



2014-15 Leadership Paterson Classes are on the last Tuesday of every month beginning on April 29th!

Leadership Paterson seminars cover a range of topics, including the following.

- o Paterson's Glorious History: Silk Mills and Manufacturing, Cultures, Emigrant Communities, etc. Was Paterson's history really glorious? Can it be glorious again? This session will involve a discussion, and/or tour of what will encompass the Great Falls National Park. - **April 29, 2014**
- o Education: An In-depth look at the education system in the city of Paterson. Will involve a visit to high-achieving and low achieving schools in the district, a discussion with the Superintendent of Schools, as well as members of the Board of Education. Are we doing right by the children and community stakeholders? What needs improvement? - **May 27, 2014**
- o Health and Human Services: A Tour and Visit of Paterson's only Hospital, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and discussions with social services agencies on the community needs and their services. Are they duplicating services? Working together? Where do they need help? - **June 24, 2014**
- o Crime and Its Costs: Includes a Tour of Northern State Prison, an open discussion with the Paterson Police Chief, and our County Prosecutor. How are we doing? Are Paterson's children lost? Quality of life issues and petty crimes will also be addressed. We will particularly look to address the issue of public safety as it relates to the number of police on the force and recent lay-offs. - **September 30, 2014**
- o Housing: The Director of the Housing Authority hosts the group on tours of the public housing complexes, and the services provided. How the housing of lower income and no-income families is changing/improving. What still needs to be done? Is there a market rate housing stock in the City. - **October 28, 2014**
- o The Media and How Paterson is Covered: Includes a visit to The Herald News and open discussion with their community editor. How do they gauge what is newsworthy? What other mediums are relevant? Internet vs. Print. How are we getting our news. (This session is combined with the Faith-based session.) Faith Based Initiates: Visits and discussion with faith based leaders in their facilities, as well as faith based community development corporations. What needs are they addressing? - **November 25, 2014**
- o Government And Politics: A visit with local politicians including the Mayor, City Council President, Freeholder Director, Assemblyman or woman, Senator, Congressman and a discussion lead by the Chair of the Joint Governmental Affairs Committee. How does Government function in Paterson? - **December 16, 2014**
- o The Environment: Discussing the challenges of "Dirty Land" in the City of Paterson. Session lead by two local environmental leaders. Will present a hypothetical town meeting presenting a development on a controversial land mass. How would you react? Would you support it? Oppose it? We will explore the purpose of the DEP. - **January 27, 2015**
- o Economic Development: Issues such as the State of the UEZ will be addressed. We will visit with larger and small-sized businesses in Paterson to learn what their obstacles and benefits of doing business in Paterson are. What are the major or minor economic development projects happening or in the pipeline in Paterson. May include a discussion with Mayor. How are jobs being created in the City of Paterson? What issues prevent economic development from projects from happening. Is Tourism the next big thing in Paterson? - **February 24, 2015**