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Developers do not pay way

I read the article regarding Whetstone development and how they say that they are paying their own way.

They are not. They may be building a water treatment facility and roads, but who will pay the cost of maintaining them? The developer won't.

You and I, the taxpayer, will. We also will be paying for new teachers' salaries, maintenance, equipment and repairs for new schools such as building repairs, computers, desks, etc., and we will have to pay for police and fire protection services to that development.

We will be paying for Whetstone to have schools and city services that will not directly benefit the existing residents of Benson and surrounding areas.

The low Whetstone impact fee agreed upon by the city of Benson in no way will cover the cost of educating children and providing services to the Whetstone development. So, you and I will be taxed because of the Whetstone development, and taxes will go higher and higher.

What will we get in return? Noise, traffic, pollution, and a strain on our hospital, fire, and police services, while we watch our existing roads fall into further disrepair.

The Whetstone development is not paying for itself. You and I are, and we will be paying for years to come, while developers come in, build

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homes, make a profit, and leave, sticking us with ongoing bills.

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