



# City of Olathe

## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**MEETING DATE:** 3/19/2019

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**STAFF CONTACT:** Brenda Long

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of 2019 Olathe Civic Academy graduates

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Recognition of 2019 Olathe Civic Academy graduates

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**SUMMARY:**

The City of Olathe just completed its twelfth Civic Academy. Olathe Civic Academy is a program offered to citizens who live or work in Olathe and provides an in-depth look at municipal government.

Thirty-two citizens were enrolled, and thirty-one participants completed the program and will be recognized and presented with a certificate at the City Council meeting. The graduates are:

Brett Balkenbush, Barbara Carter, Katelyn Clark, Stacy Cope, Clayton Duffin, Jeffery Eppler, Michelle Graham, Joseph Graham, Terry Harrison, Jeffery Hayes, Roger Hobbs, Dana Hobbs, Dee Hudgens, Stephanie James, John McCauley, Ricki McCauley, Nikki McDonald, Dustin Morris, Doug Mounday, Ronnita Paul, Kathy Paul, Claire Reagan, Harvey Reinblatt, Barbara Siefken, Jaskaran Singh, Twila Smith, Tom Smith, Mary Wirtz, Patrick Wirtz and Jane Zaccardi

Claire Regan has been selected to speak for the class at the Council meeting.

The Civic Academy consisted of ten sessions beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>, concluding on March 7<sup>th</sup>, providing an overview of Olathe city government, including presentations from each department and tours of various City facilities (Attachment A - Schedule).

As part of the commitment to participate in the Civic Academy, each member attended a City Council or Planning Commission meeting.

Prior to this class, 193 citizens have graduated from Civic Academy and 41 have served or are serving on City boards, commissions and committees (Attachment B). Many other graduates have served in volunteer capacities for City activities or City departments.

A reception for graduates and their families will follow the City Council presentation.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recognize and congratulate individuals who have completed the 2019 Olathe Civic Academy.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A: 2019 Civic Academy Schedule

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B: Civic Academy Alumni Involvement