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## **Be Informed, Get Involved: Apply for Fall 2012 Cumberland County Citizens' Academy**

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County will offer a Citizens' Academy in the fall to provide residents with a better understanding of what county government does and how the various departments play a vital role in the community.

County residents are invited to apply for the fall session to be held Sept. 25-Oct. 30 on six consecutive Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. Classes will meet at various county government locations.

The Citizens' Academy is a new program and part of the county's strategic goal to educate, inform and engage employees, citizens, elected and appointed officials through effective and efficient communications.

Sessions include: Introduction to County Government; Public Safety; Human Services; Finance; Behind the Scenes; Planning and Environmental Issues; and Culture, Recreation and Entertainment.

Class size is limited, and academy slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Citizens are encouraged to apply promptly. You must be a Cumberland County resident to participate.

To apply, go to [www.co.cumberland.nc.us](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us). Call (910) 437-1921 or email [sshutt@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:sshutt@co.cumberland.nc.us) for more information.

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