



Continuing Education Self-Assessment

Participants enrolled in the Township Governance Academy (TGA), MTA's credentialing program, may obtain 2 elective credits for successful completion of this quiz. To obtain credit, participants must answer the following 10 multiple-choice questions by circling the correct answer and receive a minimum passing score of 70 percent. The questions are based on content from the article, "Cultivating an engaged community". There is no charge for MTA members to take the quiz or to obtain TGA credit.

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TGA Continuing Education Cultivating an engaged community

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1. **What has happened to civic engagement in recent years?**
 - a. Fewer government officials want citizen involvement.
 - b. Fewer citizens are involved in their local government.
 - c. Local units aren't offering opportunities for engagement.
 - d. Citizens are stepping up more than in past years.
2. **What motivates residents to get involved in their township government?**
 - a. Fixing roads.
 - b. When they see a problem in the community.
 - c. Something that affects their daily lives.
 - d. When taxes are being increased.
3. **When do most citizens tend to get involved with their local government?**
 - a. When something controversial is on the board agenda.
 - b. When the local unit asks for volunteers on a committee.
 - c. When their local unit revises its master plan.
 - d. When they want a new program or service.
4. **How can your board find out what your residents care about?**
 - a. Hold a series of town hall meetings.
 - b. Discuss the issue in a board work session.
 - c. Ask residents what they don't like about the township.
 - d. Go to the residents and ask them.
5. **Where is the best place to reach residents and get their input?**
 - a. A township board meeting.
 - b. Wherever people in your community like to gather.
 - c. Your residents' homes
 - d. Local coffee shops.
6. **What steps should the board take once it commits to engaging the public?**
 - a. Occasionally ask for an update at board meetings.
 - b. Add information to the township website so residents are aware of the township's efforts.
 - c. Communicate the desire for residents' input to the public.
 - d. Primarily ask individuals for input rather than the community at large.
7. **What is a good question to ask when getting residents' input?**
 - a. If you could change one thing about the community, what would it be?
 - b. What is your biggest complaint about our township?
 - c. What are our township's problems?
 - d. What do you love about our community?
8. **What should your township do with the results of its engagement efforts?**
 - a. Create a document and present it at a board meeting.
 - b. The answer varies, but residents need to see results.
 - c. Write an op-ed for your local newspaper.
 - d. Start a community-wide project.
9. **What benefits might your township experience from renewed community engagement?**
 - a. More residents volunteering for township projects.
 - b. Vacant businesses being filled.
 - c. A sense of place.
 - d. All of the above.
10. **How can your board increase awareness of government and the ways to get involved for years to come?**
 - a. Share an update at a special board meeting.
 - b. Include information in the township's newsletter.
 - c. Push for your local schools to boost their civics education.
 - d. Educate your local youth and their parents.