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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**TOPIC:** Applications Now Open for the 2025 Local Government Academy

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The Dalles, Oregon, July 1, 2025 – Applications are now open for the 2025 Local Government Academy (LGA), a free program designed to educate community members about the operations, services, and programs of the City of The Dalles. Participants will engage directly with City staff and elected officials through classroom-style presentations, facility tours, and discussions with representatives from all City departments, including Police, Public Works, City Manager’s Office, City Attorney, Human Resources, Library, Finance, Community and Economic Development, and the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

Participants from previous years consistently speak to the value of the Local Government Academy and its impact on their understanding of City operations and community engagement:

“This program offers an amazing opportunity to become involved and have a say in the community.”

“This was incredibly illuminating to understand more about the City’s inner workings, what is in and out of their jurisdictions and encourage more citizen support.”

“Enormously impressed with all the professionals we met. The clarity and specificity of presentations was great. I would recommend to any.”

Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., beginning August 26, 2025, and continuing weekly through October 6, 2025. Graduates will be formally recognized at the City Council Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Eligible applicants must be residents of The Dalles, at least 18 years old, interested in future civic engagement, and available to attend all sessions.

Applications are due by Friday, August 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than Friday, August 15, 2025.

Applications are available online at [www.thedalles.org/LGA2025](http://www.thedalles.org/LGA2025)

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