

Aug. 16, 2024

Public acts impacting township government

Curious about what new laws enacted thus far in 2024 impact your township's authority and responsibilities, and when they take effect? Check out our [2024 Public Acts list](#) on MTA's website (member login required).



Fiscally Ready Communities webinar explores 'Fundamentals to Best Practices'

[Register now](#) for the state Department of Treasury's next [Fiscally Ready Communities](#) webinar on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. Presented in partnership with Michigan State University Extension, "From Fundamentals to Best Practices" will discuss reconciling a bank account, reading and interpreting government financial statements, audit prep, completing and filing an F-65 report, remitting taxes timely, and crafting an effective audit finding corrective action plan. Participants will receive resources to support best practice implementation and assess their local unit fiscal health. Send questions to TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov, with the subject line "Fiscally Ready."

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Townships may be eligible for clean energy tax credits

If your township is looking to develop clean energy projects, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy is hosting a [webinar](#) on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. to familiarize local governments with [Elective Pay](#) and how to use the Clean Energy Tax Navigator. Elective Pay expands access to tax credits, allowing local governments to qualify for the full value of the tax credit and receive it as a direct payment from the government. The Clean Energy Tax Navigator is a framework and interactive form that walks through the process of

Upcoming MTA Training & Events

Sept. 18: *Now You Know* lunchtime webinar:
[Elections: Ready/Set/Go](#)

Sept. 19: FREE MTA Q&A webinar:
[Obligating ARPA Funds](#)

Hot Topics in Planning & Zoning:

Aug. 14: [Frankenmuth](#)
Aug. 21: [Lawrence](#)
Aug. 28: [Cadillac](#)

Emerging Issues in Emergency Services

Sept. 10: [Frankenmuth](#)
Sept. 12: [Cadillac](#)

Regional Meetings:

Sept. 24: [Frankenmuth](#)
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determining eligibility for Elective Pay. It is designed to be a free, public one-stop shop providing tailored Elective Pay information to users at all stages from project ideation through tax form filing.



FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS

A FULL-DAY EVENT CONNECTING YOU WITH MUNICIPAL EXPERTS FOR LEARNING & DISCUSSION ON THE MOST CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING TOWNSHIPS.

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MPSC seeking comment on public engagement efforts

Interested parties can participate in public comment on [Michigan Public Service Commission \(MPSC\) efforts](#) to expand opportunities for public engagement in their decision-making processes and procedures. A [hearing](#) will be held Aug. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at University of Michigan Flint—Riverfront Conference Center, 1 Riverfront Plaza in Flint. Written comments can also be [submitted online](#), emailed to mpscdockets@michigan.gov, or mailed to Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, PO Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Comments should reference Case No. U-21638, and will become public information available on the commission’s website and subject to disclosure.

Members can provide input for 2025 MTA legislative policy platform

Township officials can review and provide input on the MTA’s legislative policy platform. Reviewed and updated annually, the legislative policy objectives guide the Association’s government relations efforts and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review our [2024-25 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed revisions and suggested additions by Monday, Nov. 4. Member-proposed policy changes will be reviewed by MTA committees for word selection and legality, and to ensure they conform with the Association’s overall goals and objectives. The proposed policies will be presented at the 2025 MTA Annual Meeting in conjunction with our Annual Educational Conference in April. Contact legislation@michigantownships.org with questions, comments or suggestions.

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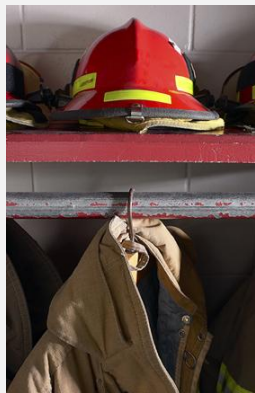
Election security and AI workshops. The state Bureau of Elections (BOE) is holding its final election security workshop Sept. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Two artificial intelligence (AI) webinars will be held Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. and Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. Register and learn more in BOE's [eLearning](#).

Upcoming deadlines: Beginning Aug. 22, absent voter (AV) drop boxes (ordered or installed after Oct. 1, 2020) must be inspected to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and video monitoring.

Sept. 6 is the deadline for municipalities to establish, move or abolish an early voting site or polling place for the Nov. 5 election. Moving an early voting site or polling place requires township board approval, a notice to voters and notice of the change posted at the old polling location. Any changes must also be updated in the Qualified Voter File. Sept. 6 is also the deadline for clerks to inform the county clerk that an AV counting board has been authorized by the board of election commissioners.

Get a handle on hot topics facing your township fire & EMS team

Join MTA on Sept. 10 in Frankenmuth or Sept. 12 in Cadillac for a full-day event exploring [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#). You'll hear from a variety of experts—including State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier—on the latest challenges in fire and EMS, including the impact of battery storage systems and electric vehicles, insights from the state Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, helpful tips for Critical Incident Stress Management and Support, as well as guidance on recruitment, retention and the changing demographic of the new generation. Don't delay, register today! [Learn more here](#) or [register online now](#).



Free ORV weekend

This weekend, Aug. 17-18, is the second [Free ORV Weekend](#) of the year. Residents and out-of-state visitors can ride DNR-designated routes, trails and the state's six scramble areas

without an ORV license or trail permit. All other ORV rules and laws still apply, and the [Recreation Passport](#) is required where applicable.

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