## **Property Taxes**

<u>Property taxes</u> help pay for local services such as police and fire protection, street maintenance (snowplowing and patching), parks and playgrounds, public health services, county welfare and social service programs and more.

Policy makers – County Board, City Council and other Taxing Districts – set the budgets for their governmental expenses. Public hearings about the proposed budgets are held in late November to early December, and final budgets are set by late December. Every owner receives a notice of these meetings in October of each year.

The property tax payments are divided among all of these agencies. Hennepin County mails property tax statements in late March. Taxes can be paid in two equal installments. The first half-payment is due no later the May15, and the second half payment no later than October 15. For most homeowners the property taxes are paid as part of the monthly mortgage payment. If there are questions about the tax statements or a new copy of the statement is needed, call the Hennepin County Property Tax Statement Office at (612) 348-3011.

Related informational link about property taxes

Understanding your property taxes (PDF)