

CITIZENS ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

To improve citizens' understanding of the workings of effective government, and encourage their involvement in the community to help sustain quality-of-life for present and future generations.

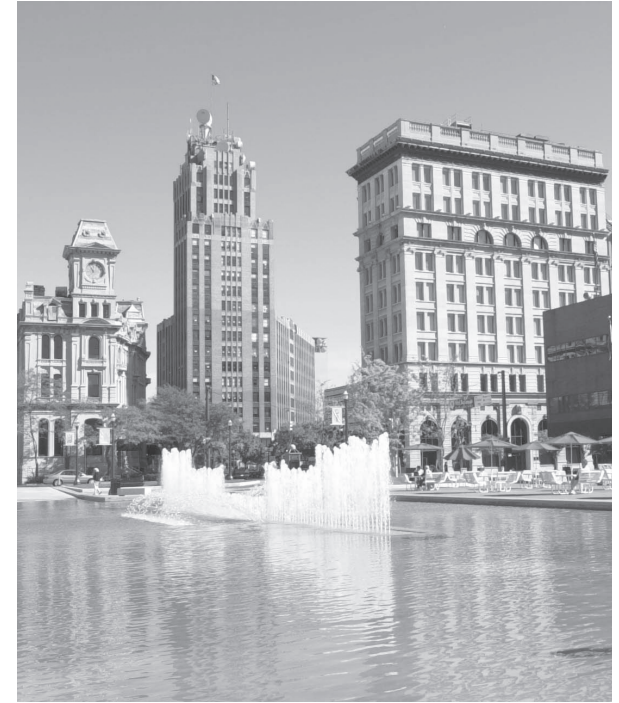
Participants will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of how local governments work together
- Meet government leaders and department heads
- Learn about government operations through direct exposure to experts in the field
- Understand how citizens can become engaged in public affairs
- Participate in dialogues with community leaders about successes and challenges
- Learn about opportunities for community-based partnerships and programs
- Serve as role models for other community residents interested in social change
- Help foster an environment that contributes to the quality of life for all citizens
- Help build a liveable, sustainable community

CITIZENS ACADEMY

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Find out how your local government works.

Learn about how you can join with local government leaders to effect change.

Help create the future of your community.

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The Citizens Academy is an interactive educational program that informs citizens about how local governments are organized, and how services are funded and delivered. It is a place to learn about citizen involvement through an integrated approach to economic vitality, social equity, and a healthy environment.

Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, September 19–November 14, 2007, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at various government and community facilities. Light supper will be provided.

“Following this experience, I remain firmly convinced that an informed and active citizen is the best tool we have to address a complex and changing world.”

“The Citizens Academy brought together a cross section of our population, blending individuals of various ethnic, religious, political, and socio-economic groups. I believe this solidifies the notion that we are one community, but maintain our individual cultures.”

SESSION TOPICS

Session 1—9/19

The Big Picture

History and organization of local government

Session 2—9/26

Dollars and Sense

Local government budget and finance

Session 3—10/3

Staying Healthy and Safe

Core services

Session 4—10/10

Blazing trails

Community and human services

Session 5—10/17

Learning for all

Schools and enrichment programs

Session 6—10/24

Public Safety

Law enforcement and the judicial system

Session 7—11/7

What's the Plan

Planning, land use and transportation

Session 8—11/14

How do we grow?

Jobs and economic development

APPLICATION

The Citizens Academy is open to all residents of Onondaga County 18 years of age and older. Class will be limited to 30 members. Participation is free. Please complete and mail or fax this application to:

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Home address _____

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Occupation/position _____

Preferred mailing address: home business

How long have you lived in Onondaga County?

Why are you interested in participating in the Academy?
(Attach separate page.)

Do you serve on any government boards or commissions?

Applications are due by Wednesday, August 8, 2007.