

## What Do Your City Property Taxes Buy You?

	Monthly	Annually
<b>General Government</b> (Administration, Finance, Human Resources, City Attorney)	<b>\$6.02</b>	<b>\$72.24</b>
<b>Public Safety</b> (Fire, Police, Building Inspection)	<b>\$19.52</b>	<b>\$234.24</b>
<b>Public Works</b> (Streets, Engineering)	<b>\$9.05</b>	<b>\$108.60</b>
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b> (Parks, Recreation, Library)	<b>\$10.64</b>	<b>\$127.68</b>
<b>Economic/Community Development</b>	<b>\$.40</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>
<b>Transfers to Other City Controlled Funds</b> (IT, Senior Center, Capital Outlay)	<b>\$3.14</b>	<b>\$37.68</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$4.56</b>	<b>\$54.72</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$53.33</b>	<b>\$639.96</b>

Based on \$100,000 Net Taxable Value and Tax Rate of 63.99

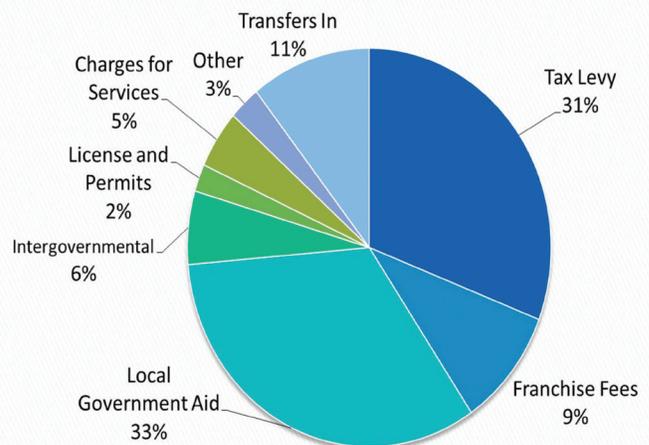
The City Council recently adopted the 2017 Preliminary Budget and Property tax levy. The initial levy reflects a 3.31% increase over the 2016 rate. However, because of growth in the City's tax base, the average taxpayer will actually see a slight decrease in their property tax bills. City leaders believe that the growth of the tax base indicates that people are living, working, shopping, and investing in Albert Lea.

The City continues to increase collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, ALEDA and the business community to attract and retain employers and workforce. The Council and staff remain committed to the goal they set earlier this year to keep growing the tax base.

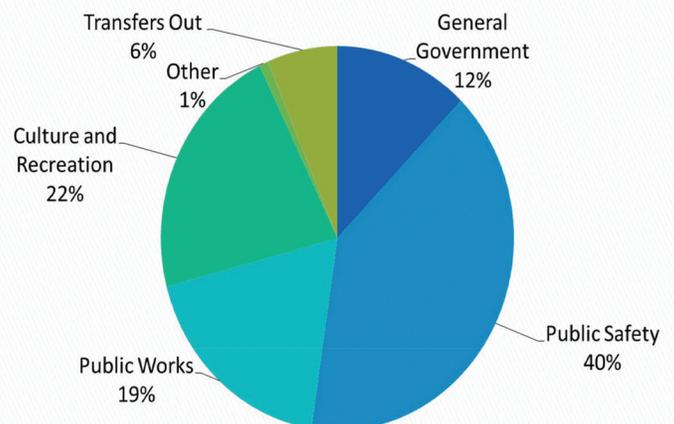
Moreover, City leaders have consistently implemented ways to keep costs low. These include sharing services with other agencies to avoid duplication in expenses, providing energy efficient improvements to facilities to lower operating costs, and investing in technology and equipment resulting in more efficient services as well as reducing labor time and costs. The pie charts on this page indicate where the City receives and spends its \$15.8 million budget.

Have an idea about how to decrease spending or increase revenue? Attend one of the three budget information sessions: Oct 3 – Edgewater Bay Pavilion; Oct 11 – Senior Center; Oct 25 – Thorne Crest (Theater Room). All sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m.

### 2017 General Fund Budget - Revenues



### 2017 General Fund Budget - Expenses



# Park and Rec Fun!

## Lil' Monsters

Grades Preschool-1st

Have fun decorating your very own pumpkin, crafts and even monster cookies! You can also watch a spooky movie (nothing scary) with your friends and listen to stories. Spooktacular snacks will be provided. Make sure your child dresses to make a mess!

**Fri. October 21st (Fall Break-No School),  
10:00 am-11:30 am, City Arena-Conf. Room #1  
Register by October 17th - \$8.00**

## Movies, Pumpkins, and Snacks-Oh My!

Grades 2nd-5th

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with creepy crafts, pumpkin decorating, ghoulish games and a spooky movie, but not too spooky! And to top it off we will enjoy scary snacks!

**Fri. October 21st (Fall Break-No School),  
1:00 pm-4:00 pm, City Arena-Conf. Room #1  
Register by October 17th - \$8.00**

*For more information contact  
Parks & Recreation at 507.377.4370*

## Albert Lea Fire Department

# Open House

Saturday, October 8, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

featuring Kitchen Fire  
Safety Trailer



## Hometown Pride

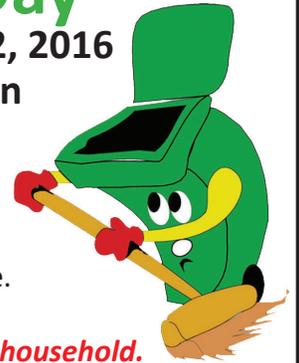
# Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 22, 2016

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Reduced Rates; Free brush/yard waste; free household garbage; free demolition debris. \$10 per appliance and sofa beds; \$5 per furniture piece, \$3 per tire. Regular rates for rims & e-waste.

*City residents only, one load per household.*



# Albert Lea Public Library

(507) 377-4350

211 E. Clark St.

www.alplonline.org.



Hours: Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Thu.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri.: 1-6 p.m. Closed Sat.

## Choose Civility

The Power of Words

### FREEBORN COUNTY, MN



### Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil

Thur., Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at New Denmark Park  
(Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center)

### Annual Blessing of the Animals

Sat., Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Frank Hall Park

### Bukata Hayes, Pres. of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council

Thur., Oct. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at Freeborn County Historical Museum

### Be Kind to Animals with R.A.D. Zoo

Sun., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at Albert Lea Public Library

### A Downton Abbey Tea Party

Sat., Oct. 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Freeborn County Historical Museum

Call Senior Resources at 377-7433 to make a reservation.

(Choose Civility & Senior Resources)

Visit CCFC at [www.choosecivilityfc.org](http://www.choosecivilityfc.org) to learn more.

Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library present

## UFOs of the Midwest

with Author Terry Fisk

Sunday,

Oct. 23

at 2 p.m.

Council Chambers

## Fall Book Sale

Thur., Oct. 20: 4 to 7 p.m.

Members only. Join at the door for \$5.

Fri., Oct. 21: Noon to 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 22: 9 a.m. to Noon

Bag sale!

Sale at City Center Garage

