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### Happy holidays from MTA

MTA's Board of Directors and staff wishes all of our members and their loved ones a very happy and safe holiday season. MTA's office will be closed Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The next issue of *Township Insights* will be on Jan. 9. Please also note that MTA publication orders received between Dec. 23 and Jan. 2 will not ship until the week of Jan. 5. We appreciate your patience. Thank you for another wonderful year serving Michigan's townships, and happy holidays!

### STC provides updates for 2026 tax year

The State Tax Commission (STC) has released several forms and guidance for the 2026 tax year:

- Assessment change notice forms: [Form 1019](#), *Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification*, and [Form 4093](#), *Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation (Including Leasehold Improvements) and Property Classification*
- Board of review forms: [Form 618 \(L-4035\)](#), *Petition for Board of Review*, and [Form 3128 \(L-4035a\)](#), *Taxable Value Calculations Worksheet*
- [Interim Guidance Regarding Valuation and Assessment of Battery Energy Storage Systems](#)
- [Pipeline Economic Factor for 2026](#)
- [Nuclear Plant Composite Factors for 2026](#)

### UPCOMING MTA TRAINING

**Jan 13-14:** Hone your [board leadership skills](#) at MTA's Winter Academy in Frankenmuth, with sessions including:  
\*\*Board Roles & Relationships  
\*\*How Boards Make Decisions  
\*\*At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs

**Jan 21:** *Now You Know* Lunchtime Webinar [P&Z: NIMBY is Not an Option, Now What?](#)

**February [Board of Review Trainings](#):** Registration is now open for online, in-person and advanced options.

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## Nominate a township volunteer for the Governor's Service Award

Is there a volunteer in your township whom you'd like to see honored for their contribution to the community? Nominate them for a [2026 Governor's Service Award](#)! The nomination deadline is by Feb. 27, 2026, for this annual statewide recognition that acknowledges the contributions made through volunteerism, service and philanthropy to improve the lives of people and communities. Categories include Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteer of the Year and Community Impact Award, among others. For more information or questions, contact (517) 335-4295 or [gsa@michigan.gov](mailto:gsa@michigan.gov).

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## BCC issues mobile home community guidance

During routine inspections, the state Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) identified mobile home communities that contain non-compliant structures and vehicles, including park models, recreational vehicles, modular homes and stick-built structures, etc. To ensure compliance with state law, the [BCC issued guidance](#), including for violation notices and proof of compliance, mobile home community mapping requirements and campground licensing requirements.

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## Registration now open for MTA's 2026 Capital Conference; Annual Conference registration opens Jan. 5

- [Registration is open](#) for [MTA's 2026 Capital Conference](#)—your opportunity to get ahead of what's coming, understand the laws taking effect, and learn how new state-level proposals could impact your township. Learn about pending election law changes, updates on PA 233 and pending litigation, housing and zoning proposals, new grant programs, the latest on possible 2026 ballot proposals, and more! You'll also be able to connect with lawmakers and state department officials, allowing you to engage on your individual township issues and get direct access to resources that can benefit your township. **Join us in Lansing on March 17!** Together, we can make a difference.
  - **Mark your calendar**—registration for [MTA's 2026 Annual Educational Conference & Expo](#) opens on **Monday, Jan. 5!** Don't miss your opportunity to take part in the township event of the year, coming April 20-23 to the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme Township (Grand Traverse Co.). Join us for three incomparable days, with 50-plus educational sessions exploring timely township topics, Michigan's largest municipal expo featuring more than 100 municipal vendors, plus the opportunity to network with more than 1,000 of your fellow township officials. Look for complete details on [MTA's website](#) and in the registration brochure, which will be included in your January issue of *Township Focus* magazine.
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## Arts & Culture Council grants available

Communities help support creative expression, and municipalities are among the eligible applicants for the fiscal year 2026 [Michigan Arts & Culture Council \(MACC\) grants](#). Review available funding programs—[Mission Support](#) or [Experience Support](#)—and begin preparing your submission now; applications are due Jan. 22, 2026 at 5 p.m. The FY26 cycle includes opportunities across operational support, project support, facilities/equipment improvements, arts education, professional development and field trips. For questions or support, please [reach out to MACC staff](#).

## Still time to nominate an inspiring leader in your township for the ‘Spirit of MTA’ award

Every day, dedicated public servants are shaping the future of Michigan townships through innovation, dedication and visionary leadership—paving the way for progress and positive change for their residents and their communities. Is there an elected official in your township who is leading the “**Pathway to the Future**”? **Nominate them for the “Spirit of MTA” award!** We’ll honor the award recipient (or recipients!) at [our Annual Educational Conference & Expo](#) in April 2026. Our Annual Conference theme of “**Pathway to the Future**” signifies townships’ essential role in leading communities and our state to success, and nominations should highlight how the nominee’s public service reflects these efforts. To nominate a deserving leader in your township, complete [the brief online nomination form](#), sharing how this individual inspires you. No board action is needed. **Nominations are due Jan. 5.**



## MTA offers in-person and online *Board of Review Training*

MTA's ever-popular [Board of Review Training](#) is back this February and better than ever! The basic course, which is approved to meet the PA 660 training mandate, will be offered at all in-person classes and three online dates. Already completed the biennial training requirement? Take your knowledge to the next level with our *Advanced Training*, available at two in-person locations and online. [Get details, dates and locations here](#) or [register online now](#).



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