

# **CITY OF HOUSTON**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY**



**Department of Neighborhoods**  
**Quality of Life Committee**



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### What is the Neighborhood Academy?

A new Department of Neighborhoods program to engage residents and the community at-large through education and governmental support. Connecting residents to their local government enhances the quality of life in our city, and puts the City in lockstep with national trends of civic and social engagement.





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### **The Neighborhood Academy will also foster:**

- Development of future community leaders
- Improved relationships between neighborhoods and the city
- Empowered neighborhoods that are better able to navigate city services and obtain the assistance they need





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The Neighborhood Academy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- Department of Neighborhoods (3 members)
- Solid Waste (1 member)
- Keep Houston Beautiful (3 members)

The committee will be responsible for creating, approving and amending the curriculum for this program.





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The Neighborhood Academy will focus on the following areas:

- Beautification
- Public Safety
- Volunteerism/Mentorship
- Navigating City Services

The proposed start date for the pilot academy is 10/2015. The participants for the pilot academy will be citizen trainers, who will conduct courses for the inaugural class and classes thereafter.





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**Course location:** To ensure no neighborhood is left out, courses will be conducted in various City of Houston owned or leased facilities throughout the City of Houston.

This will also allow citizens to engage with “like minded” neighborhoods, as well as give real-life visuals of the problems and solutions that will be addressed throughout the curriculum.





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# **Q & A**