

## **River Falls 101 - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is River Falls 101?**

River Falls 101 is a behind-the-scenes glimpse of local government operations. Participant groups meet with various City of River Falls staff and leaders to gain insight into city government services and operations. This hands-on experience is intended to provide awareness and orientation for members of the River Falls community.

### **What will the sessions be like?**

River Falls 101 is meant to be engaging, fun, and memorable. Each session's leader/host will give a brief department overview and then engage the participants with hands-on activities, facility tours, and more.

### **How many sessions are there?**

The group will meet eight times. Seven of the meetings will be hands-on learning sessions. The eighth and final meeting will include attendance at a City Council meeting and a celebration of the group's graduation.

### **What are some benefits of River Falls 101?**

- **Knowledge:** Participants will gain basic knowledge of local city government and become better informed.
- **Involvement:** Participants will learn how to get involved (or more involved) in their local government.
- **Relationships:** Participants will develop relationships and lines of communication with City of River Falls staff and other program participants.

### **How often will River Falls 101 be offered?**

To start, we plan to offer sessions at least once a year. We may consider offering sessions twice a year (spring and fall) depending on community interest.

### **Who is eligible to sign up for River Falls 101?**

This program is open to City of River Falls residents or nearby residents who are serviced by River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU).

### **Is there a minimum age for participants?**

Participants must be at least 16 years of age as of the date of the first scheduled meeting.

### **How many people can sign up?**

The plan is to have participant groups of no more than 20 people.

### **How will participants be chosen?**

Participants will mostly be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to have citizen representation from across the City's four aldermanic districts.

### **What is the cost?**

There is no cost to participate; however, we do ask that attendees make every effort to attend all eight scheduled sessions.

**How do I sign up?**

[Fill out the application form](#) and return it by Jan. 10, 2023, to the following address:

River Falls 101 Applications  
City of River Falls  
222 Lewis Street  
River Falls, WI 54022

**Who can I call if I have more questions?**

Call City Hall at 715-425-0900 and ask to speak with someone who can answer River Falls 101 questions.