Lombard Government Citizen Leadership Academy Syllabus

Week 1 – Introduction/General Overview

Time – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location – Village Hall

This week will:

- Provide a program overview including purpose and desired outcomes;
- Basic Introduction to the various local governments that comprise Lombard

    Village of Lombard
    Lombard Park District
    Helen Plum Library District
    School District 44
    School District 45
    School District 87
    School District 88

- General Discussions Regarding Participants Past Experience, Perception and Understanding of How to Engage Local Government Officials on Projects and Policy

Week 2 – Village of Lombard

Time – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location – Village Hall

This week will:

- Provide a Description of core services and function of government
- Provide an overview on Organizational Chart on Structure of government
- Educate participants on how to interact and obtain day to day services via existing tools
- Educate participants on how to look up agenda information, attend board meetings and engage elected officials
- Introduce a member of the elected board to explain the role of board members
- Explanation of trustee districts and how that benefits the Village of Lombard
- Explanation of volunteer committee memberships and how to get involved
- Discussion of key challenges/issues ahead

Week 3 – School Districts (including SD 44, SD 45 and SD 87)

Time – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location – TBD

This week will:

- Provide a Description of core services and function of government
- Provide an overview on Organizational Chart on Structure of government
- Educate participants on how to interact and obtain information via existing tools
- Educate participants on how to look up agenda information, attend board meetings and engage elected officials
- Introduce a member of the elected board(s) to explain the role of board members
- Explanation of volunteer opportunities and how to get involved
- Discussion of key challenges/issues ahead

Week 4 – Park District and Library

Time – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Location – TBD

This week will:

- Provide a Description of core services and function of government
- Provide an overview on Organizational Chart on Structure of government
- Educate participants on how to interact and obtain information via existing tools
- Educate participants on how to look up agenda information, attend board meetings and engage elected officials
- Introduce a member of the elected board(s) to explain the role of board members
- Explanation of volunteer opportunities and how to get involved
- Discussion of key challenges/issues ahead

Week 5 – Program Wrap Up/Reflections/Discussion of Challenges and Opportunities

Time 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location – Village Hall

This week will:

- Provide a recap of weeks 1 through 4
- Include general discussions from participants on what was learned and how their understanding or perceptions of government have changed
- Foster discussions on challenges and opportunities facing the Lombard Community
- Foster discussions on ways to educate residents on constructive civic engagement in a time of increased political polarization