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ILLUMINATING IDEAS

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Attorney General Mike Cox will be helping The Michigan Press Association, the *Lansing State Journal*, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, and other local government and school administration entities celebrate **Sunshine Week**. The Attorney General will be doing a seminar on the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts on Wednesday March 14 , 9:30 a.m. at the State Library of Michigan in Lansing.

MPA and the Attorney General's office have been conducting these seminars since Frank Kelly was in office and it is exciting to have the local government officials join with us to promote FOIA and OMA in Michigan.

For more information in the seminar please contact Lisa McGraw at 517.372.2424 or lisa@michiganpress.org.

IDEAS

- ☀ Run house ads that illustrate the importance of open government in your newspaper during sunshine week. SunshineWeek.org and MichiganPress.org have several good examples.
- ☀ Use the resources at MichiganPress.org to help your reporters understand the laws of open government in Michigan.
- ☀ Send a copy of "What Everyone Should Know About Their Right to Know" (Insert a thumbnail of the piece & indicateed they can download same from our website?) to your local government officials. MPA has copies available for your use.



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