



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLARE CITY TREASURER

For obvious reasons, having well managed businesses located in the City of Clare is very important for employment opportunities for our residents. This is particularly true in today's economic times as our state and nation struggle with high unemployment levels. What isn't immediately apparent is the significant contribution the business community makes to the general operation of city and county government and to the public school system in particular.

Included below you will find a breakdown of the 2008 property taxes paid by the property class for both the summer and winter tax rolls for the City of Clare. There is a tremendous amount of information contained within this table but the purpose of this month's article is to draw attention to the amount of taxes paid by our business community. For instance, Commercial and Industrial businesses in the City of Clare paid a total of \$729,434.06 or **79.5%** of the School Operating Taxes in 2008. If we did not have all of the strong and well-managed businesses that we have in the City of Clare our public school system would not have these tax revenues and consequently would experience more challenges in providing the same level of education for our children.

City of Clare 2008 Property Taxes By Property Class									
	Commercial	Percent of Tax	Industrial	Percent of Tax	Residential	Percent of Tax	All Others	Percent of Tax	Total
State Education Tax	\$ 231,842.25	45.4%	\$ 37,603.11	7.4%	\$ 223,434.94	43.7%	\$ 18,087.29	3.5%	\$ 510,968.55
City Operating	676,208.29	43.8%	148,742.05	9.6%	651,691.89	42.2%	67,460.26	4.4%	1,544,103.45
City Sidewalks	9,560.91	43.8%	2,103.33	9.6%	9,211.42	42.2%	954.00	4.4%	21,830.62
City Streets	28,695.55	43.8%	6,312.34	9.6%	27,652.43	42.2%	2,862.93	4.4%	65,524.21
City Parks	28,695.55	43.8%	6,312.34	9.6%	27,652.43	42.2%	2,862.93	4.4%	65,524.21
County Allocated	187,248.00	43.2%	48,082.72	11.1%	176,399.70	40.7%	22,081.86	5.1%	433,813.23
Pere Marquette District Library	38,370.95	43.8%	8,440.60	9.6%	36,977.52	42.2%	3,828.18	4.4%	87,618.21
Special Assessments	28,185.20	26.2%	-	0.0%	70,154.29	65.3%	9,094.67	8.5%	107,435.08
Administrative Fee	6,251.59	42.6%	1,287.67	8.8%	6,486.45	44.2%	634.54	4.3%	14,661.21
Total	\$ 1,235,058.29	43.3%	\$ 258,884.16	9.1%	\$ 1,229,661.07	43.1%	\$ 127,866.66	4.5%	\$ 2,851,478.75
County Transit	\$ 13,529.48	40.6%	\$ 5,704.56	17.1%	\$ 11,430.89	34.3%	\$ 2,695.98	8.1%	\$ 33,361.83
County Medical Care - Isabella Cty	2,737.42	29.0%	4,122.10	43.7%	566.83	6.0%	2,009.63	21.3%	9,436.77
County Seniors	18,794.82	43.2%	4,828.60	11.1%	17,702.32	40.7%	2,217.72	5.1%	43,544.41
911 Extra Voted - Clare County	12,261.31	45.8%	1,349.91	5.0%	12,606.84	47.1%	558.73	2.1%	26,777.77
RESD Operating	15,743.45	43.8%	3,463.08	9.6%	15,169.80	42.2%	1,570.78	4.4%	35,948.07
RESD Special Education	63,020.01	43.8%	13,862.48	9.6%	60,732.62	42.2%	6,287.22	4.4%	143,903.29
Mid Michigan Community College	47,262.26	43.8%	10,396.34	9.6%	45,546.33	42.2%	4,715.17	4.4%	107,921.06
School Operating	629,810.93	68.6%	99,623.13	10.9%	124,003.24	13.5%	64,525.34	7.0%	917,963.57
School General Obligation Debt	112,056.44	43.8%	24,887.18	9.7%	107,991.04	42.2%	11,179.09	4.4%	256,114.71
School QZAB Debt	21,250.39	43.4%	5,151.82	10.5%	20,477.08	41.8%	2,120.13	4.3%	49,000.38
Special Assessments	11,057.29	67.6%	-	0.0%	1,827.62	11.2%	3,463.35	21.2%	16,349.05
Administrative Fee	4,734.91	57.8%	866.63	10.6%	2,084.97	25.4%	506.64	6.2%	8,194.09
Total	\$ 952,258.71	57.8%	\$ 174,255.83	10.6%	\$ 420,139.58	25.5%	\$ 101,849.78	6.2%	\$ 1,648,514.97

This month's Treasurer's article is rather short but contains very important information. If you have any questions concerning the above information or any other City of Clare finance or property tax matter we encourage you to call (386-7541, extension 107), stop by City Hall or if it is more convenient send me an e-mail message at skingsbury@cityofclare.org.