“New Norfolk 101: Citizens Academy”

Interested in how a city runs? Whether you’ve lived in Norfolk all your life or recently moved here the new Norfolk 101: Citizens Academy will give participants a chance to go behind the scenes of city government and see what keeps the City of Norfolk operating. Whether it’s getting a close up look at the city’s fleet of snow plows, taking a peek inside a city jail or hearing the latest from the Mayor, Norfolk 101 offers residents of Norfolk an opportunity to learn things about the city they might not have known before.

“The program is set up so that a citizen can see many aspects of city operations and talk to the people who make those operations happen. It’s a great chance to learn more about Norfolk and the people who make the city government run,” said Sue Fuchtman, Mayor of the City of Norfolk.

Norfolk 101 begins March 4, 2014 and will be held the following six Tuesday evenings with a final session to coincide with the April 21 Norfolk City Council meeting. Each session will be from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and cover such topics as “Planning for the Future- The Importance of Zoning and the Water Division” and “Quality of Life- Parks and Streets.” Tours of various departments of the city will be included in each session.

Participants in the program need to be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Norfolk. Applications are available online at ci.norfolk.ne.us/administration/norfolk101.htm, at the Norfolk Public Library or at the City Administration Building at 309 North 5th Street. Class size is limited. There is no fee to participate. The deadline to register is January 1, 2014. For more information call City of Norfolk Communications Specialist Diane Becker at 402-844-2034 or email news@ci.norfolk.ne.us.