

City of Reidsville Press Release – Release Date February 26, 2019



# Want to become a MVP on Team Reidsville?

*Sign up for Training Camp starting March 26*

The City of Reidsville is making plans for its new citizens academy, also known as our 2019 Training Camp.

In keeping with our team concept, the City is inviting its residents to apply for “Team Reidsville Training Camp”, which will begin Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Training Camp will consist of six consecutive weeks of learning sessions on Tuesday nights, topped off with recognition and graduation at the Reidsville City Council’s May 7<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

**TEAM REIDSVILLE**  
**2019 TRAINING CAMP**

It has been 20-plus years since the City of Reidsville has done a citizens academy, explained Training Camp Coordinator & City Clerk Angela Stadler, although the Police Department has done a departmental academy in recent years.

“For many of our residents, they don’t understand why government makes the decisions it makes. This training camp is designed to increase our residents’ knowledge about our operations and services so they can become better informed and more involved,” Stadler said. “As a staff, we are excited to be able to have this opportunity for open dialogue with our residents as well.”

Stadler said this inaugural group will be small, about 11 citizens, as the City discovers how much interest there is in the program. Eleven was selected because that is the number of players each football team can have on the field at any one time during a game. “While these sessions are open to anyone living inside the City’s corporate limits, we especially hope that they will appeal to our longtime residents,” she noted.

All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The applications are available online at [reidsvillenc.gov](http://reidsvillenc.gov) or [riseupreidsville.com](http://riseupreidsville.com) and at different City facilities, including Reidsville City Hall, the Police Department, Fire Station #1, Parks & Recreation Center and RCARE. If more than 11 applications are received, names will be randomly drawn during a special announcement on March 19. Those selected will be notified by email on Wednesday, March 20.

Upon graduation, these residents will become the City’s first set of recognized Training Camp MVPs. Each graduate will receive a certificate and Team Reidsville MVP t-shirt.

Each Tuesday night session will start at 5:30 p.m., ending no later than 8 p.m. A light meal will be provided during the first six sessions.

The March 26<sup>th</sup> class will kick off with a welcome from Reidsville Mayor Jay Donecker. In this “Reidsville Rocks!” session, participants will be given a brief history of the City, learn about the form of government here in Reidsville and the different roles of the City Manager and City Council and hear about the City’s logo and branding. Topping off the first night will be an interactive game among the participants and staff.

Other Tuesday night sessions will focus on planning and economic development, including the City’s Main Street program; emergency management services, such as Police and Fire, City budgeting and Human Resources, along with Information Technology; Public Works; and Parks & Recreation.

Plans are for several of the sessions to feature hands-on activities and tours of City facilities. For example, when visiting the Fire Department, participants won't be able to fight fires, but they might get to operate a fire hose.

"Again, we want the sessions to be informative, but we want them to be fun," Stadler stressed.

*If you wish to learn more about the Team Reidsville Training Camp, please contact Angela Stadler at 336-349-1040 or email her at [astadler@reidsvillenc.gov](mailto:astadler@reidsvillenc.gov). Applications must be received no later than March 19, 2019. They can be emailed to Stadler at [astadler@reidsvillenc.gov](mailto:astadler@reidsvillenc.gov), faxed to 336-342-3649 or be mailed or delivered in person to Stadler at Reidsville City Hall, 230 W. Morehead Street, Reidsville, NC 27320.*

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