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### Spring Session of Palmdale's Partners Academy Moved to March

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale's spring 2014 session of the Palmdale Partners Academy, which was originally scheduled to begin in February, will now begin on March 12.

The Academy will be held on consecutive Wednesday nights from March 12 through May 14 from 7 to 9 pm at the Chimbole Cultural Center, 38350 Sierra Highway.

Residents may obtain an application online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org), or by contacting Trish Jones at 661/267-5473 or [tjones@cityofpalmdale.org](mailto:tjones@cityofpalmdale.org). Priority registration will be given to residents of Palmdale. Registration ends Wednesday, March 12.

"The Palmdale Partners Academy is designed to present citizens with a first-hand look at city operations and services," said Palmdale's Community Programs Supervisor Trish Jones.

"The Academy will help volunteer citizens gain a better understanding of local government, the community, the resources and how to get things done," Jones said.

Some notable graduates of the Academy include State Assemblyman Steve Fox, Palmdale Planning Commissioners Patricia Shaw and Linda Hughes, Palmdale Water District Board Members Kathy MacLaren and Robert Alvarado, TCAL Board Member V. Jesse Smith, LULAC President Xavier Flores and recent Mayoral Candidates Mitchell Toles, Maggie Campbell and Lynn Minidis.

During the academy sessions, participants will interact with city staff and learn the challenges facing municipal governments as well as gain insight into the City's future goals and objectives.

"If you've ever wondered who decides what businesses come to town, or where does the funding come from to take care of the City, or how can I present an idea to the City Council, then the Academy is for you!" said Jones.

The academy schedule of classes is as follows:

**Wednesday, March 12 - "The Greatest Story Ever Told"**

*An introduction to the City of Palmdale, its Past, Present and Future.*

**Wednesday, March 19 - "It Keeps You Running"**

*A behind-the-scenes look at the administrative aspects of the City.*

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014- "Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood" – Pt. 1**

*An overview of Palmdale's efforts to prevent crime and how the City works with the criminal justice system locally.*

**Wednesday, April 2 - "Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood" – Pt. 2**

*An overview of Palmdale's efforts to prevent crime and how the City works with the criminal justice system locally.*

**Wednesday, April 9 - "Law and Order: Palmdale"**

*An overview of Palmdale's efforts to prevent crime and how the City works with the criminal justice system locally.*

**Wednesday, April 16 - "You've Gotta Have Friends"**

*A discussion of the City's collaborative efforts in the areas of education and business support.*

**Wednesday, April 23 - "Clean Sweep – Build It and They Will Come"**

*An overview of the programs and departments that keep the streets, buildings and parks clean and operational.*

**Wednesday, April 30 - "Clean Sweep - The Care and Maintenance of a City"**

*A continuation of the overview of the programs and departments that keep the streets, buildings and parks clean and operational.*

**Wednesday, May 7 - "For the People"**

*An introduction to Economic Development and the many departments responsible for the economic and structural growth of the City.*

**Wednesday, May 14 - "Back to the Future"**

*An overview of the Partners for a Better Palmdale and discussion of the academy and its future.*

For more information on the academy, contact Trish Jones at 661/267-5473 or by e-mail at [tjones@cityofpalmdale.org](mailto:tjones@cityofpalmdale.org).

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