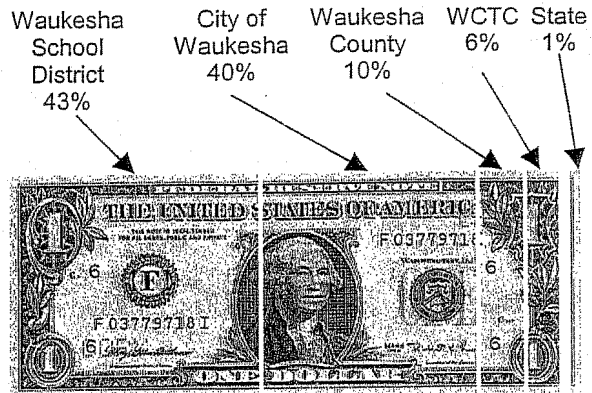


2003 TAX LEVY & RATE INFORMATION

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2003 Amount Levied</u>	<u>Projected Rate per \$1,000 of Valuation</u>
School District	\$40,036,723	\$10.44
City of Waukesha	37,108,216	9.67
Waukesha County	9,580,242	2.50
W.C.T.C.	5,777,540	1.51
State of Wisconsin	890,613	0.23
TOTAL	\$93,393,334	\$24.35
Less State Credit		(1.43)
NET RATE		\$22.92



BUDGET 2004 MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This is the sixth budget letter I've written to accompany tax bills to City of Waukesha property owners. Many positive changes in our community have occurred during these six (6) years. The revitalization of central city with retail, art, and antique shopping brings new shoppers to Waukesha. Police presence along with youth programs are reaching and providing services to all ages in our 67,000 plus population community with continued residential development/industrial park growth.

What new/increased programs will be funded or provide revenue for Waukesha City in 2004? I'm pleased to present updates as follows:

- ✓ Construction of our Transit Center/Parking Ramp on St. Paul Avenue. Lease agreements with the State of Wisconsin and downtown business owners will give a revenue to assist with borrow payments.
- ✓ Construction of an addition to our municipal garage on Sentry Drive. The growth of Waukesha City with 242 miles of city streets requires protection of our public works equipment and space for our employees. The current garage is 30 plus years old and ten years ago we planned the addition, which is now actually going up.
- ✓ Revenue from Waukesha County will give the Waukesha City Fire Department hazardous materials trained personnel skills to county communities, as calls for assistance will have our professional response. Many county communities also contract with our city for confined space training/response.
- ✓ The Waukesha Public Library has partnerships with Brookfield, Big Bend, Butler, Muskego, and Mukwonago to share a common automation and catalog electronic system. Library customers have electronic access to all participating library collections at an operating cost savings.
- ✓ The State of Wisconsin, Waukesha County, University system, School District of Waukesha, and Waukesha City have partnered in fiber optic installations. It's projected Waukesha City alone has saved approximately \$300,000 in information technology costs. Waukesha City continues to support partnerships with all levels of government as we all want the best "bang for the tax dollar."
- ✓ January 2, 2004 will see Onyx Waste Services-Hartland become our residential garbage, recycling, and large collection vendor. "Scooters" or pick-up trucks will be used by Onyx for alley collections. Major appliance pick-up, rimless auto tires, and cast iron plumbing fixture discards need to be called into Onyx at (262) 369-3042 to schedule pick-up. All other questions on our program should be called into our Public Works Department at (262) 524-3600 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Happy Holiday Season and remember to shop downtown Waukesha!

Carol J. Lombardi, Mayor
 City of Waukesha, Wisconsin
 November 21, 2003