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New Braunfels City University and Youth City University Now Accepting Applications

New Braunfels, TX – Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 class of New Braunfels City University and Youth City University, which are free programs that give residents a first-hand look at the inner workings of their city government by providing participants with a greater understanding of the City's essential services, programs, and initiatives.

Since its inception in 2011, City University has graduated over 380 participants. Many have gone on to serve on various city boards and commissions, including New Braunfels City Council, the Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board, the Bond Advisory Committee, and the Building Standards Commission. Meanwhile, this is the second year for the Youth City University program for local high school students, which runs concurrently with the City University program.

"City University is a chance for residents to have a hands-on, interactive experience while exploring City facilities and hearing directly from City officials and employees," said Jenna Vinson, Director of Communications and Community Engagement. "And the Youth City University program is a great way for local high school students to learn more about their City government and to begin the process of getting involved in their community."

The 2025 City University and Youth City University program is an 8-week program with class sessions held weekly, on Wednesdays, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm beginning on Wednesday, March 26th, followed by a graduation ceremony to be held prior to the New Braunfels City Council meeting on Monday, May 12th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Each meeting will give participants an up-close look at how city services are provided, with presentations, demonstrations, and tours, including City administration, Police, Fire, Library, and more.

City University applications are now available at <u>www.newbraunfels.gov/CityU</u> and can be submitted online through 5pm on Friday, February 7th, 2025. Space in this program is limited. Applicants must be residents of the City of New Braunfels (or its extraterritorial jurisdiction – ETJ).

To be considered for the Youth City University program, applicants must by City of New Braunfels residents and be enrolled in 9th through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school. Youth participants will participate in each session and provide a presentation to City Council on their experience.

For more information or to submit an application for either program, visit <u>www.newbraunfels.gov/CityU</u>.

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