



**2023  
BUDGET  
PRESENTATION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**



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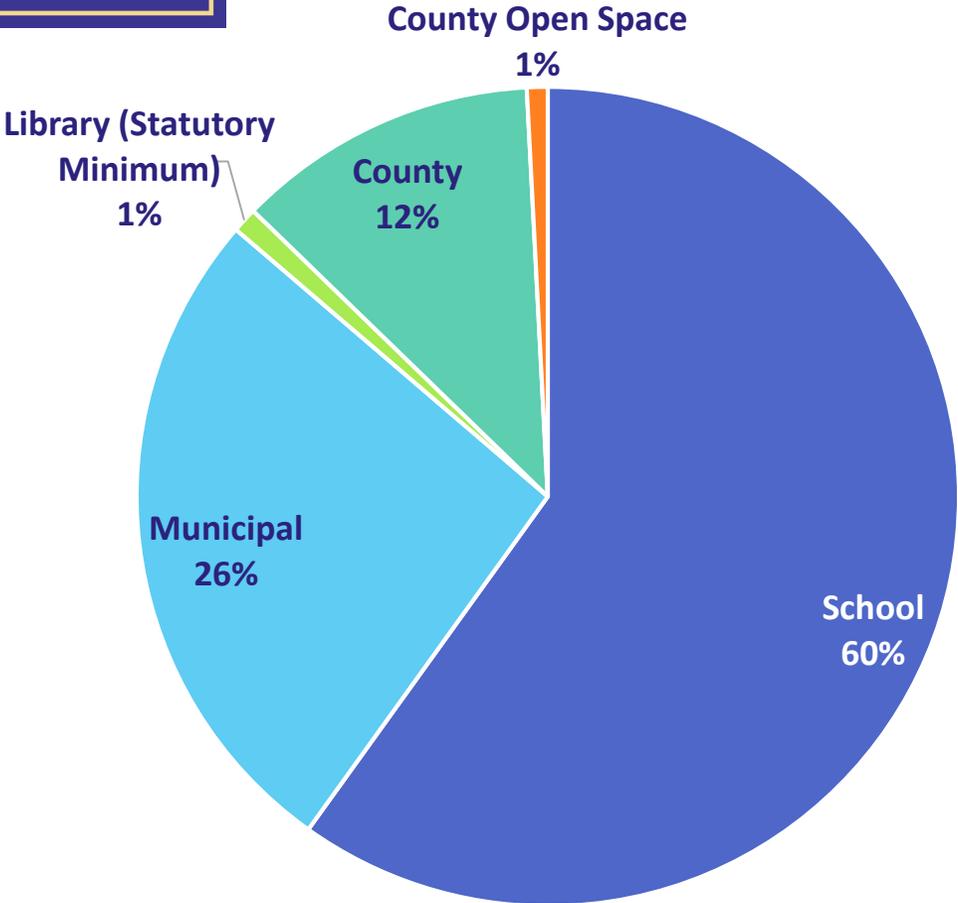
**2023 PROPERTY TAX SNAPSHOT**

	2022	2023 EST.	CHANGE
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES</b>	\$50,630,702.47	\$53,487,473.63	+\$2,856,771.16
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>	\$594,068,842.00	\$2,146,465,200.00	\$1,552,396,358.00
<b>PROPERTY TAX RATE</b> (PER \$100 ASSESSED)	8.523	2.492	-6.031
<b>AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL</b> (AVERAGE ASSESSMENT = \$479,990.00)	\$12,440.24	\$11,960.81	-\$479.43

**AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL TO DECREASE BY \$479.43**



# 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY



**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 26% OF THE OVERALL PROPERTY TAX BILL.**

## 2023 DISTRIBUTION OF TAX DOLLARS

TOTAL EST. 2023 TAX LEVY = \$53,487,473.63

### 60% SCHOOLS

IRVING, BARTLE, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

### 26% MUNICIPAL

POLICE, FIRE, GARBAGE, ROADS, COURT, RECREATION, AGING, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

### 12% MIDDLESEX COUNTY

PARKS, ROADS, SHERIFF, ETC.

