

Summer 2017

# LAKETON TOWNSHIP

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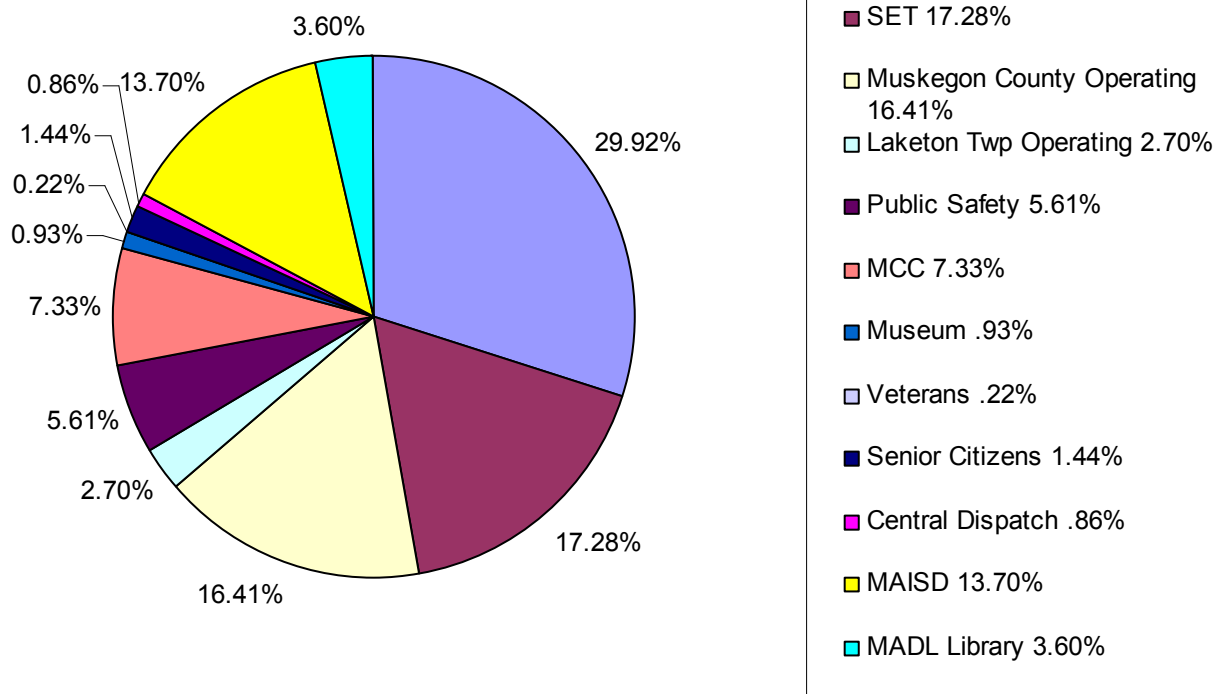
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## WHERE DO MY PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO?

Have you ever wondered where your property tax dollars are spent and by whom? Below is the list of items collected in 2016 and to what entity they are distributed to. It also shows which items are allocated by state law and which items were approved by a vote of the people. For a PRE property in 2016, Voted millage items accounted for 62.28% of the total millage charged. PRE Properties paid a total of 34.7220 mills and Non-PRE Properties paid a total of 52.7220 mills. A mill equals \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of Taxable Value.

| Description  | Millage Rate   | Type of Millage                      | Expiration Date        |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| State Education Tax  | 6.00000 mills  | State of Michigan (allocated)        | None                   |
| County Operating   | 5.69840 mills  | Muskegon County (allocated)          | None                   |
| Township Operating   | 0.93670 mills  | Laketon Township (allocated)         | None                   |
| Public Safety  | 1.94890 mills  | Laketon Township ( <b>voted</b> )    | 12/31/2018             |
| Reeths-Puffer Debt   | 10.3900 mills  | Local School ( <b>voted</b> )        | When Bond/Debt is Paid |
| Reeths-Puffer Operating (non Pre only)                                     | 18.00000 mills | Local School ( <b>voted</b> ) **     | 2026                   |
| **owner occupied (PRE) properties do not pay this 18 mills of school taxes |                |                                      |                        |
| Museum   | 0.32210 mills  | Muskegon County ( <b>voted</b> )     | 12/31/2020             |
| Veterans   | 0.07520 mills  | Muskegon County ( <b>voted</b> )     | 12/30/2018             |
| Senior Citizens Services   | 0.50000 mills  | Muskegon County ( <b>voted</b> )     | 12/31/2024             |
| Central Dispatch   | 0.30000 mills  | Muskegon County ( <b>voted</b> )     | 12/31/2022             |
| Muskegon Community College   | 2.20370 mills  | Muskegon College ( <b>voted</b> )    | None                   |
| Muskegon Community College   | .34000 mills   | Muskegon College ( <b>voted</b> )    | When Bond/Debt Is Paid |
| Muskegon Area District Library   | 1.24900 mills  | District Library ( <b>voted</b> )    | 12/31/2025             |
| MAISD  | 0.45970 mills  | Intermediate School (allocated)      | None                   |
| MAISD  | 1.00000 mills  | Intermediate School ( <b>voted</b> ) | 2023                   |
| MAISD  | 3.29830 mills  | Intermediate School ( <b>voted</b> ) | None                   |



