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## **City of Marlborough Offers a Local Municipal Government Academy to Interested Residents**

MARLBOROUGH— Mayor Vigeant’s office in conjunction with the Marlborough City Council, Marlborough Economic Development Corp and WMCT-TV have created a local municipal government course to interested residents. The free virtual course offering will run six weeks, featuring how departments operate and participants will learn how they can become more involved indirectly or directly at the local level.

“We are excited to offer this course that will be geared toward residents who want to know more about city operations, how the city raises money, sets policy and most importantly, how their tax dollars are spent. It’s a great way for citizens to learn about local government and possibly get involved with a board or commission,” said Mayor Arthur Vigeant.

“The city is hopeful that the class offering will increase levels of interest and participation at public meetings, engage citizens who wish to be involved in government but may lack the understanding of operations, highlight transparency, identify new volunteers for board and commissions, use as a recruitment tool and learning mechanism for new hires and summer interns,” said Council President Michael Ossing.

The City’s department heads will instruct segments of the course. The class is set to begin on April 21<sup>st</sup> and will continue for 6 consecutive weeks on Wednesday evenings. Interested candidates may visit the City’s website under the “NEWS” tab or Register [here](#). Space is limited. Participants must have a computer, email address and the ability to use the Microsoft Teams application.

If there is interest, the City will continue to enhance and offer the program on an annual basis.

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