What do your local PROPERTY TAXES pay for?

### The Borough of Lansdowne

**ELECTED GOVERNING BODY**
- Mayor and Seven Borough Council Members
  - Lansdowne residents only.
  - Elected to four-year terms; no term limits.
  - Unpaid position

**TAXES LEVIED:**
- Borough Property Taxes
- Trash and Sewer Fee
- Emergency Tax

**BOROUGH PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR:**
- Borough Staff (wages and benefits)
- Police (wages and benefits)
- Sewer repair and maintenance
- Borough streets
- Trash Collection
- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Borough Buildings
- Lansdowne Public Library

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### William Penn School District

**ELECTED GOVERNING BODY**
- WPSD Board of Directors
  - Nine-member board elected to four-year terms; no term limits.
  - Unpaid position
  - Nine seats allotted to residents of each district municipality as follows:
    - Darby (2 seats)
    - Lansdowne (2 seats)
    - Yeadon (2 seats)
    - Aldan (1 seat)
    - Colwyn (1 seat)
    - East Lansdowne (1 seat)

**TAXES LEVIED:**
- School Property Taxes
  - Taxes are levied *at the same rate* in all six district municipalities.

**SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR*:**
- Education Services for 5,200+ students
- Special Education Services for 1,000+ students
- Transportation Services to 119 schools for 6,000 students
- Nursing service for 5,600 students
- Staff and Administration (wages and benefits)
- Cyber Academy
- Alternative Education
- Charter School Tuitions
- Curriculum for English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Physical Education and Library etc.
- Library Services
- Athletics, Music, Arts, After School Activities
- State Education Mandates
- Federal Education Mandates

* School District services are delivered in various forms to all Public, Private, Parochial and Charter schools that enroll our students that reside within our six municipalities.

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### Delaware County

**ELECTED GOVERNING BODY**
- Delaware County Council
  - Five-member-board elected to four-year terms; three term limit.
  - Must be resident of Delaware County.
  - Paid position

**TAXES LEVIED:**
- County Property Taxes
  - Taxes are levied *at the same rate* in all county municipalities.

**COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR:**
- Social Welfare: Fair Acres and Social Service Programs
- Administration of Justice: Courts (Adults, Juveniles), Parole
- Criminal Justice: County Police, Medical Examiner, Prisons, District Attorney, Public Defender
- Transportation: SEPTA
- Parks and Recreation
- Registration and Elections: Bureau of Elections, Voter Services
- Tax Administration: Assessments and Claims
- Financial Management: Budget Office
- General Government Staff (wages and benefits)

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