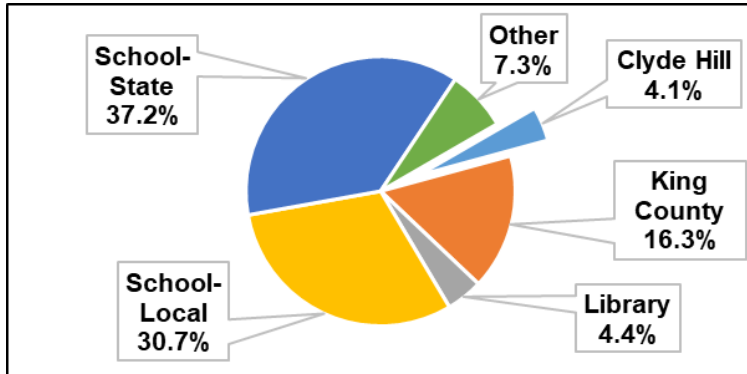


About Your Property Taxes

Property tax bills will be coming out around Valentine's Day. This brief article is meant to help you understand your bill, of which only 4.1% pays for services you receive from Clyde Hill (see chart).

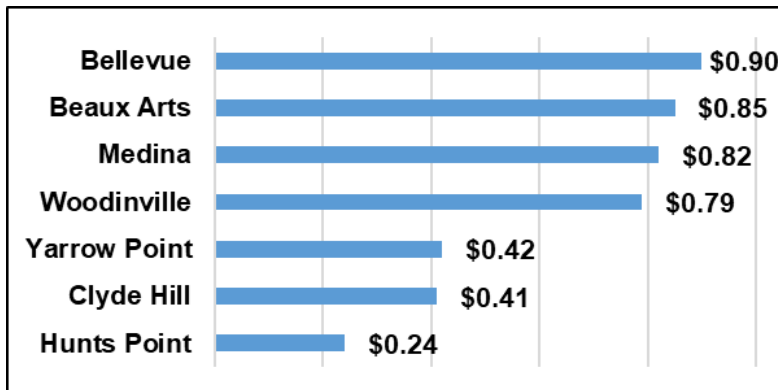


Distribution of property tax bill in Clyde Hill in 2020

What's New?

For the first time since 2015, Clyde Hill is increasing its property tax rate in order to help relieve a budget deficit trend that began in 2019. (2021 marks the third year of the trend.)

This means that the amount you pay in property taxes to Clyde Hill will increase depending on the value of your property; the impact of which is estimated to be ~\$200/yr to the average household. It is expected that Clyde Hill will still have the second lowest property tax rate in King County, a rate which is expected to be half of Medina's (see chart).



The seven lowest property tax rates (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) in King County in 2020. Clyde Hill's rate is adjusted on this chart to the new 2021 tax rate – Clyde Hill's 2020 rate was \$0.34

It is important to note that many cities make it a standard practice to raise their property taxes every year. Clyde Hill has been able to avoid doing this for the past half-decade by utilizing other means, thereby passing on those permanent savings to you, the residents.

Where Can I Get More Information?

For more information on this topic, please visit: www.clydehill.org.

You can also learn more about your property tax bill, please at: [King County Assessor's Tax Transparency Tool](#)

Happy New Year from Mayor Klaas

While 2020 was truly *phenomenal* to say the least, 2021 will hopefully offer us renewed energy and spirit. As each day literally gets brighter and longer, may you and your family be lifted with joy.



Metro Changes

King County Metro has notified the City that they are suspending/reducing bus routes in Clyde Hill.

Route 246 service is suspended as part of the temporary reduced service network due to the COVID pandemic and its associated loss of ridership and revenue.



Route 271 service is reduced in frequency on weekdays and weekends as part of the temporary reduced

service network due to the pandemic and its associated loss of ridership and revenue.

For more information visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/schedules-maps/service-change.aspx>

During this COVID at-home time, check out the on-line programs from your library: kcls.org

How to Reduce Rats in Your Yard

King County provides excellent information about reducing/managing rats at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/env/ironmental-health/rat-prevention/brochures.aspx>

- Rats eat everything. Take away their food, such as bird feeders and fruit dropped by trees.
- Keep garbage can lids tightly closed; use rodent-resistant composters.
- Keeps yards clean. Remove piles of garbage and junk. Stack wood 18 inches off the ground. Trim back blackberries, shrubs and tall grasses.
- Rats can get into very small spaces. Close up all holes in and under buildings.



COVID-19: Healthy Washington—Roadmap to Recovery

Gov. Inslee has launched [Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery](#) which will use a regional approach for its phased recovery plan. We are currently in Phase 1B tier 1. Even if you are vaccinated, continue to wear your mask (if able), maintain at least a six foot distance from others, and wash/sanitize your hands frequently. Keep your gatherings to your immediate family/friend "bubble" and avoid exposure to others. As of 1/19/2021, Clyde Hill reportedly has had 986 citizens tested for COVID-19 with 59 positives, 3 hospitalizations, and 1 death. This pandemic remains real and concerning. Please continue to practice safety measures.

If you want to see statistics, visit the following websites:

King County Dashboard: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary.aspx>

World Dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int>

Washington State Department of Health Dashboard: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard>



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The Sentinel

Sign up to receive the Police Department's e-newsletter, *The Sentinel*.

Go to www.clydehill.org, click the button that says "Police Sentinel Newsletter," fill out and submit your information. When a new issue is available, it will be delivered to your email inbox.



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Former Senator Thomas Slade Gorton III

About 15 family, friends and city officials gathered for an intimate memorial celebration of a bench commemorating the service of one of our Clyde Hill citizens, the late Sen. Gorton.



His passing in August 2020 prompted Clyde Hill to acknowledge his role and service. We hope those who travel past the tennis courts take pause, sit for a spell, and enjoy this lovely bench. Sen. Gorton's family wishes to express their appreciation for this honor.

City's Clean Financial Audit

The Washington State Auditor's Office completed its annual audit of the City for the 2019 fiscal year, and once again the City received a clean report. The auditors look at internal controls, compliance with state laws and fair presentation of financial statements.

Audit reports are public documents; they can be found at both the State Auditor's website: www.sao.wa.gov/reports-data/audit-reports/



Planning Commission

Congratulations to the Planning Commission, which has just completed its orientation regarding procedures. It will now begin a long process to review new and revised land use-related laws affecting Clyde Hill, a process that has not taken place since the formation of Clyde Hill and that will have long-lasting impact for its residents for many, many years, if not generations. If you are interested in attending and/or participating virtually, providing input, and/or just want to see what is being proposed, please contact John Greenwood at: johnhg@clydehill.org

"Adopt a Drain"

Although Clyde Hill does not have a formal "adopt a drain" program, the concept can be implemented by all of us. Please be mindful of those storm drains near your home and help keep them clear of leaves and other debris.

When clogged, our winter rain and snow can create street flooding, making road conditions hazardous. If you are unable to clear a drain, but notice that one is clogging up, please alert City Hall: 425-453-7800 or cityhall@clydehill.org.