### 1% MIDDLESEX COUNTY-OPEN SPACE

OPEN SPACE TAX

### 1% LIBRARY (STATUTORY MINIMUM)

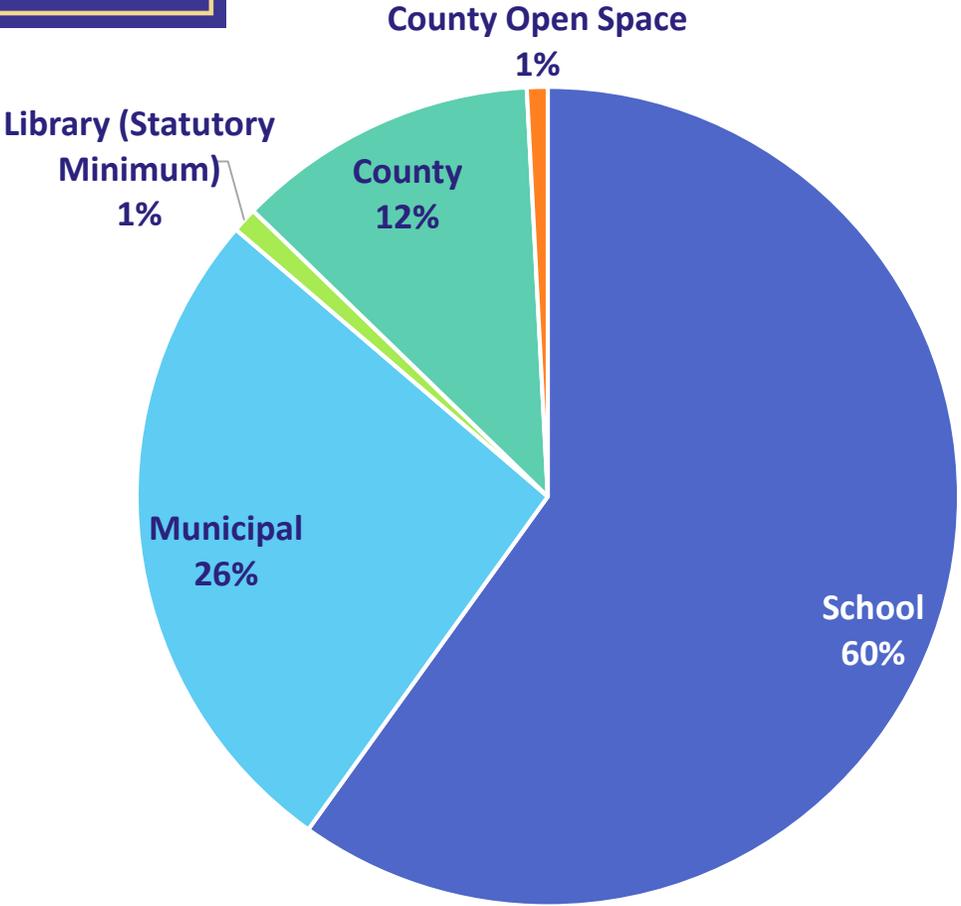
MINIMUM STATUTORY AMOUNT = \$528,201.50

TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDING = \$1,139,872.00 (2x more than statutory)



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## BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY



**AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BILL = \$11,960.81**  
\$996.73 PER MONTH

**60% SCHOOLS = \$7,164.19**  
\$597.02 PER MONTH

**13% COUNTY (INCL. OPEN SPACE) = \$1,520.70**  
\$126.73 PER MONTH

**1% LIBRARY (STATUTORY MIN.) = \$118.12**  
\$9.84 PER MONTH

**26% MUNICIPAL = \$3,157.80**  
\$263.15 PER MONTH



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**SNAPSHOT OF MUNICIPAL PORTION OF PROPERTY TAXES**

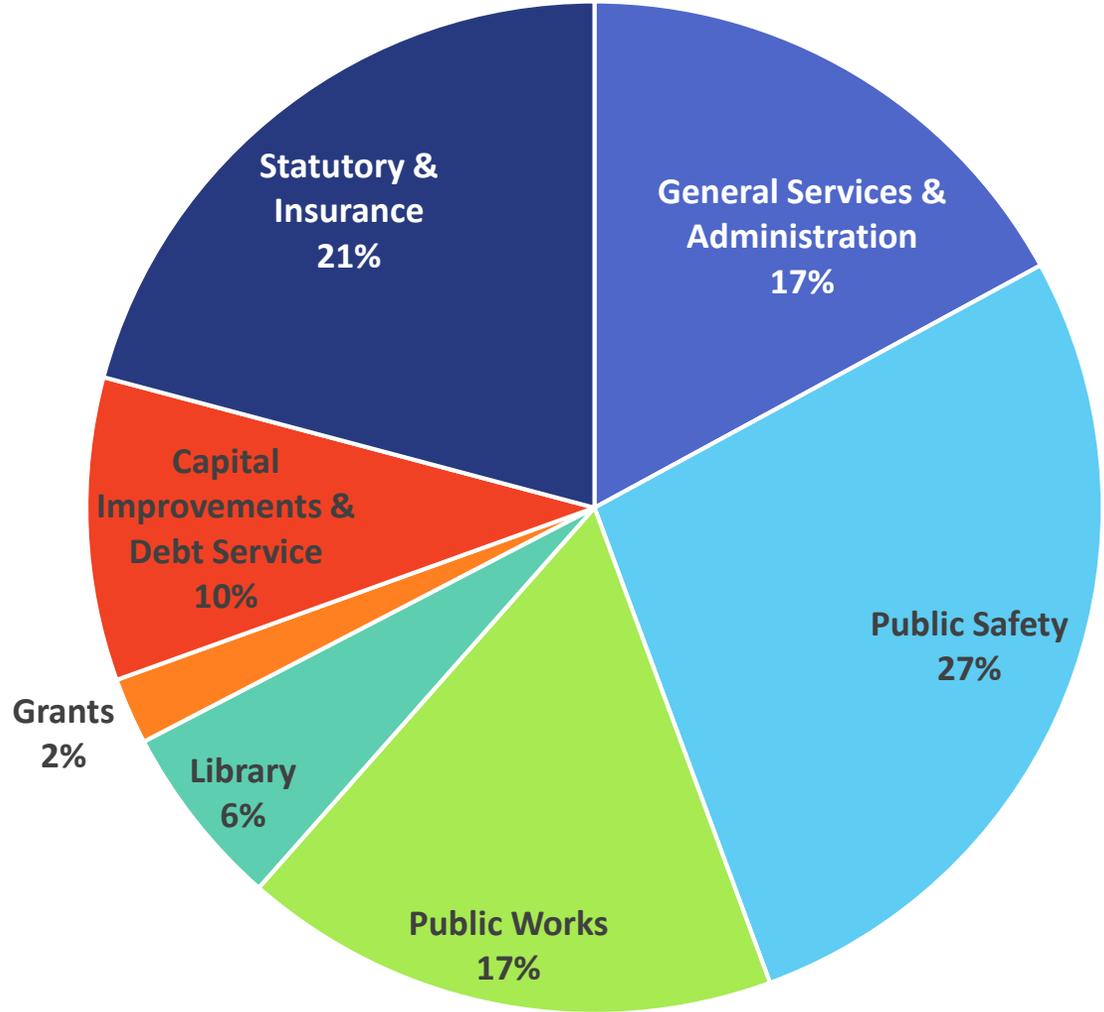
	2022	2023	CHANGE
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	\$19,064,710.12	\$19,417,369.31	\$352,659.19
<b>AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXES</b>	\$14,053,919.06	\$14,649,536.72	\$595,617.66
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>	\$594,068,842.00	\$2,146,465,200.00	\$1,552,396,358.00
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX PER AVERAGE ASSESSMENT (\$479,990.00)</b>	\$3,338.52	\$3,157.80	<b>-\$180.72 PER YEAR</b> (\$15.06 PER MO.)

**Average Municipal Portion of Tax Bill to Decrease By \$180.72 Per Year**



# 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION

## BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY



**MUNICIPAL BUDGET = \$19,417,369.31**

**27% PUBLIC SAFETY**

POLICE, DISPATCH, FIRE, MUNICIPAL COURT, ETC.

**17% GENERAL SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION**

ADMINISTRATION, RECREATION, AGING, LEGAL, PLANNING, ETC.

**17% PUBLIC WORKS**

GARBAGE, RECYCLING, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ROADS, ETC.

**21% STATUTORY & INSURANCE**

PFRS, PERS, FICA, UNEMPLOYMENT, GEN. LIABILITY, HEALTH INS.

**10% CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & DEBT**

ROADS, BUILDING UPGRADES, REDEVELOPMENT, ETC.

**6% LIBRARY**

AMOUNT OVER STATUTORY REQ. = \$611,670.50

**2% GRANTS**

NPP, FORESTRY, FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT, ETC. = \$391,808.31



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**2023 WATER & SEWER UTILITY BUDGET**

**TOTAL BUDGET = \$5,784,500**

**REVENUES**

- WATER / SEWER RENTS (BILLINGS)
- WATER / SEWER CONNECTION FEES

**KEY APPROPRIATIONS (83% OF BUDGET)**

- OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
- WATER PURCHASE (MIDDLESEX WATER)
- SEWER TREATMENT (MCUA)
- DEBT SERVICE

**KEY 2023 PROJECTS**

- BOROUGH-OWNED METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (ongoing)
- WOODBRIDGE AVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT



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## 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

### BUILDING UPGRADES

- Community Center - roof replacement and bathroom renovation (\$350,000)

### PARKS

- Felton Ave Tot Lot upgrades (\$100,000)

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Garbage/recycling truck replacement (\$400,000)
- Replacement vehicles (\$200,000)

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- New 911 System (\$165,000)

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire engine replacement (\$720,000)

### UTILITY

- Sewer system – prioritize category 4/5 repairs identified in the TV inspection project