



CITIZENS ACADEMY

2023 SCHEDULE

St. Mary's County Government's Citizens Academy provides participants with the opportunity to learn more about county government programs and services. The academy includes 8 weeks of classes over a 10 week period. Week 7 offers optional attendance (in-person or virtual) to the Commissioner's quarterly public forum.

WEEK 1. September 5 – County Administration (County Attorney, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Public Information Office)

Location: Commissioner's Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building
41770 Baldrige St, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Contact: David Weiskopf, County Administrator,
David.Weiskopf@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200

WEEK 2. September 12 – Department of Aging and Human Services (DAHS)

Location: Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Contact: Lori Jennings-Harris, DAHS Director
Lori.Harris@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 1050

WEEK 3. September 19 – Department of Economic Development (DED)

Location: Tech Port
44185 Airport Rd, California, MD 20619
Contact: Chris Kaselemis, DED Director
Chris.Kaselemis@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 1400

WEEK 4. September 26 – Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T)

Location: DPW&T Office
44825 St Andrews Church Rd, California, MD 20619
Contact: Jim Gotsch, DPW&T Director
James.Gotsch@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 3510

WEEK 5. October 3 – Department of Emergency Services (DES)

Location: Emergency Operations Center
23090 Leonard Hall Dr. Leonardtown, MD 20650
Contact: Gerald Gardiner & Kiersten Shea, Deputy Directors
Gerald.Gardinder@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 2124
Kiersten.Shea@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 2122

WEEK 6. October 10 – Department of Recreation and Parks (R&P)

Location: Wicomico Shores Golf Course
35794 Aviation Yacht Club Rd #2962, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Contact: Arthur Shepherd, R&P Director
Arthur.Shepherd@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 1812

WEEK 7. October 17 – CSMC PUBLIC FORUM (*Optional*)

Location: Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building
41770 Baldrige St, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Watch on SMCG Channel 95 or at youtube.com/@StMarysCoMDGov
Contact: Jenna Guzman, Communications Director
Jenna.Guzman@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 1342

WEEK 8. October 24 – Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM)

Location: Meeting Room 14, Potomac Building (Level 1)
23115 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Contact: Jessica Andritz, LUGM Director
Jessica.Andritz@stmaryscountymd.gov, (301) 475-4200 ext. 1500

WEEK 9. October 31 – Off week/no scheduled class.

WEEK 10. November 7 – SMCG Partner Night (St. Mary’s County Health Department, St. Mary’s County Sheriff’s Office, St. Mary’s County Library, Department of Social Services, & MetCom)

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November 14 – Citizens Academy Recognition Ceremony

Held during the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County Business Meeting (**9 a.m.**)
Location: Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building
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