

PRESS ADVISORY

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L/A 101

(Lewiston, MAINE) – Starting February 6 to April 10th, “L/A 101” is a 10 week exploration of Lewiston and Auburn. Join the League of Young Voters Education Fund each Wednesday to visit various municipal departments where you get to meet with administrators and staff that make our cities great!

To sign up email Dana Leeper (dana@youngvoter.org) for an application or more information. Applications are due by January 20th, 2013.

Have you always wondered how Lewiston or Auburn operate and how you can get more involved? “L/A 101” is your chance to learn how our cities’ public works departments handle maintenance and upkeep of streets, parks and recycling. Meet your local police and fire officials. Learn more about the school system and how you can make a difference in local education. Take a look at your city budget with your mayor and city administrators. In addition to department tours, we’ll have several trainings and discussions on civic leadership.

"I learned that becoming more familiar with my local government is a much easier process than I would have imagined. I learned where my drinking water comes from and where my trash and recycling go to, and so much more. I learned that it is a feasible goal for a young person to strive to become active in my town."

-Maine 101 previous participant

WHAT: “L/A 101!” Question. Discover. Improve.

WHEN: February 6th-April 10th

WHERE: Various locations in Lewiston and Auburn

WHO: City Mayors, School Superintendents, Fire Chiefs, Police Officers and more!

L/A 101 Schedule

Week 1: February 6 – Introduction and Training

Week 2: February 13 – City Mayors, City Managers and Council Reps

Week 3: February 20 – Social Services

Week 4: February 27 – Civic Leadership Training

Week 5: March 6 – How To: Letters to the Editor, Speaking at City Hall, and More!

Week 6: March 13 – Economic Development and Zoning

Week 7: March 20 – Public School System

Week 8: March 27 – Public Works

Week 9: April 3 – Fire Department and Police Department

Week 10: April 10 – L/A 101 Empowered: Community Issues and Evaluation

(Schedule subject to change)

The League of Young Voters Education Fund is a non-partisan multi-issue group that works to make politics relevant, accessible and fun by empowering and engaging young people in social and civic action. For more information on the League of Young Voters Education Fund visit: <http://maine.theleague.com/>

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