

MANSFIELD -- During the last 11 years, Madison Township has paved about 6 miles of road, according to trustee Mark McDaniel. Before 1997, McDaniel said, the average was 7 miles a year.

"We used to have a 3-mill renewal levy, but it expired in '97 and the trustees at the time didn't get it on the ballot on time," McDaniel said. "That's why we need this levy to pass."

Madison Township has a 2-mill, five-year street levy on the Nov. 4 ballot for the upkeep and maintenance of roads and bridges. McDaniel said it will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$67 a year.

"Currently, we're only collecting the (1.5 mills) that the state says we can collect," McDaniel said. "The roads are really starting to deteriorate. I've been told they need to be repaved every seven to eight years to preserve them. We're really getting behind, and they're only going to get worse."