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# MAINE NEWS

## Spotlight on Jim Gerard



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring MACC Policy Board Member and Park Township Supervisor, Jim Gerard. Jim has been on the MACC Policy Board for three years, and has served as Park Township Supervisor for

three years. Jim has lived in West Michigan for most of his life. Jim moved to Park Township in 1995 when he joined the medical practice he is currently still a part of. Jim graduated from Calvin College before moving to Detroit to get his medical degree from Wayne State University. Jim completed his residency at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Jim is married to his wife, Polly, and has one son who is married. Jim enjoys watching sports and the outdoors, especially boating and fishing. Jim states, “the people I have met and have worked with are truly amazing.” Jim considers it an honor to serve the residents of Park Township, as well as serve on the MACC Policy Board.

## CEP 2022 Summary



The Community Enhancement Program (CEP) is a MACC-administered program that allocates small grants to support regional projects that “bring us all together.” The CEP is made up of five MACC members: Laketown Township, Zeeland Charter Township, Holland Charter Township, the City of Zeeland, and the City of Holland. The CEP issued grants to the Boys and Girls Club for summer migrant programs, the Holland Symphony for a mariachi concert, Momentum for a van to help transport community members with mental illness or disabilities, the Park Theater for attic insulation and wiring, and the Holland Chorale for community high school concerts. The CEP granted over \$24,000 in awards in 2022.

## January 9 Public Hearing



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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

For Transportation Decision Making

Plan Approved – January 9, 2023

Public Comment Period: November 14, 2022 – January 9, 2023

The MACC will be hosting a public hearing on our proposed Public Participation Plan (PPP) update. We use this document to make inclusive, region-wide decisions on transportation issues. Any member of the public can make comments at our next Policy Board meeting, which takes place on January 9 at 12:00 p.m. at the Riley Street Fire Station at 131 Riley Street in Holland Charter Township. To review our proposed PPP, please visit: <https://www.the-macc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Public-Participation-Plan-Draft.pdf>. We look forward to seeing you.

# Thank You For Your Service!



The MACC would like to say thank you to two outgoing Policy Board members: Todd Wolters from Olive Township and Joe Baumann from the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. Todd served on the MACC Policy Board for 16 years, and Joe served on the MACC Policy Board for 12 years. We acknowledge their service and thank them for their dedication to working together as a region on many issues. Olive Township Trustee Al Nienhuis will be taking over Todd's MACC responsibilities until a new replacement is selected. As for Joe Baumann's position, someone from the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will take his place. We wish you both the best in your future endeavors.

## Upcoming Meetings



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424

## POLICY BOARD:

**January 9, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

Holland Charter Township

Riley Street Fire Station

131 Riley Street

Holland, MI 49424



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