

# Michigan Township **INSIGHTS**

August 26, 2022

## MTA's 'Decoding Your Form L-4029' webinar available on demand



Did you miss last week's *Now You Know* webinar [What Every Board Member Needs to Know about the Tax Rate Request Form \(L-4029\)?](#) It's now available on demand! Watch MTA Staff Attorney Catherine Mullhaupt review this important form, including what the board is actually authorizing, options regarding millages, and key info found on your township's L-4029. [Learn more or register here](#) for instant access.



## Mod 2023 workforce housing program is open

Interested townships can submit a letter of interest until Oct. 31 to the [Michigan State Housing Development Authority \(MSHDA\) Mod 2023 program](#), which funds modular home builds in communities where there is a workforce housing need. MSHDA will provide up to a total of \$1.5 million to fund seven communities to build one home in residential neighborhoods. Townships can also work with county land banks and housing foundations for participation in this program.

## MTA Training Opportunities

[Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning](#) Attend in-person on: **\*\*Aug. 31 in Lawrence** **\*\*Or attend online** (includes access to live stream on Aug. 31 & recorded version)

## [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#)

**\*\*Sept. 12** [Bavarian Inn Frankenmuth](#)

## FREE 'Brownfield 101' webinar available

A recording of the National Association of Towns and Townships FREE [Brownfields 101 webinar](#) held earlier this week, and the [presentation slides](#), are now available. The webinar includes what constitutes a brownfield, the basics of the assessment and cleanup processes, and the ins and outs of how U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding can be used. For property-specific questions, reach out to your [EPA Regional Brownfields contact](#).

## MTA QUICK LINKS

[MTA COVID Relief Webpage](#)  
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## Comments sought on draft RFP for low carbon infrastructure grants

Townships interested in investing in low carbon energy infrastructure enhancement and development can review a draft request for proposals (RFP) for a [\\$50 million grant program](#) developed by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). Comments on the [draft RFP](#) are due by **5 p.m. on Sept. 8**. The RFP will be published by Sept 30.

## Township employees may be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) offers loan forgiveness to qualifying individuals who work in public service. Under the program, if an individual works for a government for 10 years and makes 120 student loan repayments on a federal Direct loan in full and on time, and submits all required paperwork, the federal government will consider their loans "paid in full" and forgive the remaining balance. Townships can let their employees, including firefighters, library workers and others, know of the opportunity to qualify for student loan forgiveness by **Oct. 31, 2022**. Employees will need the township's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) to apply. Additional details are available in [an informational toolkit](#) that townships can share with employees. Eligible public servants can apply by visiting [studentaid.gov/pslf/](http://studentaid.gov/pslf/).

## Early-bird rate ends soon for MTA's emergency services workshop

Township fire officials and board members alike will not want to miss MTA's [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#) workshop coming to Frankenmuth on Sept. 12. This full-day event offers five informative sessions featuring the state's leading experts in

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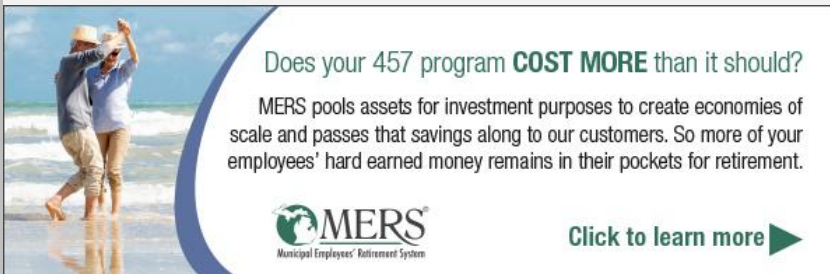
emergency services. Topics include recruitment and retention, threat assessment and de-escalation techniques, tips for recognizing and managing chronic and post-traumatic stress, and updates from the state fire marshal and the state's Division of EMS and Trauma. Space is still available, but early-bird rates end Monday. Download [additional details here](#) or [register online now](#).



## HSA maximum contributions increase for 2023


The IRS recently announced new, inflation-adjusted maximum annual contributions that can be made to a health savings account (HSA) for 2023:

- \$3,850 for an individual
- \$7,750 for a family




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## Order your personalized MTA jacket today!

We are now [accepting orders for MTA jackets](#)—a full-zip softshell jacket that features full-color embroidery of the MTA logo, with optional personalization with your name and title or the name of your township. This three-season jacket is waterproof, with microfleece lining, adjustable Velcro cuffs, and zippered side and chest pockets. Orders are accepted through Oct. 31, and will be delivered following production. Cost is \$99, which includes tax and shipping and handling. A portion of all proceeds benefits MTA-PAC, helping to support legislative candidates who value township government and forge positive relationships with state lawmakers. Visit [our website](#) for sizing charts and to order today.



## Public comment sought on endangered and threatened species list revisions

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting public comments on [draft changes to the endangered and threatened species list](#). A [public hearing](#) will be held on Aug. 30 at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing. Written comments on the proposed changes may be submitted by **Sept. 30** to [dnr-endangeredspecieslist@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-endangeredspecieslist@michigan.gov) or by mail to: Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, ATTN: Endangered Species Specialist, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909.

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## Member input sought for 2023 MTA legislative policy platform

MTA is seeking review and input from members on its legislative policy platform as we begin preparing for the 2023-2024 legislative session. The legislative policy objectives guide MTA's government relations efforts, and they are reviewed and updated annually to reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review [MTA's 2022 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed revisions and suggested additions by Nov. 21. 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 2023 MTA Annual meeting in conjunction with our Annual Educational Conference and Expo in April. Contact the MTA Government Relations Department at (517) 321-6467 or [legislation@michigantownships.org](mailto:legislation@michigantownships.org) with questions, comments or suggestions.

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