

# Citizens' Academy

Get familiar with Weston government inside and out at the 2016 Weston Citizens' Academy! Take tours of some of the Town facilities, meet with Department Managers, and engage in hands on activities! Ask your burning questions about the “who, what, where, when, why and how” of the Town, and learn about the role you can play in Weston’s government.

## Objective

The program is specifically designed to familiarize citizens with the processes and procedures associated with Town and school services and will consist of a series of presentations, discussions, and visits to Town departments/facilities.

The objectives are to facilitate and deepen public knowledge and understanding of how Weston’s Town Government operates; promote two-way dialogue between Town staff and residents; and enhance public participation by communicating opportunities for residents to become involved. All sessions will be led by town and school staff at their respective facilities.

## Schedule

Participants will attend nine 2-hour interactive workshops, detailed below, and must commit to attending all nine sessions. The first session will be held on Thursday, September 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at Town Hall. The remaining teaching sessions will be held on the succeeding Thursday (9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3; 11/10.) A final “graduation” session will take place at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting Wednesday, December 14th.

## Registration

Early registration is suggested as the Academy will be limited to 25 participants. Efforts will be made to be inclusive of all age groups and preference will be given to those who have not previously been to Town Meeting or served on any Town Boards or Committees. There is no fee for attending the Academy.

For further information, please contact: Molly Fitzpatrick at 781-786-5090.

For registration, please email: [humanresources@westonmass.org](mailto:humanresources@westonmass.org)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Sept. 22nd	Introduction and Overview: the history and structure of Town Government
Sept.	Land Use: Conservation, Building, Planning, Zoning, Assessors & Board of Health

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
29th	
Oct. 6th	Town Clerk, Finance/Budget & Info. Technology: public records, voting, budgeting process & types, Town IT systems
Oct. 13th	School Department
Oct. 20th	Police and Dispatch
Oct. 27th	Fire & Emergency Services
Nov. 3rd	Public Works & Public Facilities: streets, parks, cemetery, water, engineering/GIS, transfer station & facilities
Nov. 10th	Community Services: Library, Council on Aging, Recreation & Housing
Dec. 14th	Board of Selectmen meeting: graduation