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Hands-On Open Government Experienced by City University Participants

New Braunfels, Texas — The New Braunfels City University program allows citizens to experience the workings of their city government directly. The curriculum is designed to develop a well informed public and increase their involvement in city commissions, boards and committees.

Ten classes are held over selected Thursday evening's beginning on January 9, 2014. Programs on City services are provided by the following departments: Fire/ EMS, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Community Development, Police, Municipal Court, Library, Public Works, Support Services and the Airport.

Applications for the 2014 series of the free City University program will be accepted at the City's Municipal Building (424 S. Castell Ave.) through 5:00 p.m. on December 13th. Applicants must be residents of the City or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and be at least 17 years of age.

"City University is an interactive learning experience," said Julie O'Connell, Human Resources Director. "The site tours, hands-on experiences, case studies, demonstrations and group discussions provide a better understanding of municipal operations and that is an important component of transparency/open government."

Graduates of previous City University programs have gone on to serve in the following city organizations:

- City Council
- Airport Advisory Board
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Bond Advisory Committee
- Downtown Board
- Civil Service Commission
- Building Standards Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board
- Ethics Commission
- Watershed Advisory Committee

- Community Development Advisory Committee
- Golf Course Advisory Board

City University applications are available at the Municipal Building, 424 South Castell Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or online at www.nbtexas.org/cityuniversity. Call 830-221-4185, or email joconnell@nbtexas.org, for additional information or to obtain an application by mail or email.

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