

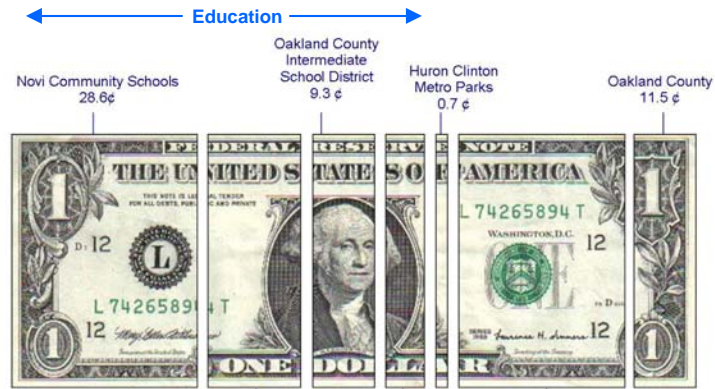


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Prudent Practices

- Effective January 1, the Library Board approved elimination of time and ½ pay on Sundays which will **save the library approximately \$30,000 annually.**
- **In-house maintenance is now performed** on items such as window replacement, power washing buildings, and hot water heaters, resulting in limited labor cost to outside companies.
- In an effort to reduce annual fuel cost and control emission of vehicle exhaust, the **Novi Police Department has initiated a no-idle policy which has reduced idle time by more than 47%.**
- The City has been making multiple year projections for purposes of decision making since 2002. Projections range from a scope of services to all funds influenced by property tax revenue (debt, special revenue and the general funds). **The City looks forward and back to provide analytical information in preparing current 3-year projections** (referred to as "fiscal analysis" included in the City's budget document). This "look ahead" provides the City Manager's office important information in decision making and planning for the City's future.
- **Standard & Poor's confirmed the City of Novi's general obligation bonds as AA+,** defined as "having excellent financial security and being highly safe."



- The Novi Fire Department has received **\$1,950 in grant funding** to purchase supplies and equipment related to the H1N1 flu.
- Novi's Household Hazardous Waste Day collection was the **largest event ever held with 1,557 residents participating** in 2009.
- **Electronic Paystubs have replaced paper pay statements** and are available to City employees by a password-protected e-mail. This has resulted in cost savings by eliminating paper from the payroll process and the labor associated with distribution; while offering a great service to employees.
- The City earned its third consecutive **Gold Promoting Active Communities Award by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.**



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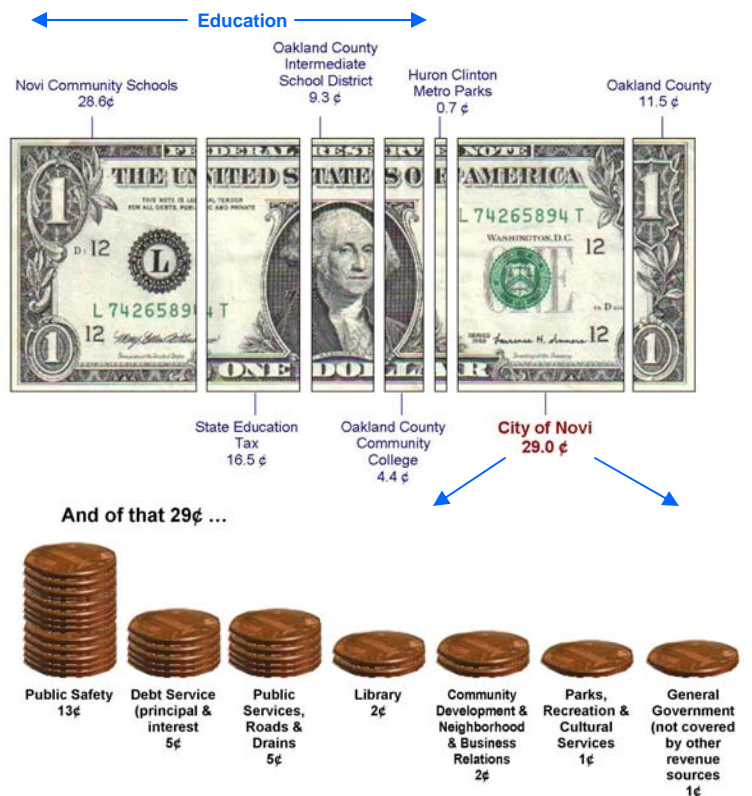
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- The City of Novi has entered an agreement with **four other local municipalities to purchase a large outdoor movie screen used for the Sizzling Summer Art Series.** The City's share of the screen purchase is less than rental fees incurred during a two-year period. The purchase will save the City approximately \$34,000 over the expected 10-year "life" of the screen.
- The **City of Novi partnered with Commerce Township to add a back to the entryway sign** at M-5 and Fourteen Mile Road. This spring, Commerce Township will work with City of Novi contractors to re-landscape the sign, providing one installation that services two purposes, rather than dueling entryway signage facing off from each other.
- The Novi **Police and Fire Administration functions have consolidated into the Department of Public Safety.** This restructuring will save the City at least \$100,000 in the 2010/11 budget and beyond by not replacing the full-time Fire Chief position. An additional \$425,000 in savings is estimated for next year with the elimination of the vacant positions in Police and Fire departments due to attrition and eliminations.

