BAYSIDE

CITIZENS ACADEMY

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Bayside Citizens Academy is a new program offered to residents of Bayside. The program aims to provide a closer look at the operations of local government and the jobs of those who work for the Village.

The Academy will be comprised of seven interactive learning sessions led by Village staff who will provide participants with an in-depth look at Village departments and operations including, but not limited to, police, fire and EMS, public works, emergency dispatching, elections, budgeting, property taxes, library, and health. Not only will participants learn about the operation, but also tour the facilities. Yes, that means spend time in jail, listen to 911 calls, sit in the garbage truck, and more.

Participants will navigate the program as a cohort, learning alongside fellow community members.

Sessions will be held on specified Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. The Village will hold a graduation reception at 5:30 on Thursday, May 18 and a graduation ceremony at 6pm at that evening's Board of Trustees meeting.

The application for the Bayside Citizens Academy is now open and will close on Wednesday, January 31. More information regarding specific dates, content, and applying can be found within.

APPLYING FOR BCA

To participate in the Bayside Citizens Academy, you must:

- Be a Village of Bayside resident.
- Be at least 16 years of age as of **February 8, 2023.**

Persons interested in this program will need to apply online. The application deadline is **Wednesday, January 31, 2023.**

The spring 2023 semester consists of seven sessions between February 8 and May 3.

Sessions will be held on specified Wednesdays from 6-8pm.

Graduation is Thursday, May 18 at 6pm at the beginning of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Questions? Contact Leah Hofer at lhofer@baysidewi.gov or 414-206-3914.

2023 SCHEDULE

FEB 8
Kick Off & General Government
Governance, Elections, Licensing, etc.

FEB 22
Police Department
Tour, myBlue, PetPatrol, Drug Drop Off, etc.

MAR 8
Library & Health Department
Tour, Children/Teen/Adult Resources, Immunizations, etc.

MAR 22
Fire Department & EMS
Tour, Stations, Internships, Home Safety, Programs, etc.

APR 12
Bayside Communications & IT
Tour, Dispatching, Text-to-911, CodeRED, EMD, etc.

APR 26
Public Works
Tour, Collections, Sewer, Stormwater, Forestry, Winter, etc.

MAY 3
General Government
Budgeting, Property Taxes, Assessments, etc.

MAY 18
Graduation
Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm @ Bayside Village Hall

A CLOSER LOOK

FEB 8

Kick Off & General Government
Governance, Elections, Licensing, etc.

Participants will meet at the Village of Bayside Village Hall Board Room (9075 N Regent Road) at 6pm. Village staff and participants will learn more about each other, establish program objectives and expectations, and begin our journey. Staff will provide an overview of local government, governance, roles and responsibilities, and cover topics such as elections, licensing, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

FEB 22

Police Department
Tour, myBlue, PetPatrol, Drug Drop Off, etc.

Participants will meet at the Village of Bayside Police Department (9075 N Regent Road) at 6pm. Police Department staff will provide an overview of the Department and cover topics such as staffing, trends in law enforcement, myBlue Program, vehicles and equipment, mutual aid, task forces, traffic enforcement, specialized programs, Prescription Drug Drop Off, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

A CLOSER LOOK

MAR 8

Library & Health Department
Tour, Children/Teen/Adult Resources, Immunizations, etc.

Participants will meet at the North Shore Library (6800 N Port Washington Rd, Glendale) at 6pm. Library and Health Department staff will provide an overview of their respective departments. Library staff will highlight the facility, programs, resources, and more. Health Department staff will cover topics such as program, resources, immunizations, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

MAR 22

Fire Department & EMS
Tour, Stations, Internships, Home Safety, Programs, etc.

Participants will meet at the North Shore Fire Department Station 85 (665 E Brown Deer Road, Bayside) at 6pm. Fire Department staff will provide an overview of the Department and cover topics such as staffing, station locations, types of calls and emergencies, internship program, home safety, fire inspections, vehicles and equipment, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

A CLOSER LOOK

APR 12

Bayside Communications & IT
Tour, Dispatching, Text-to-911, CodeRED, EMD, etc.

Participants will meet at the Bayside Communications Center (9075 N Regent Road) at 6pm. BCC & IT staff will provide an overview of their departments and cover topics such as life of a dispatcher, emergency dispatching, 911, Text-to-911, CodeRED, Emergency Medical Dispatching, technology, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

APR 26

Public Works
Tour, Collections, Sewer, Stormwater, Forestry, Winter, etc.

Participants will meet at the Public Works building (located behind Village Hall, 9075 N Regent Rd) at 6pm. DPW staff will provide an overview of the Department and cover topics such as infrastructure and maintenance, collections, stormwater management, sanitary sewers, municipal water, winter operations, vehicles and equipment, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

A CLOSER LOOK

MAY 3

General Government
Budgeting, Property Taxes, Assessments, etc.

Participants will meet at the Village Hall Board Room (9075 N Regent Road) at 6pm. Village Hall staff will provide an overview of municipal budgeting, property taxes, assessments, Village communications programs, specialized programs, community events, and more. This final session will review the program, answer any outstanding questions, and evaluate the program. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.

MAY 18

Graduation
Board of Trustees Meeting - 5:30pm @ Bayside Village Hall

The Village Board invites Citizens Academy participants to attend the May Board of Trustees meeting for a graduation reception and ceremony. Participants will receive a diploma to recognize them for their dedication and work throughout the semester.

FAQs

What is the Bayside Citizens Academy?
The Bayside Citizens Academy is a behind-the-scenes glimpse of local government operations. Participant groups meet with various Village of Bayside Departments and leaders to gain insight into Village government services and operations. This hands-on experience is intended to provide awareness and orientation for members of the Bayside community.

What will the sessions be like?
This program is meant to be engaging, enjoyable, and meaningful. Each session's leader/host will give a department overview and then engage the participants with tours and more.

How many sessions are there?
There will be seven sessions and a graduation.

What are some benefits of the Bayside Citizens Academy?
- **Knowledge**: Participants will gain basic knowledge of local village government and become better informed.
- **Involvement**: Participants will learn how to get involved (or more involved) in their local government.
- **Relationships**: Participants will develop relationships and lines of communication with Village of Bayside staff and other program participants.

FAQs

How often will the Bayside Citizens Academy be offered?
The program will be offered once a year in the spring.

Who is eligible to sign up for the Bayside Citizens Academy?
This program is open to Village of Bayside residents.

Is there a minimum age for participants?
Participants must be at least 16 years of age as of the date of the first scheduled session.

What is the cost to participate?
There is no cost to participate; however, we do ask that attendees make every effort to attend all eight scheduled sessions.

How do I sign up?
Persons interested in this program will need to apply online. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2023.

Who can I call if I have more questions?
Contact Leah Hofer at lhofer@baysidewi.gov or 414-206-3914.