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### Inaugural Civic Engagement Academy a Success

SWANTON, OH- Recently, seven individuals completed the inaugural Civic Engagement Academy through the Village of Swanton. This community initiative was a way for community members to learn more about Village operations. It was a tool to provide accurate and transparent information in an interactive format.

For seven weeks, the seven participants learned about general government structure to governmental accounting to how water and wastewater is treated to tours of the various facilities. The participants heard from all Division Heads regarding their respective services. Overall, the feedback from the participants was positive and they all indicated they learned something they didn't know before enrolling in this program. On October 12, the participants were welcomed to the Village Council Meeting and presented with a certificate of completion.

Village Officials believe the inaugural year of the program was a success and look forward to conducting more sessions in the future.

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