

The PRIME Award stands for Professional Recognition in Municipal Excellence and recognizes individuals who have shown distinguished service in their professions, communities and the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. It is an honor and a privilege to nominate Tricia Wiggle-Bazzy for this award.

Tricia has held the position of Deputy Treasurer for Hamburg Township since 2010. In those 12 years, she has and continues to provide excellent customer service to her residents and customers. Going above and beyond is her goal with each person who visits her office. She's been known to pick up tax payments from homebound residents, process the payment and drop off a receipt. Every Friday is Township Appreciation Day at the Hamburg Township offices where she makes popcorn for the township staff as well as the residents who come in. She truly loves the work she does and helping people at the same time.

Tricia is a mentor. She assists her County Treasurer by helping new local Treasurers within the county set up their tax rolls and educate them on the distribution of taxes. She is part of the MMTA Mentorship Program and currently has three (3) new Treasurers/Deputy Treasurers that she is mentoring. Tricia has created a Procedure Manual that she has shared with the MMTA as a guide for running a Treasurer's office that also serves as a valuable tool for succession planning.

Tricia is active in the community where she lives as well as the community where she works. She is the VP of her Homeowner's Association. She volunteers at the local Senior Center, where she can be seen in the summer helping them with the Friday BBQ's. She also finds the time to help residents with their shopping, prescription pick up, yardwork, picking up and delivering mail to a resident in a long term rehab facility and sitting with a resident at the hospital while they have their treatments so they aren't alone. These are just some of the ways Tricia serves her community.

Tricia is very active within the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association where she earned her MiCPT accreditation in 2013. Shortly after that achievement, she began serving on the board. She has served on many of the MMTA Committees over the years including Education, Fall Conference, By-Law, Mentor, Membership and Communication. Tricia was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015 where she currently holds the position of President. She is also active with the APT US&C, serving on their Board of Directors since 2015. She currently holds the Vice President position and has served on the Accreditation, By-Law, Annual Conference and Finance Committees for the APT US&C. In addition to the MiCPT, Tricia has also earned the CPFIM and CPFA credentials.

Tricia's embodies the PRIME Award ideals in every way and I give her my highest endorsement to receive this prestigious honor. Thank you for your consideration.

Nominated by
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Awards

MMTA recognizes its member's extraordinary contributions in two different ways: through the PRIME award and through service awards. The PRIME is our most prestigious honor, and stands for: Professional Recognition In Municipal Excellence (PRIME). The PRIME recognizes individuals who have shown distinguished service in their professions, communities, and the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association. Since 1989, the MMTA has recognized 34 outstanding individuals who exemplified these attributes.

2022 PRIME Award Recipient

Tricia Wiggle-Bazzy started at Hamburg Township in 2009 as a part-time cashier, hired to do cash receipts. However, the township was so far behind on bank reconciliations, she was tasked with helping get those caught up, too. That project was accomplished within three months, and with ten months Tricia was promoted and appointed Deputy Treasurer.

Prior to her work at Hamburg Township, Tricia graduated from Clarenceville High School and worked in the hospitality industry, including twelve years at the four-star restaurant, The Whitney. She says her time at The Whitney as the Controller of Finance prepared her for the role she has today.



Tricia is dedicated to the Township and is always willing to help with special projects or events. In 2010, Tricia started to work on Delinquent Personal Property collection which hadn't been addressed in over five years – the Township had an outstanding balance over \$100,000. As of mid-2022, the outstanding balance was only \$661; Tricia feels that has been one of her biggest accomplishments at the township. Also notable is that Hamburg Township's rating has improved from a B rating in 2009 to currently having an AA + S&P Global Rating; audits have also been perfect since 2011 due to outstanding effort and great teamwork.

Over the last 13 years, Tricia has volunteered for the Township Clean-up Day as well as the Hamburg Fun Fest. She has a passion for customer service and is a people person. Tricia explains: "There is something about being able to help other people, either at the counter explaining taxes, utilities or even just there to listen because they need someone to talk to; I even love helping my residents outside of work, it can be grocery shopping, prescription pickups or yard work." Tricia loves to see her residents come in happy and leave happy.

In 2011, Tricia joined the MMTA to further her education. She graduated from Basic Institute and received her MiCPT certification in 2013. During her first couple of years, she decided to serve on different committees to get more involved in the organization. She served on the Education Committee, Communication Committee, and Membership Committee, and has also served on Professional Development Committee, Winter Workshop and Fall Conference Committees since then. Her committee work gave her the opportunity to give back to the organization that she feels has done so much for her.

Tricia was elected to the MMTA Board in 2013, and now serves as the MMTA President. Being on the board has helped Tricia grow as a leader, and she has greatly valued the opportunity to be a key part of the organization, especially her involvement in the decision making to keep the association strong. During her first years on the MMTA board, Tricia was encouraged to run for the APT US&C board of directors; in 2015 she was elected to the national association board and served as the Accreditation Committee Chair. Tricia is now the Vice President and is truly honored to be part of two amazing treasury organizations.

The education from both of these organizations has helped her grow personally and professionally. Since graduating from Basic Institute, Tricia has continued her education and received the following certifications from APT US&C: CPFA (Certified Public Finance Administrator), ACPFA (Advanced Certified Public Finance Administrator), CPFIM (Certified Public Funds Investment Manager) and a cash handling training certification.

Tricia has recently been recognized with a Certificate of Achievement by her Hamburg Township Treasurer and Board of Trustees for "Outstanding Achievements in Municipal Finance," exemplified by her election to President of the MMTA Board. As her confidence has grown throughout the years of training and education, she has continued to help other municipalities with tax rolls, settlement and distribution, and is now a MMTA mentor. Tricia also generously shared her procedure manual with MMTA after receiving hundreds of requests for it. Tricia never anticipated that she would be a mentor, a president and vice president of both a state and national organization. She loves Hamburg Township, her residents, and her community, and will stop at nothing to keep striving and working her hardest for them.

Tricia lives in Whitmore Lake, where she is involved as the HOA vice president of her subdivision and is currently running to become a precinct delegate to Green Oak Township. She also volunteers at the local conservation club in her spare time.

Tricia is a mother of three: Sedric, Trevor and Breezy, and a Mimi to her grandson, Kyrie. She loves that at least once a month her kids (along with their doggies and her grandson) visit for the entire weekend so they can all have family time together. She has a wonderful man by her side who supports her professionally and personally; they enjoy going out on the lake, playing basketball, Euchre and just having lots of fun and laughs together. Tricia is the type of person that will give you all that she has, even when she has nothing left; she is the first one to offer to help and say yes to a new challenge. Tricia has always set high goals, aiming for the stars in life.