

## **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](mailto:efredrich@rfcity.org).