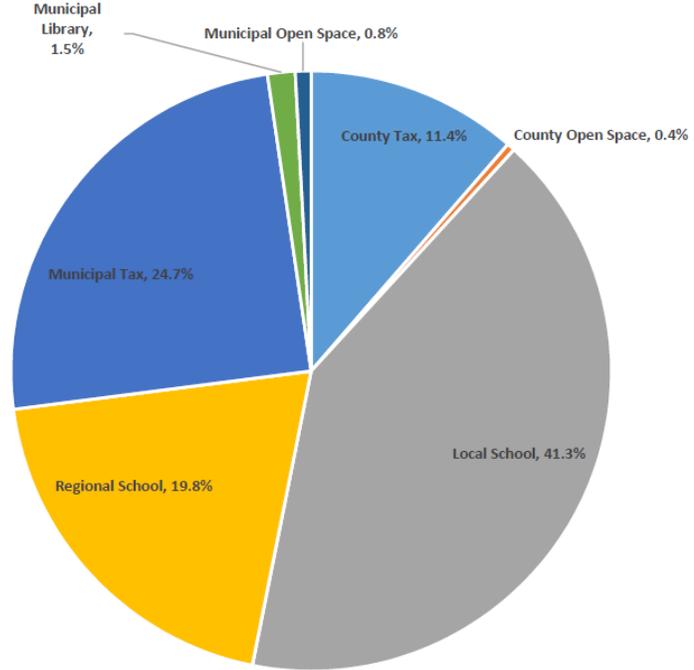


There has been a great deal of misinformation being circulated regarding the 2018 tax assessment letter that was recently received by all property owners in the Township. The letter provides information about the Annual Reassessment Program, which began in 2016. For clarification, please see the points below:

- In 2015 an initial reassessment took place; every structure/house/property in the Township was inspected.
- In 2016 when the Annual Reassessment Program began, an inspection rotation was instituted.
- The inspection rotation means that one-quarter of the structures in the Township will be physically inspected each year in an order determined by Block and Lot.
- Every year, all houses/structures/properties in the township are re-valued to reflect the accurate market value.
- This means that even though your individual house is physically inspected once every four years, your house will be re-valued every year.
- The letter you recently received informs residents of their new assessment which will be used to apply the 2018 tax rate in July of 2018.
- The letter residents received does not indicate how much each resident will pay in taxes next year or what next year's tax rate will be.
- The exact tax rate cannot be determined until the 2018 County, School and Municipal budgets are approved. Please see the pie chart below which shows where Long Hill Township residents' property tax money is applied.
- If any resident believes that their assessment is inaccurate, as noted in the letter, the resident can make an appointment with Appraisal Systems Inc, the company assisting the Tax Assessor's office during the annual reassessment program, by calling (201) 493-8530 or by email at longhill@asinj.com to discuss the new assessed value.
- It is important to note – the reassessment is revenue-neutral, which means that the Township does not realize additional funds due to an increase in a resident's reassessment. It is also important to note that an increased assessment does not necessarily mean that your taxes will increase.
- Regarding the public notice published in the newspaper - this legal notice is required to be posted by every town, every year. It is for the sole purpose of making the official books available for residents to view to see if their property information (i.e. name, address, etc.) is accurate and is completely unrelated to the reassessment. This opportunity will take place this year on December 28. Please note that the Assessor will not be at town hall that day and this is not the opportunity to discuss residents' assessments. Please follow the instructions above to schedule an appointment to discuss assessments.
- Additional information such as the predicted tax rate, estimated tax impact calculator, 2017 sales information, all assessments, and neighborhood map can be found at www.asinj.com by clicking on "Current revaluation information" on the homepage and following the Long Hill link. If you wish to request a copy of your property record card for your review, please email longhillprc@asinj.com. Please allow 24 to 48 hours to receive your property record card.
- Residents are also welcome to attend a Township Committee meeting to discuss the reassessment process, but please note that individual assessments/values cannot be discussed.

2017 Property Tax Break Down by %



■ County Tax ■ County Open Space ■ Local School ■ Regional School ■ Municipal Tax ■ Municipal Library ■ Municipal Open Space