



In warm appreciation of our association during the past years, the Par Plan Board of Directors extend our very best wishes for a happy holiday season and thank each of you for being a member of our program.

Thank you! for being a member of the vibrant and effective Michigan Township Participating Plan (Par Plan). The Par Plan is the largest, most recognized municipal insurance program in Michigan and we greatly appreciate our partnership.

The Par Plan is a unique and proven, member-driven system that has effectively provided affordable, tailored property and casualty coverages to small and medium-sized Michigan public entities. We are now in our 32nd year. Members of the Par Plan all share common goals and needs specific to public entities. Through participation in the Par Plan, we create a team approach to meeting those goals and needs.

The Par Plan is effective in its ability to serve the property and municipality liability insurance interests of over 1,300 Michigan governmental units that are members of the Par Plan. Although our name includes the word Township, the program does much more than serve townships. Par Plan members include townships, fire authorities, sewer/water authorities, villages, cities and counties.

The Par Plan, created in 1985, is vibrant as it continues to evolve and improve its services. For example, five years ago the Risk Reduction Grant program was unveiled to assist members in reducing specific risk exposures and to assist our members in their efforts to apply effective risk management and loss control techniques for exposures the Par Plan insures. Grant awards have totaled over 1 million dollars to over 350 member entities. Awards have included such risk reduction measures as security camera systems; training classes; back up cameras for fire equipment; chevron markings; tasers and much more! Have any ideas occurred to you? The next grant awards will be made by February 2017.

Specific details are available from the Par Plan website (www.theparplan.com), under the "RRGP Grant" button. The details are also available from your Risk Manager. The information includes Grant Program guidelines, details on the application format, and answers to frequently asked questions. You will also find information about what sort of requests will not be funded. Be sure to consult this helpful information as part of your process for making your grant request application.

The Par Plan's vibrancy continues with the Property and Casualty Dividend program that began just three years ago. Thus far Par Plan members have received over \$1.7 million in dividends. The awards are based on length of Par Plan membership and level of risk reductions efforts. These dividends have provided an unexpected revenue source for our members.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan develops coverage programs specific to every member's needs because we know that there isn't any one coverage that can satisfy the needs of each and every municipality. We offer as diverse a number of coverages as there are public entities. In addition the Par Plan offers the exceptional services of its Risk Control Department. The Risk Control Department offers policies and procedures developed by our membership driven Advisory Committees. These members make a dedicated commitment to our loss control program.

I am in my 8th year as a member of the Par Plan Board and I am pleased to advise you, as a fellow elected public official, that your interests are protected as a member of the Michigan Township Participating Plan!

Thank you again for your confidence in the Par Plan program!

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year.

Ronald E. Reid

Chairperson of the Michigan Township Participating Plan & Supervisor of Kalamazoo Charter Township

Par Plan Board seats Joanne Donaldson as Zone 4 Director

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Joanne Donaldson, Supervisor of Markey Township has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Township Participating Plan as Zone 4 Director.

Joanne moved to the area in 1986 and began her service with Markey Township in 1989 as the Sewer Clerk/Receptionist.

Joanne held position of Treasurer for several years and also processed assessing for approximately 15 years. Joanne has been Markey Township Supervisor for 4 years. Joanne is an active member of Zoning Board of Appeals and Markey Women's Association raising money for local projects. Joanne continues attending meetings for various groups including the Roscommon Township Association, Parks and Advisory Committee, and the local Chamber of Commerce.

Joanne has been appointed to the MTPP Advertising & Newsletter Committee, and Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement Committees.

Calumet Charter Township

Houghton Countycelebrated it's 150th birthday this past summer with a three-day celebration.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor stated "it was with great pleasure we were fortunate enough to be able to share this event with the community, and to be able to incorporate historical discussions by a historian panel about our community."

The three-day event consisted of a street fair with entertainers, street dance, kids games, and much more.



Fireworks over the Calumet Colosseum



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Par Plan says good-bye to Zone 5 Director, Don Hilton and Zone 6 Director, Earl Arnold as they retire.



Don Hilton

Earl Arnold

.....*The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender....**Vince Lombardi*

This announcement comes with mixed feelings as we announce the retirement of two Par Plan Directors, Don Hilton, Zone 5 director and Earl Arnold Zone 6 director.

