

A Year Ahead in MTA Ed(ucation)

We're excited to share what educational offerings we have in store for you in 2023 so that you—and your entire township team—can plan ahead.

To help you budget accordingly, early-bird registration rates are included below. Rates are per person, and increase by \$25 two weeks prior to event date. Details, descriptions and registration materials will be included in *Township Focus*, mailed to every township and available on MTA's website, www.michigantownships.org (under the "Learning" tab) as event dates near.



Now You Know

MTA's Monthly Webinar Series

Make the most of your lunch break with MTA's lunchtime learning series, *Now You Know*. These live one-hour webinars provide timely updates, insights from our experts and a chance to get your questions answered in real time. Join us live the day of or watch a recorded version later. *Rate: \$25/session*
Townships with a subscription to MTA Online at the Premium level can watch every episode for FREE with no limit on participants. Turn to page 6 for a list of 2023 topics.



February

Board of Review Training

MTA is offering both in-person and online Board of Review training at 11 locations throughout the state! We're hosting two classes, one approved by the State Tax Commission to satisfy the PA 660 biannual training mandate AND one for those who have already met the requirements and are ready to dive into common trouble spots, hot topics and other issues encountered by boards of review.
Rate: \$100/person
See page 25 for all the details, including a registration form.

March

MTA's Capital Conference

Learn the latest on legislative issues impacting townships. From ongoing debates regarding local authority, to new issues driven by changing winds based on election results. This event offers a direct line to lawmakers, state departments and MTA policy experts to help you best serve your constituents. Be an advocate for township government when you join us at the **Lansing Center on March 1**. *Register by Jan. 31 for only \$55/person; turn to page 16 for all the details.*

April

MTA's Annual Conference & Expo

Our signature event, returning to the **Grand Traverse Resort on April 17-20**, connects you with municipal experts, inspiring speakers and nearly 1,000 of your fellow officials. You can choose from 50 timely township topics at sessions crafted to keep you on top of the changes, requirements and expectations of today's local leaders. Our expo features more than 100 municipal vendors offering services that can help you improve your community. We've also got pre-Conference classes geared for your township assessor, attorney and every member of your township team.

*The registration brochure appears in **this issue** of Township Focus, as well as at www.michigantownships.org, and includes all the details, including class descriptions, event highlights, registration and housing information.*



May

Breaking the Zoning Code

This afternoon class, designed for township officials, planning commissioners and zoning administrators, explores why zoning regulations exist, what they are intended to accomplish, and how they may be used. Classes will be held in Frankenmuth, Gaylord and Kalamazoo. *Rate: \$100/person*

June

Cemetery Management

Dig into cemetery administration and management at this afternoon workshop coming to Gaylord, Mt. Pleasant and Jackson. We'll cover everything from legal obligations to fees, green burials, to the role of the board, caretakers and committees. *Rate: \$100/person*

July

U.P. Education Extravaganza

MTA is packing up our resources, publications and municipal experts and bringing them to the Island Resort in Harris (west of Escanaba) for two full days of education! Join us for a session, a day or both days, based on your areas of interest. Topics will include financial fundamentals, cemetery management and more! **Save the dates (July 18 & 19)** and watch for more details soon! Rates vary based on sessions chosen.

August



TGA Double-Feature

Have you heard of MTA's Township Governance Academy (TGA)? This premier learning curriculum, designed with the township board in mind, helps you hone your leadership skills, providing techniques and strategies to enhance your decision-making for the benefit of your community. We bring you multiple classes over a couple of days to maximize your time. Classes will be held at the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac. Sessions will be announced soon; *rates are \$100 for half- and \$125 for full-day classes.*

September

Emerging Issues in Emergency Services

MTA can help your township turn down the heat on the hot issues facing your fire department and emergency services personnel. This annual, full-day event will be held at the **Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth on Sept. 12.** *Rate: \$125/person*

September & October

Professional Development Retreats

No one understands townships or your roles and responsibilities like MTA. That's why we created these unique events packed with intensive learning targeting the challenges you face and offering the information that you need. Join your fellow officials, MTA staff and municipal experts from across the state at **Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.** *Full program rate: \$365/person*
Dates include:

Clerks Retreat: Sept. 26-27 **Planning & Zoning Retreat:** Oct. 3-4 **Trustees Retreat:** Oct. 3-4
Supervisors Retreat: Oct. 5-6 **Strategic Management & Innovation Retreat:** Oct. 5-6 **Treasurers Retreat:** Oct. 10-11

November

Online Learning Sale

MTA is so thankful that you turn to us to fill your educational needs that we offer half-off every webcast in our Online Learning Center during the month of November. Browse our virtual classrooms at learn.michigantownships.org/ and use the code "**Thanks**" during checkout to apply the savings. You'll have up to a year to watch, and rewatch your selections.
Want to make online learning available to your entire township team for one low annual rate? Learn more at www.michigantownships.org/learning/mta-online/.

December

Financial Fundamentals

This full-day event features municipal experts exploring financial fundamentals that impact townships, from auditing to budgeting, lawful expenditures and much more. *Rate: \$125/person*