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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** July 16, 2024

**TOPIC:** City of The Dalles Local Government Academy is Now Accepting Applications

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The Dalles, Oregon, July 16, 2024 – Applications are now open for the 2024 Local Government Academy (LGA), a free program aimed at educating community members about the operations, services, and programs of our local government. This academy offers a unique opportunity to engage with City staff and elected officials, providing an in-depth understanding of how our local government functions.

The Academy will feature classroom-style presentations, tours, and discussions with representatives from all city departments, including the Police Department, Public Works, City Manager, City Attorney, Human Resources, Library, Finance, Community and Economic Development, and the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport. Past participant Sarah Mello shared, “I learned so much about our City. At every presentation, I was impressed by the high quality of city leadership and personnel. This experience has given me the knowledge and confidence to seek out roles to contribute to our community.”

The sessions will be held on August 27th, August 29th, September 3rd, September 5th, September 10th, September 12th, and September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., with a final LGA Graduate recognition at the City Council Meeting on September 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

There is no charge to participate in the Local Government Academy. To be eligible, you must be a resident of The City of The Dalles, at least 18 years of age, interested in future participation in local government, and available to attend all sessions.

Applications are due by Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than Friday, August 16th.

Applications are available online at [www.thedalles.com/LGA](http://www.thedalles.com/LGA). For a physical application, please visit the City Manager’s office in City Hall at 313 Court Street.

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