

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

GOVERNMENT ACADEMY 2026

Session 1

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

City Hall

420 N. Pokegama Avenue

AT THE HELM

- City Government Structure
- Property Taxes
- Elections & Licensing
- Boards & Commissions
- Finance & Budget & Levy

Session 2

GRAND RAPIDS LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Grand Rapids Library

140 NE 2nd Street

WISDOM WITHIN

- Services Offered
- Education Programming
- Events
- Library Tour

Session 3

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Public Utilities Facility

500 SE 4th Street

POWER UP & FLUSH OUT

- PUC's Role in the City
- Electric, Water & Wastewater
- 2023 – 2028 Strategic Plan
- Customer Programs

Session 4

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

City Hall

420 N. Pokegama Avenue

SERVING WITH PRIDE

- Department Operations
- Squad & Station Tour
- Equipment Overview
- Mock Traffic Stop

Session 5

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Public Works Facility

500 SE 4th Street

EVERYDAY HEROES

- Engineering/PW – What we do
- Facility & Equipment Tour
- Airport
- Cemetery

Session 6

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Grand Rapids Fire Hall

104 SE 11th Street

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

- Department Operations
- Fire Prevention & Education
- Fire Hall Tour
- Demonstrations/Hands On

Session 7

YANMAR ARENA/PARKS

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Yanmar Arena

1401 NW 3rd Avenue

PROMOTING ACTIVE LIVING

- Programming
- Local Collaborations
- Facility
- Bus Tour of Parks

Session 8

POKEGAMA GOLF COURSE

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

City Hall & Pokegama Golf Course

420 N. Pokegama Avenue

EVERY SHOT COUNTS

- Golf & Government
- Services Provided
- Community Programs
- Golf Course Tour

Session 9

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

City Hall

420 N. Pokegama Avenue

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

- Economic Development
- Planning & Zoning
- Housing
- City Codes & Development Permits

Doors open at 5:30 pm, sessions begin at 6:00 pm and finish by 8:30 pm.

Certificates of Completion will be awarded at the final session on May 13, 2026