River Falls 101 - Frequently Asked Questions

What is River Falls 101?
River Falls 101 is a behind-the-scenes glimpse of local government operations. Participant groups meet with various City of River Falls staff and leaders to gain insight into city government services and operations. This hands-on experience is intended to provide awareness and orientation for members of the River Falls community.

What will the sessions be like?
River Falls 101 is meant to be engaging, fun, and memorable. Each session’s leader/host will give a brief department overview and then engage the participants with hands-on activities, facility tours, and more.

How many sessions are there?
The group will meet eight times. Seven of the meetings will be hands-on learning sessions. The eighth and final meeting will be a ‘graduation’ that may include attendance at a City Council meeting, recognition from the Mayor, and a social gathering to celebrate the group’s achievement.

What are some benefits of River Falls 101?
• **Knowledge**: Participants will gain basic knowledge of local city government and become better informed.
• **Involvement**: Participants will learn how to get involved (or more involved) in their local government.
• **Relationships**: Participants will develop relationships and lines of communication with City of River Falls staff and other program participants.

How often will River Falls 101 be offered?
To start, we plan to offer sessions at least once a year. We may consider offering sessions twice a year (spring and fall) depending on community interest.

Who is eligible to sign up for River Falls 101?
This program is open to City of River Falls residents or nearby residents who are serviced by River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU).

Is there a minimum age for participants?
Participants must be at least 16 years of age as of the date of the first scheduled meeting.

How many people can sign up?
The plan is to have participant groups of no more than 20 people.

How will participants be chosen?
Participants will mostly be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to have citizen representation from across the City’s four aldermanic districts.

What is the cost?
There is no cost to participate; however, we do ask that attendees make every effort to attend all eight scheduled sessions.

How do I sign up?
Fill out the application form on the City’s website and return it by the published date.

Who can I call if I have more questions?
Call or email Ellen Fredrich at City Hall: 715-426-3432; efredrich@rfcity.org.