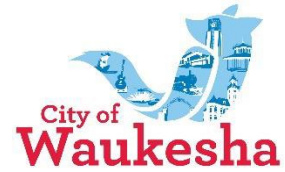




Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
WAUKESHA COUNTY



Waukesha Local Government Academy

Application Information - Fall, 2024

Strengthening civic participation is an important factor for the health and well-being of a community. Together, UW-Madison Extension Waukesha County and the City of Waukesha seek to increase civic engagement by providing the Waukesha Local Government Academy (Academy). The Academy is a hands-on opportunity for City of Waukesha residents to learn more about the City and how it works, more informed about important topics, and to enhance the City's communication efforts.

Benefits of Participating:

- Learn more about City operations, services, and challenges.
- Strengthen your network and relationships with City staff and other City decision-makers.
- Discover opportunities to become more civically involved.
- Earn a City of Waukesha Local Government Academy Certificate of Completion.

Dates:

Alternating Thursdays, beginning September 12 and ending December 5, 2024

- 5:40-6:00 pm – Networking
- 6:00-8:00 pm – Topic(s) Presentation / Panel Discussions

Program Overview:

UW-Madison Extension Waukesha County will facilitate this program. The program is structured as follows:

- 20 spots are available for the Academy program participants.
- Each session begins promptly at 6:00 pm.
- Academy sessions will be held at City Hall unless otherwise noted on the Program Schedule that will be shared at Session One.
- Each session will explore a topic or topics of importance to city government, along with a guest speaker(s).

- Session 7 will include dinner to celebrate participants completion of the program.
- The sessions are NOT public meetings and are only available to individuals enrolled in the Academy.

The following topics are subject to change per availability of presenters. At Session One, a program schedule will be shared showing topics and presenters for each date.

City of Waukesha Local Government Academy Topics:

- Organizational structure of the city
- Overview of City departments and how Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions work together to meet Waukesha's needs.
- Interactive visits with select departments (i.e., fire and police department)
- Tools used for city planning and community and economic development.
- City demographics
- City budget
- Opportunities for civic participation
- Participant reflections and graduation

Application Process:

Application form/link will be available through the Extension Waukesha County and the City of Waukesha's websites. Applications will be accepted until July 5, 2024. Those interested in the Academy will need to complete a short application form and submit it to Extension Waukesha County (online or in person). You must be a City of Waukesha resident age 18 or older to participate. There is no fee to participate, however, you must commit to attending at least 6 of the 7 sessions to receive a City of Waukesha Local Government Academy Certificate of Completion.

Extension Waukesha County will contact applicants by August 12, 2024, to confirm their spot in the Academy.

Apply Now:

Online at <https://bit.ly/WaukLocalGovAcademy2024>.

Or print an application form at: www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/CRD/wlga.

Questions? Or if a paper application is needed, please contact Steve Chmielewski, Extension Waukesha County, at 262-548-7781 or Steven.Chmielewski@wisc.edu.