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LEARN MORE ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT CATAWBA COUNTY UNIVERSITY

Catawba County will offer a two night course on the programs and structure of the county government in late April. "Catawba County University" will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26, 2012.

"Catawba County University" will focus on different areas of County service to citizens, with an emphasis on explaining programs and services through real-life stories.

The two sessions will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 at Catawba County Public Health at 3070 11th Avenue Dr. SE in Hickory, and on Thursday, April 26 at the Catawba County Agricultural Resources Center, at 1175 South Brady Avenue in Newton. The class will be limited to 30 participants and there is no cost.

Anyone interested in registering for Catawba County University should send an e-mail with their name, address, phone and e-mail address to dave@catawbacountync.gov or call 828-465-8464, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012.

One session will focus on Catawba County's work to assist families, with a discussion about Public Health and Social Services. Another will cover how the County helps protect citizens and include an overview of the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services.

"We'll explore environmental protection and the County's nationally known 'green' programs, such as our EcoComplex," said Dave Hardin, Catawba County's Public Information Officer. "And we will ask those who sign up for the class to vote on the parts of Catawba County Government they will learn about during another segment of the course. There will also be sections that tie everything together with a discussion of the County's budget, management structure and organization."

For more information on the two-day Catawba County University classes on county government, or to register by April 6, 2012, you may send an e-mail to dave@catawbacountync.gov or call 828-465-8464.

