City of Manitou Springs announced the launch of its first ever Citizens Academy – a free opportunity to learn more about the functions of each of the City’s departments. As of February 16, 2023, all 20 available seats have been filled, with 22 applications for the academy so far.

The City is encouraging anyone interested to still apply, and they will be added to a wait list. The City will look at offering another academy later in 2023 to give everyone the ability to get beneath the surface of their local government, if there continues to be an interest in the academy!

To apply for a wait list, please visit: [bit.ly/MSCitizensAcademy](https://bit.ly/MSCitizensAcademy)

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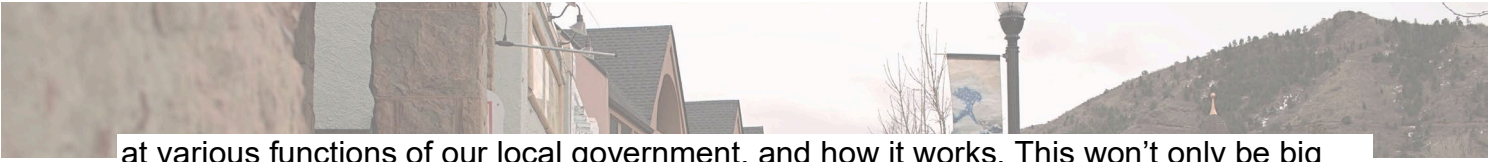
## Manitou Springs Launches First Ever Citizens Academy

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – Have you ever asked yourself...

How does Manitou Springs' government work? What are all the functions of Manitou Springs City Government? Where does our water come from? How does it get here? And where does it go?! How is the City budget created? Who fixes the potholes? When do my streets get plowed? What can I do to get involved?

At Manitou Springs' Citizens Academy, you'll get answers to all of those questions...and more!

John Graham, Mayor of Manitou Springs, commented on launching the first ever Citizens Academy and stated, “The Manitou Springs Citizens Academy is a free opportunity for community members to get beneath the surface of their local government, and learn hands-on what exactly the City of Manitou Springs does.” He continued, “In each class, City staff and/or elected officials will provide an in-depth look



at various functions of our local government, and how it works. This won't only be big presentations, there will be facility tours, interactive activities, and face to face time with department directors.”

Applications for the first Citizens Academy will be accepted through March 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. There are 20 total spots available. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, but applicants that live within Manitou Springs City limits will receive priority.

After submitting your application, please expect to hear from the City via the email you provided no later than March 8.

[Apply for the 2023 Citizens Academy](#)

For more information and to view the schedule, please visit: [bit.ly/MSCitizensAcademy](https://bit.ly/MSCitizensAcademy)

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