



2023 CITY ACADEMY APPLICATION

Do you ever wonder why a specific street was chosen to be reconstructed? Or how our drinking water is kept safe? Or who to call when a tree branch needs maintenance? Learn all of that and more at City Academy! City Academy is a unique opportunity for residents to learn about the City of Traverse City in order to inspire citizens to be informed about the issues surrounding city government and how it functions so that they can contribute in the most meaningful way.

We are thrilled to launch the City Academy in 2023 as an avenue to build social capital in the City of Traverse City. Staff within the City Clerk's Office has carefully designed each session to give you—and us—the most out of the experience. Colleen Pavegio, Communications Specialist, will serve as Program Director with the help of Katie Miller, Administrative Specialist. Rest assured, you will be in good hands with these two!

With the initial launch of the program, we wanted to make a few promises to our 2023 class and we ask a couple promises from you too!

- We promise to host a fun, educational, and inspiring program that increases citizen knowledge, interest, and ability to influence**
- We promise to reduce barriers and learn from citizens**
- Participants promise to participate in a meaningful way**
- Participants promise to co-create and be part of a space for collective engagement and dialogue**

Applications are now available for the 2023 City Academy. First priority will be given to City residents, then non-residents with City interests (business owners, employee, property owner), and non-residents will be considered should there be availability. Applicants will be accepted through February 28, 2023 and notified of acceptance no later than March 15, 2023.

So let's do this, and make the City the best it can be, together!

My Best,

Benjamin Marentette
City Clerk
City of Traverse City
(231) 922-4480



<https://www.traversecitymi.gov/community/city-academy.html>

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Name for Name Tag _____ Preferred Pronouns _____

Home Address _____
Street City, State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Length of Residence in: Grand Traverse Region _____ City Limits _____

Gender* _____ Race* _____ Year & City of Birth* _____

(*The City of Traverse City is committed to inclusiveness and diversity. This optional information is helpful in assuring a diverse class.)

EDUCATION

High School _____

College _____

Other _____

EMPLOYMENT

Current Employer _____

Do you own a business in the City? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

What are your expectations of the City Academy? _____

Are you currently a member of a City of Traverse City Board or Commission? _____

Are there any other civic, professional, or business related organizations that you are involved in and would like to share?

Are you willing to serve on a City Board or Commission? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____

COMMITMENT

City Academy sessions will primarily be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the final session and graduation held on a Monday. Sessions will take place from 5:30 pm - 7:30/8:00 pm. To graduate from City Academy, you must attend Session 1, Session 8, and not miss more than one regular session. Will you be able to attend all classes? If not, please describe.

Week 1

Session 1: The City We Live In
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Session 2: Our Public Face & Our Public Safety
Thursday, April 20, 2023

Week 2

Session 3: Paving Our Way To Sustainability
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Session 4: Water & Waste
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Week 3

Session 5: The Great Outdoors
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Week 4

Session 6: Shaping Our Future
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Session 7: Show Me The Money
Thursday, May 11, 2023

Week 5

Session 8: Building Social Capital Together & Graduation
Monday, May 15, 2023

ACCOMODATIONS

City Academy will begin at various locations throughout the City. Would this create a transportation issue for you? If yes, please describe.

Sessions will require walking in an urban setting and natural setting, climbing stairs, riding on a bus, etc. Do you have a disability, are in need of special assistance, or have concerns that would prohibit you from fully participating? If yes, please describe.

A meal will be provided at each session. Do you have any special food requirements or limitations?

Are there any other barriers that may prevent you from fully participating in City Academy? i.e. child care

APPLICANT PERSONAL COMMITMENT

If selected, I will devote the time necessary to meet City Academy graduation requirements, and participate in an inclusive and meaningful way. I will continue to stay involved in City Government to the best of my ability, and act as an ambassador of the City of Traverse City by sharing my knowledge with other citizens, friends, visitors, neighbors, and more!

____ Initial if you agree

Photo Release: I agree to let my photo be used in the future for City materials and program promotion.

____ Initial if you agree

Return completed application to the City Clerk's Office in person, via mail, or by email:

MAIL

City of Traverse City
City Clerk's Office
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

EMAIL

tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov

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