

## Resident encourages yes vote for Benzie Bus millage

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Letter to the Editor

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To THE EDITOR:

For years, I had the honor and opportunity to work for Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan in the field of campus planning, including parking, transportation, vehicle and pedestrian circulation, and issues connecting the university community.

Upon return to Frankfort for retirement, it was an opportunity for me to serve two terms on the Benzie Bus board. I quickly became aware of their talents and ability to identify community needs and connect with the community. Below are a few of the many examples.

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1. Personalized non-emergency medical transportation to healthcare destinations.
2. Free night hour shuttles on Halloween and New Year's Eve weekend.
3. Weekend late night service to help with parking in busy downtown areas.
4. Direct routes to both Traverse City and Manistee airports.

Like so many of us, as a retired senior citizen, I developed healthcare issues as well as Parkinson's Disease and could not drive for six months.

I experienced firsthand the care and professionalism of staff from leadership, administration, dispatch, mechanics and drivers working as a team to identify community needs and how best to provide services.

Listed below are a few of the many benefits.

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1. Drivers helped load groceries and spotted me as I apprehensively walked down steps.
2. Buses are well taken care of and easy to navigate.
3. Prescriptions are picked up and delivered to my home.
4. I typically scheduled multiple stops saving considerable time.

Please join me in supporting Benzie Bus with a five-year millage of 1 .0 mills on the Aug. 6 ballot to support existing operations and provide an opportunity to expand to meet new demands.

If approved by voters a Benzie County residence with a market value of \$271, 824 would pay approximately \$2.61 per week or \$136 per year. For more information please go to [benziebus.com/millage](http://benziebus.com/millage).

Dr. Susan Kirkpatrick

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