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County Chapter Update

News for and from Michigan Townships Association County Chapters ❖ July 2006

Reserve Your County Chapter Hospitality Suite for the 2007 MTA Annual Educational Conference by Sept. 1!



A limited number of suites are available to rent during the MTA Annual Educational Conference & Expo, January 23–26, 2007, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

All reservations for MTA County Chapter hospitality suites must be made by September 1. Unused suites will be made available to sponsors and exhibitors after this date.

Two different types of suites are available at our host hotel, the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, at discounted rates:

Junior Suite (\$269, plus tax, per night)

Deluxe Suite (\$309, plus tax, per night)

To make a reservation or for more information, contact MTA Education Coordinator Kristin Kratky at kristin@michigantownships.org or (517) 321-6467, ext. 230.

NOTE: All suite reservations must be made through MTA. Do not contact the Detroit Marriott directly, as the hotel staff will be unable to assist you.



Is Your Chapter Arranging a Group Bus?

If your County Chapter is organizing a group bus to the 2007 Conference, please call Debra McGuire at (517) 321-6467, ext. 231, and MTA will publicize it!

Member Information Department Michigan Townships Association

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Townships May be Subject to New Minimum Wage to Take Effect October 1, 2006

Townships, as employers, are subject to minimum wage regulations.

Until October 1, 2006, townships are subject to the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour.

Starting October 1, 2006, townships may be subject to the Michigan minimum wage of \$6.95 per hour.

It is not currently determined whether townships will be subject to Michigan or federal wage and hour regulations. MTA will provide updates as they become available.

We Need Your Help!

MTA is calling on township officials to help defeat two statewide proposals on the November 2006 ballot.



MTA is working with a coalition made up of more than 55 local government organizations, business groups and health care associations to defeat the **K-16 Spending Mandate**.

Visit www.stopthespendingmandate.com and www.michigantownships.org/legalerts.asp to find a sample resolution that your township can adopt to oppose the K-16 ballot proposal, or contact David Bertram at (517) 321-6467 or: david@michigantownships.org.

MTA is also working to organize opposition to the **SOS proposal**, which would severely limit how local governments can expend money. Visit www.defendmichigan.com for more information.

To learn how you can help or to invite MTA Legislative Staff to speak on the proposals at your Chapter Meeting, contact Bill Anderson at (517) 321-6467 or bill@michigantownships.org.



Plan to Attend Upcoming MTA Educational Programs!

Summer Evening Zoning Series, Part II: Sleuth for Truth—Uncovering the Facts (6-9 p.m.)

- August 16 Holiday Inn, Grayling
- August 22 Fetzer Center at WMU, Kalamazoo
- August 24 Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

Funding Township Programs & Services: A Recipe for Budget Decisions (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

- August 10 University Center at NMU, Marquette
- August 11 Holiday Inn, Grayling
- August 30 Fetzer Center at WMU, Kalamazoo
- August 31 Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

Visit the MTA Web site: www.michigantownships.org,
or call the MTA Education Center at (517) 321-6467
for more information.

Please update your chapter information if it has
changed. Thanks!

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List the actual meeting dates for 2006 or the day of the month
(i.e., Third Wednesday of Jan., April, July, Oct.): _____

Mail, fax or email the information above to Catherine
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Free MTA Information Resources

MTA Member Information staff recently developed the following resource toolkits, available by contacting Catherine Mullhaupt at (517) 321-6467, or via email at: catherine@michigan townships.org, or on the MTA Web site under "At Your Service," "Township Topics," Resource Toolkits:"

■ **The 2006 Michigan Zoning Enabling Act**
(*General Law Townships or Charter Townships--includes ordinance adoption checklists*)

■ **Just the Facts! Taking Township Minutes**

■ **Working With Township Millage Questions** (includes sample millage ballot language)

Also recently updated:

■ **2006 Summer Tax Collection Packet**

Always useful:

■ **Understanding Compensation for Township Officials and Employees**

Because many County Chapters do not meet in the summer, the County Chapter Minutes will be included in the next issue of the Update--so keep sending us your minutes and any photos of meetings or activities!