

letters to the editor

Bedford road millage worth it to keep drivers safe

I am a Bedford Township resident. I want to encourage and plead with the residents of Bedford Township to go to the polls Nov. 8 and vote for the safer roads millage. If the millage is not passed, our roads will continue to fall apart in front of our eyes.

Washington, D.C., is broke. Lansing is broke and this means less money coming to Monroe County for roads. Monroe County is one of the biggest counties in Michigan. Its budget is not big enough to maintain and repair all the roads as needed. The townships are going to have to take matters

into their hands.

No one wants more taxes, but if we don't pass this millage our roads are going to continue to fall apart beyond repair. The only thing to do then is to grind them into stone, which has already happened to some roads.

Some people say they can't afford this new tax. But this tax will cost less than a new tire, new tire rim or the deductible on insurance for car repairs from hitting a pothole, losing control of the car and having an accident. We can't afford that new tire, but we replace it.

Also, our winters have been terrible. The county had to cut back on salt and plowing the roads. The roads have been unsafe to drive in the winter. When the millage goes through, the next day Bedford Township will order a new plow truck to take care of the township roads and subdivisions, something that has not been done before.

I ask Bedford Township residents to vote "yes" for safer roads! Their votes are important!

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