- City of Novi **Boards and Commissions will receive their information packets electronically** more often, eliminating delivery overtime expenses.
- The City of Novi will **save \$280, 845** (net present value benefit is **\$165,981** or **5.824%**) with the sale of 2010 Novi Building Authority Refunding Bonds for Meadowbrook Commons. Additionally, with the sale of the 2010 Refunding Bonds, the City of Novi **will save \$333,250** (net present value benefit is **\$224,214** or **4.553%**).
- The City of Novi recently **welcomed new businesses** — Once Upon A Child, MEGA Fun & Fitness, HUMMER Cadillac of Novi, Leo's Sports Bar and Grill, Bagger Dave's, Deli Unique, and Pineland Restaurant — to the community.



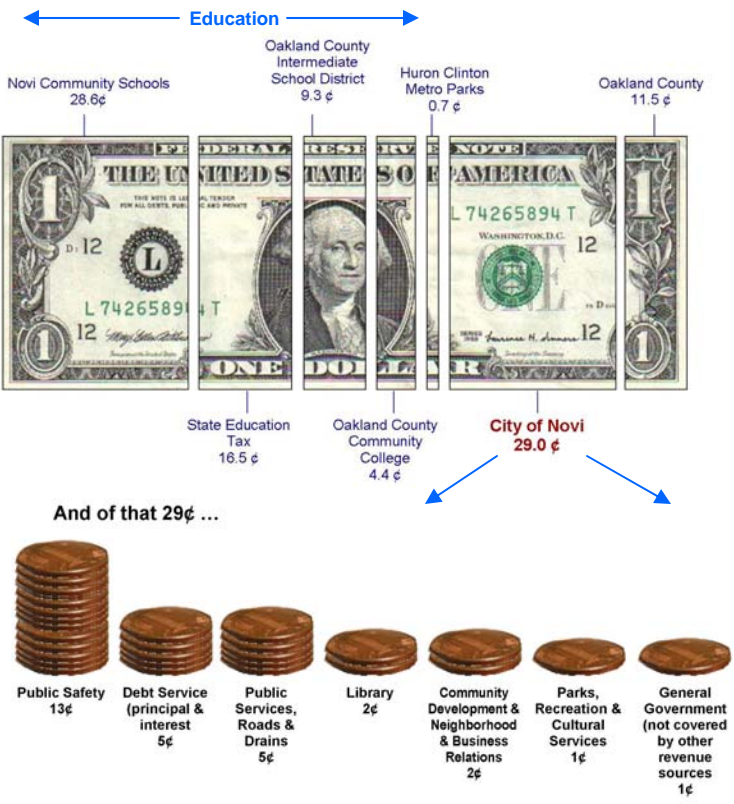


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- The City of Novi has traditionally ordered mid-grade/89 octane gasoline for the pump island at the Field Services Complex. Higher octane gas was previously needed for police patrol cars, but now all gasoline-powered cars and light trucks in the fleet can run efficiently and at the same level of performance with regular unleaded gas with 87 octane. **By ordering 87 octane gas exclusively, the City expects to see an annual savings of approximately \$6,750 per year.**
- The City of Novi recognized a **\$3,400 savings by having Department of Public Services staff frame the roof** of the Island Lake Booster Station prior to having the contractor complete the project.
- The City of Novi's Information Technology Department reviewed and adjusted the cellular communication plan, **reducing the number of devices and negotiating vendor concessions, which will produce an estimated annual cost savings of \$24,840.**
- The City of Novi **no longer accepts employee per diem meal expenses associated with training sessions, conferences or workshops.**
- A new **Art in the Park program is being initiated at Fuerst Park at no cost the citizens.** The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Emagine Entertainment and Midwest Sculpture Initiative to create a public sculpture exhibit. The exhibit will be installed in May, 2010.
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