

CITIZENS ACADEMY



VISION

Every Citizens Academy graduate will become a civically engaged member of our community.

MISSION

Nurture service excellence and responsible government by providing insight into local government and municipal operations.

2020 HOWARD CITIZENS ACADEMY

BACKGROUND

The Howard Citizens Academy was formed to help our community members learn about and experience Village of Howard government and departmental operations firsthand. Participants will get an inside look at how each department of our village government functions. Our village's elected officials believe that civic engagement is an integral part of growth and development, and we pride ourselves in community involvement.

This program provides an excellent opportunity for our officials to more closely interact with community members, sharing village history, current practices and vision for future growth. Our goals include delivering practical experiences for participants in a safe learning and sharing environment, building positive relationships, and further improving communications between our local government officials and community members.

This exciting opportunity is relevant for all members of our community, whether residents or business owners. All are invited!

STRUCTURE

The academy is designed for residents and business owners who are interested in learning about our community and its local government. Participants will also learn about potential involvement opportunities, including leadership roles and volunteerism.

Citizens Academy includes six sessions that will take place for two hours from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Sessions will consist of speakers, facility tours, and opportunities for experiential learning.

A maximum of 10 participants, including one student in grades 9-12, will be chosen through an application and selection process for each Citizens Academy.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Application submission (no fee)
- Applications processed as they are received
- Applicants who are not selected will be considered for the next session
- Applications may be completed at any time and are available online or at Howard Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Ave.
- Notification process

Applications must be received by Jan. 10, 2020. Selected academy participants will be contacted by Jan. 15, 2020.

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SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS

Session 1 – 6-8 p.m. Jan. 23, 2020

Howard's History, Structure of Government & Customer Service

How the Village of Howard was formed and significant events that led to the Howard of today will be discussed. Village Administrator Paul Evert will provide background regarding village governance and discuss the multiple components involved with providing municipal services. Village President Burt McIntyre will discuss the customer service culture of the organization. The academy will invite several government representatives to present and share their perspectives. Brown County officials will be invited to discuss county services and plans. State representatives will discuss their roles in representing Howard citizens and issues.

Session 2 – 6-8 p.m. Jan. 30, 2020

Finances, Budgeting, Elections and the Clerk's Office

Director of Administrative Services Chris Haltom will lead a discussion concerning the annual budget process, how municipal budgeting works in Wisconsin and the annual expenses and revenue sources. How tax incremental financing works as well as how the village borrows and invests money will also be addressed. Chris will discuss voting in Wisconsin, requirements to run for office and the other functions of the clerk's office.

Session 3 – 6-8 p.m. Feb. 6, 2020

Public Safety

This session will invite the academy members to the Public Safety building for a presentation highlighting our law enforcement, fire and rescue services by Director of Public Safety Ed Janke. Academy members will be offered a tour of the current facility, and view some of the equipment and vehicles the Public Safety departments use to keep the community safe. Participants will also be provided an opportunity to discuss strategic perspectives for safety in the village and participate in Stop the Bleed and hands-only CPR training.

Session 4 – 6-8 p.m. Feb. 13, 2020

Planning & Development

Director of Community Development Dave Wiese will review the village's current comprehensive plan. He will discuss growth in the village, as well as provide a detailed look at some of the investments the village has made to promote growth and development. He also will review zoning, the permitting process and code enforcement.

Session 5 – 6-8 p.m. Feb. 20, 2020

Education & Learning

This session will focus on educational opportunities for all ages in Howard, ranging from K-12, adults and seniors in the community. Howard-Suamico School Superintendent Damian LaCroix will provide strategic perspectives and outline plans for the district. This presentation will highlight some of the activities occurring at each of the schools, the issues being discussed by the School Board, and how the district's tax dollars are utilized. Director of Leisure Services Jon Rupno will discuss our park system, community services and programming.

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Session 6 – 6-8 p.m. Feb. 27, 2020

Public Works & Infrastructure

Academy members will be invited to the Department of Public Works building to learn more about Howard's Public Works operations. Public Works Director Geoff Farr will discuss road rehabilitation and operations, snow and ice control, refuse, recycling and solid waste collection, street lighting, forestry and parks, potable water, sanitary and storm water utilities, facilities, fleet, geographic information and engineering

Session 7 – Begins at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, 2020

Graduation

Academy members will observe a Village Board meeting to gain an understanding of the issues the board discusses and their own opportunities to participate in the process. They will then receive a certificate of completion for their participation in the Citizens Academy.

Join us for the Village of Howard 2020 Citizens Academy! Complete and submit your application to participate in this unique peek at our local government, or contact Director of Public Safety Ed Janke for more information at (920) 434-4666 or by email at ejanke@villageofhoward.com.

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Howard Village Board

*Front Row (L to R): Cathy Hughes, President Burt R. McIntyre, Maria Lasecki,
Back Row (L to R): John Muraski, Chris Nielsen, Scott Beyer, Craig McAllister, Ray Suennen, and Adam Lemorande.*





2020 Citizens Academy Application

Application Instructions. Please bring or mail your completed application to Howard Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Ave., Howard, WI 54313, or email it to EJanke@villageofhoward.com. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 10, 2020.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Village: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason for applying for academy: _____

Attendance. The academy will be starting Jan. 23, 2020 and will take place 6-8 p.m. on Thursday evenings on the following dates: Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, and Feb. 27 with a final event on March 9. Will you be able to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions? _____ **Yes**
_____ **No**

Accommodating a Disability. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals. Please indicate if you have a disability the village needs to be aware of and if so, please list below. _____ **Yes**
_____ **No**

Accommodation Needed: _____

I agree that I have read the Citizens Academy program outline and wish to participate in the upcoming Village of Howard's Citizens Academy program.

Participant Signature

Date Signed