



CITY OF PUNTA GORDA

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Harborside

Hometown University Application

The City of Punta Gorda Harborside Hometown University is a free, eight-session course of interactive classes designed to provide insight into the City government and to develop future leaders through well-informed and civically engaged residents. The Academy is designed to give citizens an up-close and personal look at how City government functions and helps shape our community.

Applicant Information

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| Name | | | | | | | |
| Address | | City | | State | | Zip | |
| Phone | | Email address | | | | | |

Please tell us why you are interested in the Citizens Academy.

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How did you hear about the Citizens Academy?

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The following information will help us understand who will participate in the Citizens Academy. Please check the boxes that best describe your residency duration, type and if you own, rent, or provide services in the City.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Renter | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner/Other (i.e. Real Estate Agent) | | |

Do you need any special accommodations?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Shirt Size | <input type="checkbox"/> Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium | <input type="checkbox"/> Large | <input type="checkbox"/> XL-Large |
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Florida's Harborside Hometown



The sessions are always held on Tuesdays, except for the Charlotte County session on Monday. Session days may be rescheduled at the request of departments, provided that advanced notice is given to applicants. Site tours include the Public Safety and Fire Station, Public Works, and Charlotte County Emergency Safety Building. Session locations will be provided upon selection notification. Participants are responsible for their transportation. Appropriate attire and shoes will be necessary for on-site tours (*). See the schedule below.

| Date | Time | Session |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 20, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Administration Sessions |
| February 3, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Fire Department Session (*) |
| February 17, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Police Department Session (*) |
| March 3, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Finance Department |
| March 17, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Public Works Session (*) |
| March 31, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Urban Design Session |
| April 14, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Utilities |
| April 28, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Charlotte County Sessions EOC (*) |
| May 6, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. | Graduation |

To be considered for the 2026 Harborside Hometown University, Hold Harmless, and Background Check Authorization forms must be returned by Monday, December 6, 2025, to Laurel Adelmund, Public Works Senior Executive Assistant, City of Punta Gorda, 3130 Cooper St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Electronic submittals are welcome. Please email to: ladelmund@cityofpuntagordafl.com