

Winter Property Tax Information ♦ December 1, 2006

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Property tax payments must be received in the Township Treasurer's Office by 5:00 pm, February 14, 2007, to avoid penalty and interest.

Dear Fellow Taxpayer,

Our Township continues to thrive, despite reductions in state revenue sharing and other funding sources. Fiscal prudence by our Board and careful investment by the Treasurer's Office have allowed our reserves to grow. I have added collateralized investments to our portfolio, providing an extra measure of safety with excellent yield. Currently, we are setting aside reserve funds for a new Community Center and a Public Safety headquarters, which are both in the planning stages.

Recent community improvements include: completion of Marsh View Meadows Park in the Pittsfield Preserve, next to the Township's new five million gallon water tank and booster station; installation of a new red, white, and blue play structure at the Administration Building; maintenance of our 750,000 gallon water tower; and installation of outdoor warning sirens.

Thank you for providing important financial resources for our community. By working together, we can maintain rock solid finances with low township taxes, while providing parks, public safety, and other services that make Pittsfield a wonderful place to live.

Feel free to call, email, or stop in. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

*Christina L. Lirones, Treasurer
Pittsfield Charter Township*

Our mailing address is: Treasurer's Office, Pittsfield Charter Township, 6201 W. Michigan Ave., Ann Arbor MI 48108. Office hours are: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Postmarks are not accepted as the date of payment; the date of payment is the date the payment is received by the Treasurer's Office.

The Treasurer's drop box is available for tax and utility bill payments (by check or money order only) at any time. The drop box is to the right of the entrance to the Township Administration Building (at the corner of Platt and Michigan, 6201 W. Michigan). Payments placed in the drop box are received the next business day.

Pittsfield's Winter 2006 Property Tax
Pittsfield Charter Township's property tax appears only on the winter tax bill (the summer bill reflects taxes of other entities, such as school districts, which the local Treasurer collects and distributes).

Pittsfield's total millage rate of 5.1950 is the same as last year's rate. This total millage is made up of 3.7154 mills for General Fund, and two voter-approved millages: .9941 mill for Public Safety, and .4855 mill for Parks and Recreation.

The General Fund budget for the township is \$11,432,457.00 (in 2007). It includes revenue from 3.7154 property tax mills and other sources. 52.76% of 2007's General Fund budget is for Public Safety; 6.71% for Parks and Recreation; and 40.53% for all other township departments.

Public Safety also receives 100% of its special voted Public Safety .9941 mill tax, in addition to 52.76% of the General Fund. The Public Safety special voted millage will generate \$1,722,369.00 (2007).

Parks and Recreation receives 100% of its special voted .4855 mill tax, in addition to 6.7% of the General Fund. The Parks and Rec special voted millage will generate \$841,173.00 for 2007 (collected on this Winter 2006 bill).

The township's budgets and audits are available at www.pittsfieldtwp.org by clicking on Departments, then Clerk, then Accounting. Paper copies are available.

Taxes, Assessments, & Payment Info

Your bill may reflect taxes levied for school and library districts, special assessments for County drains, special assessments for improvements, or street lighting special assessments. Each bill is unique, reflecting some or all of these taxes and assessments, depending on where you live. All winter bills include Pittsfield Township taxes and County taxes. Please call if you have questions.

Winter tax bills are sent by the Treasurer December 1. Payment must be received in the Treasurer's Office no later than 5:00 pm on February 14th in order to avoid a 4% penalty and interest charge. Taxes that are not paid to the Township by 5:00 pm February 28 are turned over to the County Treasurer as delinquent, and must be paid at the County Treasurer's office.

Please note: the date of the postmark is not accepted as the date of payment.

Checks returned unpaid after February 14 will result in additional charges: a 4% late charge and a fee for the returned check, added to the amount of the tax bill.

County Tax Collection Update

The State of Michigan is requiring local Treasurers to collect County operating taxes in July instead of December. This does not increase your County tax, but it will be collected earlier in the year. This change will be phased in over three years. The shift this year placed 2/3 of the County operating tax on the summer bill, with 1/3 on the winter 2006 bill.

You will still see several County millages on your winter tax bill, even after the entire operating millage is shifted. The three special County millages on this bill are: Natural Area Preservation, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (metro-parks), County Parks, and the new Enhanced Emergency Communications System .2 mill approved in May, 2006.

Property Tax Information On-Line For current tax and assessing information, visit www.pittsfieldtwp.org. Click on "Links" on the blue toolbar, then "Pittsfield Township Assessment Data – 2006." A data screen will pop up. Don't log in; select "Assessing" or "Current Tax" on the sidebar, then click on "Search" information displayed.

You may locate information through address, owner's name, or parcel number. Taxes due and paid for the past several years are displayed. Property tax information is updated daily, and comes directly from the Township's database. Delinquent taxes that were paid at the County Treasurer's Office still show as unpaid on the Township's database.

Township Phone Numbers

Supervisor James R. Walter: 822-3136
Clerk Feliziana Meyer: 822-3120
Treasurer Christina Lirones: 822-3140
Assessing: 822-3115
Building: 822-3125
Planning and Zoning: 822-3130
Trash, Sewer, & Water Bills: 822-3105
Sewer & Water Emergency: 822-2110
Public Safety (Police & Fire): 944-4911
Public Safety Emergency: 911
Parks and Recreation: 822-2120
Seniors Program: 822-2117

Other Useful Phone Numbers

DTE streetlight repair: (800) 477-4747
County Drain Commissioner: 994-2525
County Road Commission: 761-1500