

CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Hagerstown Citizen Academy is an inclusive program designed to empower the community through education on local government and the democratic process. Participants will gain the tools to engage with local officials and navigate community resources in a supportive, collaborative environment. Join us to take an active role in shaping the future of our city!

6 PM - 8 PM

Week 1: 5/4, Frederick Manor Community Center

Orientation to introduce the program's goals and emphasize the importance of civic engagement. Participants will be provided a guide to community resources.

Week 2: 5/11, Frederick Manor Community Center

Explore the structures and functions of local government departments, such as Public Safety, Transportation, and Planning and Zoning. Learn how these departments operate and how their decisions impact your daily life.

Week 3: 5/18, Bethel Gardens Community Center

Focus on the role of elected officials. Participants will learn how elected representatives make decisions and why having a voice in local governance is vital.

Week 4: 6/1, Bethel Gardens Community Center

Voter education, focusing on the registration process and the mechanics of how to vote. This session emphasizes why participating in local elections is a powerful tool.

Week 5: 6/8, Elgin Community Center

Highlights ways participants can engage with local government, such as serving on boards and committees or by attending public meetings.

Week 6: 6/15, Elgin Community Center

Focus on building community ties by allowing participants to share their experiences and insights from the program. Resources for ongoing civic engagement.

**Participants who attend all 6 sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.
Free to Attend, Light Refreshments Provided**



Registration is not required to attend. Please register using the QR Code to help ensure there are enough materials and refreshments.