Don began his journey with the Par Plan in 2009 when first elected to board of directors. Throughout the years as Zone 5 Director Don served as the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary and sat on many board committees. As Chairman, Don signed the 5 year service provider agreement with HCC Public Risk for the daily administration of the MTPP program. Don started his board position in a reserved and inquisitive manner but never shy or timid about sharing the needs of public entities that our program insures. Don began his public service career in 1962 when Gaines Charter Township first formed its planning commission and served as Chairman. In 1992 Don was elected and served as Supervisor until 2016.

Earl Arnold joined the Par Plan in 2013 as Zone 6 director again, not shy or timid Earl quickly integrated himself and shared his ideas regarding program services. Earl held positions on the Fund Investment, Election-Bylaws, Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement board committees. Earl was born in Bay City Michigan and raised on a small farm in Monitor Township and served his community as a on call fireman and first responder for 36 years. Earl was elected to the Monitor Charter Township board as Trustee in 2006.

Both Don and Earl have been an integral part of the Par Plan Board over the past years providing oversight of the Michigan Township Participating Plan program and the services it provides to the program members. Their past contributions have helped our program grow and remain the program of choice for municipalities.

To both of these gentlemen we express our thank you for your dedication and service to the Par Plan program and extend to you a happy and healthy new chapter in your life.

NOTICE of MTPP Quarterly Board of Director Meeting - Friday, January 27, 2017.
 The next quarterly meeting for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors
 will be held at Doubletree Hilton, Bay City, MI at 9:00 a.m. in the Davidson Room.

All members are encouraged to attend.

See you April, 2017 at the MTA Annual Conference.

Par Plan Participation Highlights during the week of April 10-13, 2017

Par Plan Fun Night moves to Tuesday, April 11th, 2017. “MTPP - Public Officials Got Talent”. Why travel all the way to Hollywood for a chance at the golden ticket when you can join the Par Plan in Lansing for “Public Officials Got Talent”! That’s right, Par Plan will be coming to you live from the Radisson Ballroom Tuesday, April 11th from 6-9 p.m. looking for the next big star. You will have the opportunity to perform in front of a live studio audience, participate in our live Karaoke and sing with the band, or challenge someone to a dance off, show us your talent and be judged by your peers. Three hours of non-stop fun and entertainment. Hor d’oeuvres and beverages provided.

Par Plan Business Solutions Session —“Top 3 Risk Management Actions for Public Entities.” Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from noon until 1:00 p.m. In this session you will be introduced to risk management techniques that will assist you in management planning, identification, analysis and action planning in controlling liabilities that often land a municipality in court. Presented by MTPP Risk Control Representatives.

Be sure to stop by our booth to visit with your insurance representative and enjoy an ice cream bar. Additional conference details will be published in The Par-Plan Newsletter March issue.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan’s next grant cycle will open April 1, 2017 and will close May 31, 2017. Please be sure to apply. You may visit our website www.theparplan.com and download our grant guidelines and frequently asked questions to get started. Please note that grant requests will not be accepted before April 1, 2017.

Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Awardees
April 1 - May 31, 2016 - 10th Grant Cycle

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| Baraga Housing Commission—Baraga County | Kinross Charter Township—Chippewa County |
| Baraga Township—Baraga County | Laurium Housing Commission—Houghton County |
| Bark River Township—Delta County | Long Lake Township—Grand Traverse County |
| Barry Township—Barry County | Manistique Housing Commission—Schoolcraft County |
| City of Brown City—Sanilac County | Marion Township—Livingston County |
| Dallas Township Fire Department—Clinton County | Martiny Township—Mecosta County |
| Davison Township—Genesee County | Onekama Township—Manistee County |
| Denmark Township—Tuscola County | Ontonagon Village Housing Commission—Ontonagon County |
| East Bay Ambulance—Grand Traverse County | Prairieville Township—Barry County |
| East China Township—St. Clair County | Resort Bear Creek Fire Department—Emmet County |
| Frankenlust Township—Bay County | Roscommon District Library—Roscommon County |
| Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Service Authority—
Grand Traverse County | Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission—Chippewa County |
| Gerrish Township—Roscommon County | St. Charles District Library—Saginaw County |
| Hancock Housing Commission—Houghton County | South Haven Housing Commission—Van Buren County |
| James Township—Saginaw County | Tekonsha Township—Calhoun County |
| Kalamazoo Charter Township—Kalamazoo County | Tri Town Fire Department—Oscoda County |
| | Village of Lake Linden—Houghton County |