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CAI-MI Wraps Up October with Two Fantastic Educational Expos!

by Lisa Holbrook-French, CMCA

October was a busy and exciting month for CAI-Michigan as we brought education, networking, and industry connections to our members through not one, but TWO fantastic events — the October Virtual Expo and the Flint Expo!

We kicked things off on October 16 with our October Virtual Expo, bringing community association professionals together for a morning of engaging education, valuable insights, and practical takeaways. Attendees had the opportunity to earn three continuing education credits while exploring timely topics impacting our industry.

From discovering how artificial intelligence is changing the way we work, to understanding association responsibilities surrounding snow and ice removal, to navigating those sometimes challenging co-owner situations, our expert presenters delivered information that attendees could put to work in their communities. It was a fantastic morning of learning, sharing ideas, and staying ahead of the curve!

The excitement continued on October 22 as we headed to the beautiful Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc for our annual Flint Expo!

This in-person event offered another wonderful opportunity for community association managers, board members, homeowner leaders, and business partners to come together for education and networking. Attendees had the chance to connect with industry professionals, gain valuable knowledge, and explore products and services designed to help their communities thrive.

One of the best parts of our expos is the opportunity to bring people together. Whether connecting virtually from across Michigan or catching up with colleagues face-to-face in Flint, these events remind us just how important collaboration, education, and strong industry relationships are to the success of our communities.

A HUGE thank-you goes out to our incredible speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees who helped make both events possible! Your continued enthusiasm, expertise, and support are what allow CAI-MI to provide these valuable educational opportunities throughout the year.
As we begin wrapping up another fantastic year, we're already looking ahead to what's next! CAI-MI remains committed to delivering exceptional education, meaningful networking opportunities, and events that bring our industry together.

Thank you for being part of the CAI-MI family and helping us continue to grow, learn, and succeed together. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events and have even more exciting things planned for 2027!

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November 2026

- November 4, 2026: CAI Board Leader Certificate Course (MISD, Clinton Towp, MI)
- November 5-6, 2026: M-100 - The Essentials of Community Association Management (virtual)
- November 12-13, 2026: M205 - Risk Management (Virtual)
- November 19-20, 2026: M-204 - Community Governance (virtual)

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Joining Forces: The Value of Municipal Partnerships

By Tracy Mitchell, CMCA, AMS, PCAM

Community associations maintain a significant portion of residential infrastructure in many parts of the country. Understanding how privately maintained infrastructure connects to municipal networks is increasingly important and influences maintenance planning, reserve funding, insurance, and homeowner expectations.

"Having strong relationships with civic and elected officials can prove extremely beneficial to community associations," says Scott Weiss, a partner at Kaman and Cusimano in Brentwood, Tenn. "When it comes to needing governmental assistance to address problems, having working relationships with council people, aldermen, property assessors' offices, mapping departments, zoning and codes departments, public works, and local police and sheriffs' offices is worth its weight in gold." Weiss is a fellow in CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers.

Boards do not need to become engineers, attorneys, or municipal planners. They do need to understand that infrastructure is rarely simple. Several challenges can make collaboration with municipalities difficult:

Organizational differences. Municipal governments operate with professional staff and long-term planning processes while associations rely on volunteer board members.

Misunderstandings about jurisdiction. There are moments when a drainage issue, roadway failure, or repair request reveals that the association is responsible for infrastructure the board did not realize it owned. *Click here for full story*



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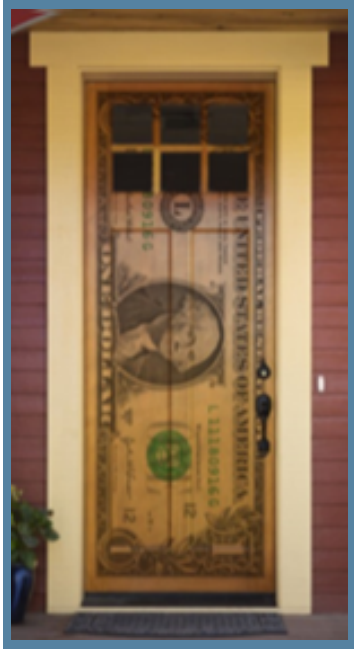

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