



SENIOR MILLAGE FACT SHEET

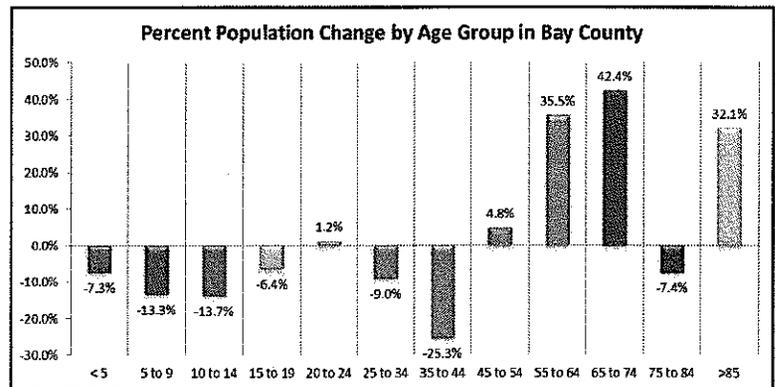
Background

For nearly 40 years, the Bay County Division on Aging has used revenue raised by the Senior Citizens Millage to provide senior services without ever requesting an increase. Senior Millage funding provides vital services that assist seniors in remaining independent in their home instead of moving to nursing facilities and/or assisted living environments.

The Senior Citizens Millage has supported the Division on Aging's program since 1975 at .50 mills. *Bay County Division on Aging is requesting a .30 mill increase separate from the current .50 mills.*

Why is a Senior Millage increase needed?

In the past ten years Bay County has experienced a 42.4% increase in the population of individuals aged 65 to 74 and a 32.1% increase in those aged 85 years and older.



Request for services from the senior population has grown with Bay County Division on Aging making every attempt to meet the demands and avoid placing individuals on waiting lists.



Due to the current growing demand for meals, services and the anticipated growth of the aging population seeking meal services, the central kitchen has exceeded capacity due to its physical size, as well as equipment that is old and inefficient.

It is necessary to expand the kitchen facility to support food production demands and replace equipment with new, energy efficient models.

The current .50 mill is not adequate to meet the financial cost to provide services to a growing senior population, nor is there enough revenue generated to make improvements to the food services facility.

