

City of New Haven Democracy School



Spring 2007

Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.'s Democracy School will introduce residents to City Hall's structure, services and leaders through a public information forum where citizens are provided useful information on how city government operates, which will open lines of communication and enable citizens to better utilize City resources.

The Democracy School is open to **any New Haven resident, at least 18 years old**. Because space is limited, a Selection Committee will choose 25 students based on submitted applications.

Democracy School Goals

- Provide participants with an interactive learning experience that generates dialogue about city services, programs and responsibilities, including day-to-day operations, the challenges to city government, and budget limitations.
- Promote partnerships between community and government by providing a forum where local government officials and local community members can interact and exchange ideas.

Course Details

The Democracy School will meet on **Tuesday nights, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (two Wednesdays) for six weeks**, starting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Dinner will be provided by area restaurants.

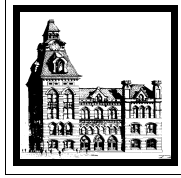
DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
March 20	Governing the City	City Hall - 165 Church St. Aldermanic Chambers
March 27	Community & Economic Development	Chamber of Commerce 900 Chapel St., 10 th Floor
April 4	Budget, Finance & Taxes	Sound School 60 South Water St.
April 11	Quality Neighborhoods & Healthy Residents	Fair Haven Public Library 182 Grand Avenue
April 17	Public Safety	Police Dept. Headquarters 1 Union Avenue, 4 th Floor
April 24	Community Services, Education & Youth	Board of Education - Board Rm. Gateway Ctr. - 54 Meadow St.
TBA	Graduation Ceremony	TBA

Requirements

Participants should avoid missing a class. Each person will be required to complete a simple Class Assignment, which will be further explained when class begins. It can include doing **one** of the following over the six week period: attend a Board of Aldermen meeting, attend a Committee meeting, attend Mayor's Night Out, or meet with a City Hall employee. After every class, each student must fill out a brief evaluation form. Lastly, all participants must follow the Democracy School's Rules of Conduct.

Applications are available at www.cityofnewhaven.com. Contact Emily Byrne at 946-7671; FAX 946-5704, ebyrne@newhavenct.net

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Application Form – Spring 2007
DUE: FRIDAY, March 9, 2007

Faxed or emailed Applications are preferred.
Mailed Applications must be postmarked by February 8, 2007.

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Please print clearly. Handwritten responses are accepted.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Number and Street or P.O. Box)

(City, State, Zip)

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell (optional): _____

Email: _____

Please respond to the following in the space below:

1. Please describe your occupation: (If not working, please indicate past occupation).

2. Please describe your present and past community involvement – voluntary, social, other.

3. What would you like to gain from participating in the City of New Haven’s Democracy School?

4. Would you be interested in running for local office or joining a City board or commission?
(For informational purposes. Not a requirement of participation).