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***City of Port Orange Accepting Applications for  
Its Inaugural Citizens Academy, “Port Orange University”***

**PORT ORANGE, FL** – The City of Port Orange is now taking applications for its first Citizens Academy, “Port Orange University.”

Port Orange University will be the first citizens academy for the City, where citizens will gain a better understanding of the various services and functions provided by City departments.

Based on a recent citizens survey that was conducted by the City, the feedback received was positive about hosting a citizens’ academy and holding it on a weekly basis during evening hours. Classes will meet on Monday evenings from 6–8 pm for 9 weeks straight starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The classes are free and are limited to the first 25 participants who apply.

“By educating our citizens through this academy, we hope to enhance our communications with residents about the services the City provides and give them an insight on what we do, why we do it and how we do things,” said Christine Martindale, Public Information Officer. “We are excited about further developing the relationship between our citizens and the City through this approach.”

The application deadline is Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Additional information and a copy of the application is available on the City’s website at [www.port-orange.org](http://www.port-orange.org).

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