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Leadership Academy is Free to the Miami Beach Community *-- Learn How Your Local Government Works --*

Miami Beach, FL -- The City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Leadership Academy opens enrollment for the spring semester. Applications will be accepted until the class is full. Enrollment to the academy is limited. The free Neighborhood Leadership Academy is one semester including 15 weekly, two-hour evening sessions. The first class begins **Monday, March 9, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, in the Commission Chambers, third floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive.

The academy is an interactive civic and public information program designed for residents of Miami Beach. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the program. Applications are available online at www.miamibeachfl.gov, Miami Beach City Hall, or by calling 305.673.7000, extension 6752, or E-mail cdefreze@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

The classes are informal and small, allowing for communication between instructor and participants. Residents enrolled in the 15-week classes have an opportunity to meet the people responsible for providing City services, gain insight into how the City works, and understand the role of each department. Additionally, there will be a question and answer period at the end of each session and students will also evaluate each class.

Over 300 Miami Beach residents and business owners have graduated from the academy since its inception in 2002. The academy offers Miami Beach residents an opportunity to learn more about City departments and their services in interesting, fun and interactive ways.

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