



## **SESSION 1: Participating in Local Government & Get to Know Your Library**

Wednesday, April 15 / City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (21 S. Elm Street) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Learn about the City's organizational structure, administration, and elections, find out how you can be informed and participate!
- Hear the story of how historic Zeeland was founded.
- Get an insider's tour of the Howard Miller Public Library and gain an understanding on how local libraries are managed.

## **SESSION 2: Board of Public Works**

Wednesday, April 22 / BPW North Warehouse (347 E. Washington Avenue) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Board of Public Works facilities.
- Understand the power of Zeeland's locally controlled utilities.

## **SESSION 3: Parks & Cemetery, Streets and Finance**

Wednesday, April 29 / City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (21 S. Elm Street) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Take a bus tour through the City's park system and beautifully manicured cemeteries.
- Become familiar with the City's future infrastructure plans and the operations of the Streets Department.
- Learn about the City's budget and finance process, funding sources and millage rates.

## **SESSION 4: Meet Your Public Safety Team : Police, Fire/Rescue**

Wednesday, May 6 / Public Safety Building (29 W. Main Avenue) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Understand the City's approaches to public safety through policing, fire protection and emergency rescue.

## **SESSION 5: Information Technology & Clean Water Plant**

Wednesday, May 13 / Clean Water Plant Facility (144 E. Lincoln Avenue) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Realize the importance of the City's in-house IT Department.
- Witness the functions of the City's Clean Water Plant and tour the facility.

## **SESSION 6: Marketing, Community Development & Downtown Zeeland**

Wednesday, May 20 / City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (21 S. Elm Street) / 5:45-9 PM, includes dinner

- Gain an understanding of how the City plans and implements a vision for the future. Including information on planning & zoning.
- Take a bus tour through Zeeland's industrial sector and downtown development projects.
- Learn more about the City's FEEL THE ZEEL brand and community events.

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY @ City Council Meeting**

Monday, June 1 / City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (21 S. Elm Street) / 6PM, includes cake

- Participants who have completed at least 5 out of 6 Citizen's Academy sessions will be recognized at a Zeeland City Council Meeting.
- Participants are invited to bring their families!

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