The chart above is the millage breakdown by percentage for a PRE (homesteaded) Property



# YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITE INFORMATION

## 2017 YARD WASTE SITE OPERATING HOURS

April 4, 2017 — November 26, 2017

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Starting on October 8, 2017 the site will ALSO be open on  
Sundays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

*All hours of operation are "weather permitting". Severe weather can shut down the site.*

The site accepts the following materials: grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and small brush (up to 3 inches in diameter). NO root balls. Yard waste can be brought loose or bagged. Paper bags can be dumped in the pile –plastic bags MUST be emptied—no plastic can be left at the site.

This site is for the use of RESIDENTS ONLY to dispose of yard waste from their own yard. NO CONTRACTORS are permitted to use the site. Residents are required to purchase a card to use the site each calendar year. The cost for 2017 is

## FREE CLEAN UP DAY EVENT—RESULTS

On Saturday May 13, 2017, Laketon Township held the 5th Annual FREE Clean Up Day Event. It was another successful and well attended event. This year 225 cars, trucks &/or trailers disposed of unwanted household junk/refuse/garbage/debris.

The final tally on the amount of household junk that was removed from Laketon Township and hauled away in 16 large dumpsters was 37.84 tons or 75,680 pounds! In addition to the junk, Laketon Township accepted scrap metals for recycling. A total of 7,140 lbs of scrap metals were taken to the recycling facility.

A huge THANK YOU to those that made this event possible: The Muskegon County Board of Commis-

sioners for offering the free tipping day to communities to hold these events, the Laketon Township Board of Trustees for opting in and accepting the free tipping day offer, Laketon Township Elected Officials, staff members and community members that volunteered to work the event and help unload the vehicles and get the junk into the dumpsters.

THANKS also to those that cleaned up yards & homes in Laketon Township and brought in junk to be properly disposed of or recycled!

The cost of the truck drivers is paid for by General Fund tax dollars and is offset by the scrap metal collection proceeds.

## TIDBITS

- **Picnic Pavilion Rentals**— rates and times have changed for 2017—visit the website for more information <http://www.laketon.org/departments/parks-rec> or call the Township Hall for assistance.
- **Brush Burning:** the days burning of clean brush is allowed is determined by the DNR—visit [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org) on the day you want to burn to see if burning is allowed that day or not (the website is updated by 10:00 am each day)
- **Building Permits**—don't forget to get any required permits when doing home improvement projects (building, electrical, plumbing &/or mechanical)
- **Laketon Twp Cemetery**—call for info on lots for sale, prices or other burial information.
- **Tire Recycling Events:** visit [www.laketon.org](http://www.laketon.org) and go to the News & Information Page for dates, times & locations of scrap tire recycling events

## LAKETON TWP CEMETERY—THE FOCUS OF AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

A big Thank You goes out to Laketon Township resident CJ Galarneau for his work at the Laketon Township Cemetery as part of his Eagle Scout project. CJ's project included the cleaning of Veteran's headstones and locating, unearthing and painting grave plot indicators. Cemetery staff will now have an easier time finding each grave for burial services.

Photos at right show the work in progress and a photo of the brand new Eagle Scout CJ Galarneau.

Congratulations to CJ for earning his Eagle Scout by providing such a valuable service to the Laketon Township Cemetery.



## ASSESSOR'S CORNER

Now that good weather is here, it is time again for the assessor, Wanda Budnik, to be out in the community.

She will be out measuring new construction, and measuring existing homes to verify property records are accurate and up to date. Her vehicle will be marked with Laketon Township Logo signs and she will be wearing identification.

If you ever have any questions about assessing or your property records, she works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Be sure to call before stopping into the office as she may be out in the community doing the above noted measuring. Laketon Township: 231-744-2454



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more & become more, you are a leader."  
~John Quincy Adams; 6th President of the United States of America