

August 1, 2025

Member input sought for MTA's 2026 legislative issues

Township officials can review and provide input on the MTA legislative policy platform. The legislative policy objectives—reviewed, updated and approved annually—guide the Association's government relations efforts and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review the current [2025-2026 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed additions and revisions by Monday, Nov. 24. Member-proposed policy changes will be reviewed by MTA policy committees and presented at the 2026 MTA Annual Meeting in conjunction with our 2026 Annual Educational Conference in April. Contact legislation@michigantownships.org with questions, comments or suggestions.



Applications accepted for free accounting support for 2025 clean energy projects

Local governments can receive assistance to help them prepare for and file a tax return to claim federal clean energy tax credits and receive payment for a portion of their clean energy project, through the Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center (TAC). Successful applicants will receive accounting support for preregistering projects with the IRS, filing their federal tax return and ensuring appropriate documentation. Applicants must be [Elective Pay-eligible](#) entities that have or will place eligible projects in service in their 2025 tax year.

Funding for the accounting support is provided by the [Michigan Infrastructure Council \(MIC\)](#). Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served rolling basis. To learn more about how your township can use Elective Pay (often referred to as direct pay) to get reimbursed for investments it's making, review the [fact sheet](#) and other resources, including FAQs, on [MIC's Elective Pay website](#). You can also [sign up for updates](#) and email questions on Elective Pay to mieog-michiganinfrastructure@michigan.gov.

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[Now You Know lunchtime webinars](#)

Aug. 13: [Coverage Matters: Surety Bonds and Insurance 101](#)

Sept. 17: [Revenue Sources: Coins in the Couch](#)

[MTA's Summer Academy](#)

Aug. 18: [Making Meetings More Effective](#)

Aug. 18: [Fundamentals of Assessment & Taxation](#)

Aug. 19: [Managing Your Township Team](#)

Sept. 10: [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#)

[Professional Development Retreats](#)

Sept. 29-30: [Clerks](#)

Oct. 1-2: [Treasurers](#)

Oct. 14-15: [Supervisors](#)

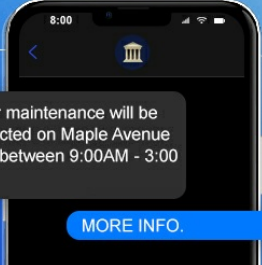
Oct. 27-28: [Trustees](#)

Oct. 29-30: [Planning & Zoning Team](#)

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Sewer maintenance will be conducted on Maple Avenue today between 9:00AM - 3:00 PM.

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New guidance and process for leaking underground storage tank sites

The state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has released a new [Michigan Risk-Based Corrective Action Technical Guidance document](#) and reporting forms for conducting corrective actions at petroleum leaking underground storage tank sites. The updated document references required local notification and compliance with groundwater ordinances. It also offers a significant change in the implementation of corrective actions to align with the ASTM International Risk-Based Corrective Action required by law. A four-part webinar training series reviewing the technical guidance document and report forms can be accessed on EGLE's [Remediation and Risk Management webinar series](#). The document and reporting forms are not required until Oct. 1, when they must be submitted online through the [Remediation Information Data Exchange](#).

Workplace mistreatment webinar

The next webinar in the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's three-part series on how to build respectful and inclusive organizations will cover what to do if you witness someone being mistreated at work. Tune in on Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. on [Microsoft Teams](#) to hear from workplace mental health professionals about effectively responding to mistreatment in the workplace.

Read the August issue of *Township Focus*—online now!

[Your August issue of *Township Focus* is here](#) and in mailboxes soon! This month's cover story, *What you need to know about the Open Meetings Act*, dives into OMA requirements for meeting notice, conduct, decision-making, minutes and much more. Our feature story discusses new digital financial reporting requirements to the municipal bond market and how they may impact townships. "Financial Forum" explores checks, payments and accounts payable, and learn about municipal civil infractions in "Hello, MTA ... ?" Be sure to [bookmark the 2025 Vendor Directory](#) for easy access when looking for products and services to help your township run smoothly.



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Case study webinar on millage-funded preservation

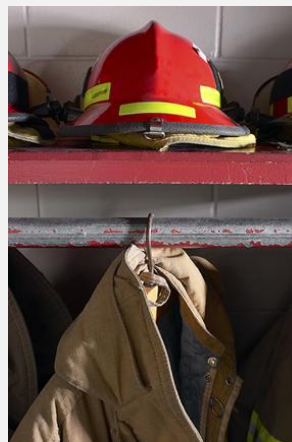
The state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's [Catalyst Communities webinar series](#) continues Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. with a case study from the City of Sterling Heights, during which their sustainability team will discuss the implementation of the Pathways to Preservation and Play millage approved by voters last November. The city will discuss their reforestation and land preservation efforts, and lessons from their public engagement process that led to the millage's passage. Register [online](#) to learn more about the enactment of this municipal sustainability project.

Five-year transportation plan available for public review

The Michigan Department of Transportation [draft 2026-2030 Five-Year Transportation Program](#) and [interactive map](#) are available for public comment through Sept. 1. The program is required to be delivered to the Michigan Legislature each year to serve as a foundation for the biennial State Transportation Improvement Program and aid in the development of the annual state budget. It features anticipated state and federally funded investments in roads and bridges, public transportation, and aeronautics programs.

Is your township ready for the next emergency? MTA can help!

We're teaming up with the state's leading experts on Sept. 10 in Frankenmuth for our annual [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#) event. This full-day class features an update from the state fire marshal, insights from the Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, fire and life safety in Michigan's cannabis industry, pro tips and perspective on station alerting systems, plus what you need to know about federal grant opportunities. [Learn more here](#) or [register online now](#).





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