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## **City introduces Citizens' Academy of Mt. Pleasant; now accepting applications**

**Mt. Pleasant, Mich.** – The inaugural Citizens' Academy of Mt. Pleasant is now accepting applications.

Presented by the City of Mt. Pleasant, the Academy is designed to engage members of the community motivated to expand their knowledge of the structure and functions of the local government.

Beginning Jan. 20, 2016, participants will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. for six consecutive weeks. Each session will offer an in-depth look at the fundamentals of the City's administration and budget; public works and utilities; parks and recreation; public safety; and community development. Additional topics covered will include the basics of local government, elections, and more. Graduates of the Academy will be honored at a City Commission meeting following the completion of the program.

"The Citizens' Academy is open to anyone who lives, works, attends school or owns property in the City of Mt. Pleasant," said City Planner Jacob Kain. "Whether you are a local business owner, a student with an interest in government, or you're looking for ways to increase your involvement with the community, this is the perfect opportunity for those with a commitment to the City to gain a greater understanding of Mt. Pleasant in its entirety."

Registration for the Academy is free, and the program is limited to 20 participants. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 20, and end on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Recognition of the program participants will take place at the March 14 City Commission meeting.

To be considered, please apply by Dec. 31, 2015. Applications are available at City Hall and online. Visit [www.mt-pleasant.org/citizensacademy](http://www.mt-pleasant.org/citizensacademy) for more information and to submit your application.

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