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Citizens' Academy Graduates 18 **Local Area Residents**

WOODBINE, GEORGIA - March 3, 2015 - The Camden County Citizens' Academy Class of 2015 graduated 18 local area residents during a ceremony in Woodbine on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Each graduate was presented with a

Certificate of Completion during the final class of the weekly program that concluded with a session called "Balancing the County Budget."

The Citizens' Academy is an 8-week interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services and operations that comprise their Camden County Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Camden County on how daily County Government operations contribute to building a better community. Students were also introduced to just how much their county government is a part of, and works cooperatively with, a larger network of local, regional and state governmental agencies.



Each week various department heads spoke to the class about their role and the role of their department in the larger county government. As part of the class, students toured the County Courthouse in Woodbine, the Emergency Operations Center in Kingsland and the County Landfill. They also toured the route of the upcoming widening of Colerain Road and Highway 40.

County Administrator Steve Howard said the Citizens' Academy plays a vital role in reaching the community. "This is the opportunity for the class members to get a thorough, in-depth look at their county government and the vital role it plays in their lives. I would encourage every citizen to consider participating in future classes."

The program is offered at no charge to Camden County residents. If you would like to be notified about the dates for the next class, please email CitizensAcademy@co.camden.ga.us.

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Left to Right: John Tyre, Barbara Jean Tyre, Gerald Howell, Dr. April Howell, Barbara Parkinson, Steve Walker, Kelly Gibson, Dan Riley, Ben Casey, Liz Johnsen, Ginger Readdick, Marjorie Howard, Steven Sainz, Diane Lustenader, Eddie Rhone, Carol Riley, Bob Lustenader, Rachel Baldwin, Commissioner Vice-Chair Chuck Clark, County Administrator Steve Howard, and Commissioner Chair Jimmy Starline

For additional information, please contact Camden County at 912.576.5601 or visit our website at www.camdencountyga.gov.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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