

LAKETON TOWNSHIP

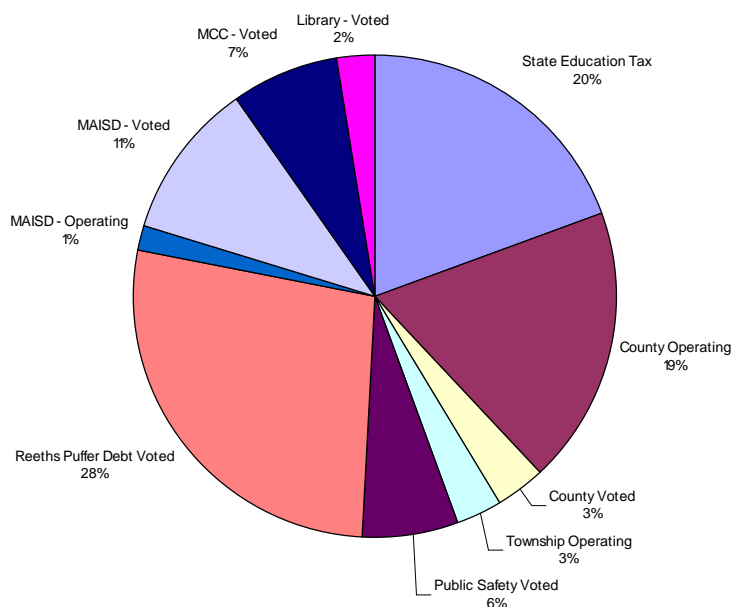
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WHERE DO MY PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO?

Have you ever wondered where your property tax dollars are spent and by whom? Below is a list of millages collected in 2007 and where they go, followed by a chart showing what percentage of your tax dollars goes to each body that your tax dollars are distributed to.

Description	Millage Rate	Type of Millage
Michigan State Education Tax	6.00000 mills	State of Michigan
Muskegon County Operating	5.69840 mills	County
Laketon Township Operating	0.94060 mills	Township
Reeths-Puffer Debt	8.37000 mills	Local School (voted)
Reeths-Puffer Operating (non Pre only)	18.00000 mills	Local School (voted)
<i>**owner occupied properties do not pay this 18 mills of school taxes</i>		
Muskegon Community College	2.20370 mills	County/College (voted)
Museum	0.32210 mills	County (voted)
Veterans	0.07520 mills	County (voted)
Quality of Life	0.34000 mills	County (voted)
MAISD	3.75800 mills	ISD/school (part voted)
911 Emergency	0.30000 mills	County (voted)
Public Safety	1.95700 mills	Township (voted)



POINTS OF INTEREST:

Township Parks—

- Horton Park w/ beach on Bear Lake, small playground and bath rooms.
- Green Creek Park w/ small playground and a ball field.
- Mullally Park & Lange Sports Complex w/ ball fields, playgrounds, walking path, picnic shelters and bathrooms — call the Township for more information.

Pioneer County Park—

- Open sunrise to sunset October to April and 8am to 10pm May to September.
- Visit their website: <http://co.muskegon.mi.us/parks/pioneer.html>

Muskegon State Park & Winter Sports Complex—

- Camping, hiking trails, boat launch, beach, picnic areas, cross country ski trails, luge run, ice skating rink, and lodge.
- Visit their websites: <http://www.msports.org> for the Winter Sports Complex or <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParkSandTrailsInfo.aspx?id=475> for the rest of the park.

You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose. ~Abraham Lincoln (16th President of the United States of America)

WELCOME—NEW CLERK CHRISTINA ACHTERHOFF

With the retirement of Clerk Edward J. Weessies, the remaining four (4) Board members were required by law to appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of Mr. Weessies' term, which expires in November 2008. A notice was published in the newspaper with information on how to apply for the position. The Board received 16 resumes from residents interested in filling the position.

The Board scheduled and held interviews with

the applicants, then selected several of the applicants for second interviews. After the interview process, the Board selected applicant Christina Achterhoff. Mrs. Achterhoff accepted the position and was sworn in as Clerk, effective January 1, 2008.

Please join the Board of Laketon Township, as well as the staff, in welcoming Mrs. Achterhoff and wishing her well in her role as your Laketon Township Clerk.

WHO DO I CALL FOR INFORMATION....

Road complaints/questions: Muskegon County Road Commission 788-2381

Well or Septic questions: Muskegon County Health Department 724-6246

City Sewer or Water questions: Laketon Twp 744-2454

Delinquent property taxes: Muskegon County Treasurer 724-6261

Animal Abuse concerns/reports: Muskegon County Vector Control 724-6007

Mental Health services: Community Mental Health 724-1111

Veterans services: Muskegon County Dept. of Veterans Affairs 722-3499

Local Airport information: Muskegon County Airport 798-4596

Health/Dental services: Muskegon County Health Department 724-6246

Library information: Muskegon Area District Library 737-6248

Police Dept: Muskegon County Sheriff 724-6351

Fire Dept: Muskegon Township Fire Dept: 744-4365

Senior Citizen services: Senior Resources of West Michigan 739-5858

Senior Food/Nutrition services: Nutritional Services/Meals on Wheels 755-0434

Family assistance: Dept. of Human Services 733-3700 or Muskegon-Oceana Community Action Partnership 725-9499

Children's services: Child Haven 728-0235

Domestic violence shelter/services: Every Woman's Place 722-3331

Legal questions/services: Legal Aid of Western Michigan 726-4887

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an 'Honest Man'."

~ George Washington (1st President of the United States of America)

Upcoming Election Dates:

- May 6, 2008
- August 5, 2008—Primary Election
- November 4, 2008—General Election

You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election date in order to be able to vote in that election.

You can register to vote at any Secretary of State's office or at your local Clerks office (Laketon Township Hall, Monday—Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm) If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Township Hall and speak with Clerk Christian Achterhoff or Deputy Clerk Molly Zaagan. Phone: 744-2454

NOTICE—

AFTER HOURS PAYMENTS

If you wish to make a payment for water usage, sewer usage, taxes or any other billing after normal business hours:

Place the payment and billing information in an envelope & drop it in the mail slot located on the door on the west side of the building. (facing Green Creek Road.)

Please place only payments made by checks or money orders in this mail slot.

Do not place cash in this mail slot—we will not be responsible for the loss of any cash left in this box.

NOTICE

Laketon Township offices will be closed on:

Good Friday: 3-21-08

Memorial Day: 5-26-08

Fourth of July: 7-4-08

Labor Day: 9-1-08

Columbus Day: 10-13-08

Veteran's Day: 11-11-08

Thanksgiving: 11-27-08 & 11-28-08

Christmas Eve: 12-24-08

Christmas Day: 12-25-08

New Year's Eve: 12-31-08

New Year's Day: 1-1-09