

# Regional Summit Registration Form

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Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (payable to MTA) <input type="checkbox"/> Charge to: (circle one)    MasterCard    VISA		
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### Which location will you attend?

Kalamazoo     Bellaire     Mt. Pleasant     Port Huron

### Full Summit

*Includes all sessions, meals, refreshments and activities*

	<u>By Sept. 20</u>	<u>After Sept. 20</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular rate	\$195/person	\$225/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Premium subscriber rate *	\$156/person	\$186/person

### Single-day only:

*Includes that day's sessions, meals, refreshments and activities*

	<u>By Sept. 20</u>	<u>After Sept. 20</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Day One Regular rate	\$ 75/person	\$105/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Two Regular rate	\$130/person	\$160/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Day One Premium rate *	\$ 60/person	\$ 90/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Two Premium rate *	\$104/person	\$134/person

### Guest dinner and evening activity only:

\$45/person Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary/accessibility needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**    *Rates are for MTA members; non-members call MTA.*

*\*Premium subscribers are townships that have purchased an online learning subscription to MTA Online at the premium level. Find out if your township is a premium subscriber at [www.michigantownships.org/mtaonline.asp](http://www.michigantownships.org/mtaonline.asp).*

**Cancellations and substitutions:** Written cancellation requests received at MTA office by Sept. 20 will receive a full refund. "No shows" or those who cancel after that will receive access to the recorded sessions. No refunds will be issued after Sept. 20 without extenuating circumstances. If space allows, you may switch locations at no charge with advance notice of one week or more. Otherwise, meal-fee penalties for late notice will be assessed. You may substitute another individual from your township for your registration at any time without incurring a charge; please notify MTA of any changes as early as possible.



Send your completed registration form with payment to MTA, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908-0078; fax: (517) 321-8908 or register online at [www.michigantownships.org](http://www.michigantownships.org). Questions? Call (517) 321-6467, ext. 221.



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**An extraordinary educational and networking opportunity**



Join MTA this fall for your  
**Regional Summit**

Oct. 10-11: Kalamazoo

Oct. 12-13: Bellaire

Oct. 18-19: Mt. Pleasant

Oct. 25-26: Port Huron





**As an MTA member, you are part of the largest community of local government officials in the state.** Our **Regional Summits** celebrate that community and offer you a chance to come together for an extended learning and networking opportunity. This one-and-a-half-day event is packed with thought-provoking general sessions—including a legislative update—and classes on timely township topics all designed to keep you informed and help you better serve your community. Join us, your fellow officials, lawmakers and municipal experts from across the state for an experience like no other. You'll walk away with connections that can help make your role as a township official more fulfilling. It's an investment in you and your township!

**Educational sessions include:**

**Financial Fundamentals and Insights**

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear directly from experts within the Michigan Department of Treasury on financial issues impacting townships. Get an overview of best practices in budgeting, review the 5-year budgeting tool and walk away with techniques for measuring your township's financial health. We'll answer the most common questions surrounding accruals, bank reconciliation, internal controls, auditor recommendations and more!  
*Speakers: Representatives from the Michigan Department of Treasury*

**Top Topics for Today's Townships**

This insightful speed round offers a quick update on each topic and time to get your questions answered! Topics include:

- Open Meetings Act
- Freedom of Information Act
- Using ARPA Funds (lawful expenditures)
- "Onboarding" new board members after the November mid-term election

*Speakers: MTA's Member Information Services Team*

**Legislative Lowdown**

Get the latest on the legislative issues in the forefront at the State Capitol as well as insights into the political landscape. Hear the latest conversations on budget issues and learn what will be considered in the remaining weeks of the 101st session—including tax issues and implications for your township, election measures that may be considered, infrastructure investment and much more. With the November election fast approaching, new challenges and opportunities exist; learn how you can influence the issues expected to be addressed during the remainder of 2022 and in the 2023 legislative session.  
*Speakers: MTA's Government Relations Team*

**Show Me the Money! What Townships Need to Know about Grants**

Finding the right grant to apply for is half of the battle! Learn to identify funding sources for township projects, including partnership resources, and walk away armed with tips and techniques designed to ensure you get your share. Get a general overview of the process, from where to find grants to what you need to know about applying. We'll review key points of the American Rescue Plan and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants and additional opportunities available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.  
*Speaker: Mickey Bittner, PE, Regional Director, Wightman*

**Ins & Outs of Township Ordinances**

There are no advantages—and plenty of disadvantages—to having ordinances or provisions that you don't want or need. This overview of statutory authority for both zoning and non-zoning ordinances will help you understand and evaluate your township's ordinance needs. You'll walk away better prepared to prevent conflicts and complaints and put your township in the driver's seat for steering the character of your community.  
*Speaker: MTA Legal Counsel, Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC*

**Broadband: The Middle-Mile and Your Township**

One township can make a difference! Join the discussion on how your township can help fill the infrastructure gaps in underserved internet pathways across the state. Learn more about cooperative partnerships that can help reduce costs and accelerate broadband projects in Michigan.  
*Speakers: Eric Frederick, Chief Connectivity Officer, Michigan High-Speed Internet Office, Michigan Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity and Representatives from Merit Network*

**Nuances of the Right to Farm Act (RTFA)**

What can townships regulate when it comes to agriculture? What is (and is NOT) considered agriculture? And who has to follow the Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices (GAAMPs)? Learn what falls under the RTFA and what GAAMPs addresses and how it all impacts your township.  
*Speakers: Michael Wozniak, Program Manager, and Stephen Mahoney, Resource Analyst, Right to Farm Program, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development; and Ryan Coffey Hoag, Extension Educator, Government & Community Vitality, Michigan State University Extension*

**When & Where**

- Oct. 10-11:** Four Points by Sheraton, 3600 E. Cork St. Ct., Kalamazoo (269) 385-3922
- Oct. 12-13:** Shanty Creek Resort, Lakeview Hotel & Conf. Center, 5780 Shanty Creek Rd., Bellaire (866) 486-7790
- Oct. 18-19:** Comfort Inn Conf. Center, 2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant (989) 772-4000
- Oct. 25-26:** Bluewater Conf. Center (DoubleTree by Hilton), 800 Harker St., Port Huron (810) 984-8000

*Can't make the date but don't want to miss out on this valuable information? A recorded version will be available after the event; watch MTA publications and emails for details.*

**Agenda**

- Day One**
- 3 p.m. Registration check-in
- 4 p.m. Welcome and opening session  
*Financial Fundamentals*
- 6 p.m. Dinner
- 7 p.m. Leadership remarks
- 7:45 p.m. Evening entertainment
- Day Two**
- 8 a.m. Vendor showcase with continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. Top Topics for Today's Townships
- 10:30 a.m. Vendor showcase
- 11 a.m. Legislative Lowdown
- 12:15 p.m. Networking lunch
- 1 p.m. Concurrent sessions  
*What Townships Need to Know about Grants*  
*Ins & Outs of Township Ordinances*
- 2:30 p.m. Refreshment break
- 3 p.m. Concurrent sessions  
*Broadband: The Middle-Mile and Your Township*  
*Nuances of the Right to Farm Act (RTFA)*
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

**Special thanks to our Regional Summit sponsors**  
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