



MEMO

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Joseph A. Fivas

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SUBJECT: Indian Trail Citizen's Academy

Many communities in North Carolina have annual Citizen Academy sessions to educate residents about all aspects of Town government. I am proposing an Indian Trail Citizen Academy pilot project to begin in January 2012. We will have 6-8 sessions for a group of 20 residents that through lectures and hands-on activities and interaction will learn how town government affects the quality of life in Indian Trail.

The Indian Trail Citizen Academy would be a great way for those who live, work, learn, and own property throughout Indian Trail to prepare for participating in local government or simply to learn about the day-to-day activities that make Indian Trail a vibrant Town for all residents.

Classes will be open and free to any town resident, but class size is limited to 20 residents. Potential students must complete an application, and be accepted into the Academy.

Potential Topics for the 2012 Citizen Academy series include:

- Development Services and Indian Trail's UDO
- Transportation Planning
- Traffic Calming
- Transportation Demand Management
- Financial Planning (Finance)
- Utilities (Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater)
- Public Safety including law enforcement, Fire, and Disaster Preparedness
- Parks, Arts, and Recreation

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