

# YOUR CITY TAX DOLLARS, HARD AT WORK...

## What You Get for Your Money

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the average homeowner with a home value of \$140,000 is paying approximately \$88 a month for City of Midland services. Compared to other single-service monthly bills (for instance, for cell phone, cable TV, or other similar services), you get a lot for the money from your local municipality:

- 72 parks on a total of 2,700 acres of park land in the city
- Round-the-clock police and fire protection
- Curbside collection of refuse, recycling, heavy items, and yard waste
- The award-winning Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
- Excellent streets, sidewalks, and other infrastructure
- ... and so much more!

## Where Your Tax Dollars Go

- When you receive your winter or summer tax bill from the City of Midland, it's printed on City letterhead.
- When you write a check to cover your taxes, it's written out to the City of Midland.
- When it's mailed back or dropped off, it's to the City of Midland.

With such a concentration on the "City of Midland," it's a common misconception that your tax dollars go ONLY to the City. In actuality, the City of Midland on average receives only about one third of that money. The rest benefits multiple governmental entities in the area, including the schools, and Midland and Bay counties. The reason the City receives and processes tax payments is because State law mandates it.

The chart below shows how your tax dollars were allocated for the year 2010. For more on tax allocation, contact the City Treasurer's Office at 989-837-3315.

