



# AGENDA REPORT

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	April 13, 2026	Regular
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks & Rec	Tom McKlveen, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>SECTION OF AGENDA:</b>	Reports & Presentations	
<b>AGENDA ITEM TITLE:</b>	Proclamation Celebrating the Engaged Members of Milton's 2026 Citizens Government Academy	
<b>STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:</b>	The Citizens Government Academy provides Milton residents with a hand-on understanding of City operations, fostering informed, engaged community members. This item recognizes the recent class as they complete the program and graduate.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	None	
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Council Recognition of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Cohort Graduating Class	

## **BACKGROUND:**


Milton's Citizens Government Academy (CGA) gives residents the opportunity to listen to and engage municipal employees, as well as to get behind-the-scenes looks at City facilities and operations, to gain a better understanding and appreciate Milton's government. Near the start of every year, CGA attendees spend eight weeks visiting different City buildings and learning firsthand from the leaders of every Milton department. This marks the ninth Citizens Government Academy classes since this program's inception. Many of its graduates have gone on to become more informed, engaged ambassadors to the greater community, keeping fellow citizens abreast of what the City of Milton does, who makes it happen, and why they do it. Several past CGA attendees have become City committee members. The most recent CGA classes had their last class in late March and are now ready to "graduate."

## **ANALYSIS:**

The Citizens Government Academy is a valuable program for both participants and the City as a whole. Attendees gain insight into all aspects of City operations, have the opportunity to ask questions, and leave the program with a stronger connection to their local government. From the City's perspective, cultivating a group of informed and engaged citizens who understand the City's operations and purpose are invaluable.

## **REVIEWS & APPROVALS:**

**Concurrent Review: Steven Krokoff, City Manager**

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## **ATTACHMENTS:** Proclamation



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## **Celebrating the Energized, Engaged Members of Milton's 2026 Citizens Government Academy Class**

**WHEREAS,** Milton's Citizens Government Academy gives attendees an interesting, valuable behind-the-scenes perspective on how our City government works hard to serve our community; and

**WHEREAS,** this interactive program began in 2018 intent on harnessing citizens' curiosity and commitment to Milton by sharing insights and information so they can be even more knowledgeable and impactful; and

**WHEREAS,** over 8 weeks, CGA students visit municipal facilities and learn firsthand from Milton leaders about all aspects of the City government's operations, as well as the why behind them; and

**WHEREAS,** the Academy prioritizes active, open engagement with City leaders featuring fluid conversations, eye-opening questions and answers, and hands-on activities; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2026 class has been particularly engrossed week-in and week-out as demonstrated by their attentiveness, provocative queries, as well as thoughtful critiques and suggestions; and

**WHEREAS,** we are grateful for the sincere dedication of this group, which represents a cross-section of our community, and look forward to seeing how they contribute significantly going forward; and

**WHEREAS,** they graduate as well-rounded, well-educated ambassadors for Milton, not to mention as potential future public servants.

**Now, therefore,** we — the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton — honor the graduates of Milton's 2026 Citizens Government Academy class and express appreciation for their interest in and dedication to our city.

**Given under our hand and seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 13th day of April 2026.**

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**Peyton Jamison, Mayor**