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## Leadership Los Gatos

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Los Gatos, CA 95030  
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# Leadership Los Gatos

## Our Mission:

**To Develop Leaders for the Future of our Community**

Leadership Los Gatos is a program for people of all backgrounds and interests who wish to become more involved in the community. Its mission is to engage, educate and develop service-oriented individuals who live and/or work in Los Gatos for leadership roles in community and neighborhood organizations,



**CLASS OF 2013-2014**

Leadership Los Gatos provides insight into the community and how it works. The Town of Los Gatos and the Chamber of Commerce invest significant resources to this program to ensure it is successful in developing future leaders.

The program provides a comprehensive overview of the infrastructure in Los Gatos and the decision-making processes that shape Los Gatos. Through Leadership Los Gatos, you will learn to appreciate that, when evaluating alternatives, there is often 'no right answer' and to see the differing and diverse perspectives of each stakeholder group. Each monthly session has a specific focus that, in total, will deepen your understanding of how Los Gatos works. You will meet and network with the Town Council and the heads of each department, as well as local police, fire and hospital services. Importantly, the tours take you behind the scenes of Los Gatos infrastructure, such as our drinking water and recycling facilities that few people ever see.

Although people participate in Leadership Los Gatos for various reasons, its value is to increase the depth of understanding of how Los Gatos works and how different components integrate to create our community. The community realizes this value by having graduates participate in the decision making process within Los Gatos and the Silicon Valley.

You will enjoy Leadership Los Gatos and it will inspire you to get involved.



**Bryan Mekechuk**  
Class of 2013-2014

"As a short-time resident of Los Gatos, just three years, I love the small-town feeling of our community. I wanted to feel more invested in my new "hometown" and felt Leadership Los Gatos was a perfect chance for me to learn what goes on behind-the-scenes and to see what was going on its main streets as well. We really saw the ins and outs of the town through the fire-house, recycling plant, police ride alongs - you name it - we did it! I have met so many wonderful people and learned more than I ever thought I would about this wonderful town. I am so glad they have a program like this and encourage people to attend. Leadership Los Gatos is a way to not only your broaden your horizons, but also make new friends.

Stay local and attend Leadership Los Gatos!"

**Michelle Young,**  
Class of 2013-2014



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**Why are you interested in Leadership Los Gatos?** What do you hope to gain from the experience? Why should you be chosen to participate?

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**Organization & Community Involvement:** Please list civic, community, or professional organizations/activities in which you have participated. Include any offices you may have held.

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**Education:** Please list your educational background including degrees awarded, field of study, training programs, etc. Include special honors or awards.

## 2014/2015 LEADERSHIP LOS GATOS APPLICATION

DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2014

Return completed application and participation commitment agreement with tuition to:

**Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce**  
**10 Station Way**  
**Los Gatos, CA 95030**

[www.LosGatosChamber.com](http://www.LosGatosChamber.com)  
Email: [leadership@LosGatosChamber.com](mailto:leadership@LosGatosChamber.com)  
Phone: 408.354.9300 • Fax: 408.399.1594

Please make checks payable to the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce.  
Use additional sheets where necessary

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Name

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Home Address

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City & Zip Code Note that priority will be given to those who live or work within Town limits

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Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

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Email Address

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Employer

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Position

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Business Address

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How long have you lived and/or worked in Los Gatos?

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Leadership Los Gatos sessions are held on the *first Friday* of each month from October through June with the exception of January and this year the final session will be held on the last Friday in May. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and are followed by a 9:00 a.m. program. All sessions include lunch and conclude by 2:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Meeting locations vary and will be announced prior to the session.

Leadership Los Gatos discussion topics include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership Development
- Role of Town Government in the Community
- Presentation and Communication Skills, Negotiation, & Meeting Leadership
- Land Use and Economic Vitality
- Ethical Decision Making
- Local Infrastructure and Resident-Serving Utilities, Sustainability
- Public Safety, Cyber security Technology and Disaster Preparedness

Class participants are required to complete a variety of assignments, such as:

- Attend a Town Council Meeting and other public meetings
- Participate in a Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police ride-along
- Participate in a Class Volunteer Project

## APPLICATION, TUITION, AND FEES

The application and tuition deadline for the 2014/15 Leadership Los Gatos program is  
*Friday, August 29, 2014.*

The tuition for the 2014/2015 Leadership Los Gatos program is \$400 per participant. Tuition received after August 29 will increase to \$450. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status no later than  
*Friday, September 12.*

Applicants not accepted to the program will receive a full tuition refund.

A minimum of 15 participants is needed for the class to proceed.

*The Goals of Leadership Los Gatos*

- ◆ Educate—Inform & Develop Leadership Skills
- ◆ Motivate & Inspire—Discover the opportunities & challenges
  - ◆ Commit—What will you do?

**2014-2015 PROGRAM SCHEDULE\***

**October 3—Opening Session & Community Tour**

- Participate in leadership development and team building exercises.
- Understand Town Government and take a Community Tour (concludes by 4:00 p.m.)

**November 7—Ethical Decision Making**

- Gain insight into community and political decision making techniques and challenges

**December 5—Public Safety (Police)**

- Explore local safety issues, practices, services and cyber security technology

**January 9—Land Use and Economic Vitality**

- Learn about the Town's role in land use and business assistance. Do some role-playing of your own!

**February 6—Presentation and Communication Skills**

- Communication style and presentation techniques
- The art of negotiating, meeting leadership & crisis communication

**March 6—Education/The Arts & Community**

- Discuss local educational issues with key Los Gatos educators.
- Tour the library and learn about the services
- Learn about the arts in Los Gatos
- The History of Los Gatos

**April 3—Health Services & Emergency Preparedness**

- Visit a local hospital to discuss services including health, aging & diversity
- Learn about disaster preparedness for you and your family.

**May 1—Municipal Infrastructure**

- Tour local utility facilities and become familiar with Town infrastructure. Sustainability

**May 29—Regional Government & Graduation**

- Conclude the program with a regional perspective on government and a special graduation luncheon & ceremony. (Concludes by 2:30 p.m.)

\*Dates and topics are subject to change. Locations will be announced



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Graduation speaker John Hogan, Class of 201-2011, quoted Margaret Mead at during his remarks, 5/30/14

*Leadership Los Gatos applicants must live and/or work in Los Gatos zip codes.*

*Priority is given to those who live and/or work within Town limits. Applications are screened by a selection committee to balance professional and community interests. Class size is limited to ensure quality class sessions and full participation by all participants.*

For Leadership Los Gatos to be successful, full participation is necessary. Attendance is required at each session for the duration of the program. Please carefully evaluate your availability to commit before applying to the program, as termination will result with no refund of the program tuition if you:

- Fail to attend the October class.
- Miss more than 2 sessions during the program year.

