



# Manassas Connection

March 2017

## City of Manassas Road Pavement Assessment

The City of Manassas has recently developed our Pavement Management Program (PMP) that prioritizes our road repairs for the next few years. The report detailing the study used to develop the PMP, as well as the first three-year Paving Plan can be found at [www.manassascity.org/PMP](http://www.manassascity.org/PMP).

In August 2016, the City hired a contractor to inspect every road that the City maintains to assess the pavement condition. These inspections were completed using video cameras to identify every surface deficiency. The contractor then assigned a rating for each, known as the Critical Condition Index (CCI). CCI ratings start at 100 for a road with no deficiencies and are reduced based on the number of deficiencies detected. The table summarizes the CCI ratings for our roads.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has determined that roads with CCI ratings less than 60 warrant greater inspection frequency to ensure that the pavement does not deteriorate to the point that it cannot be repaired with significant effort. The lower the rating the greater the need for minor

surface repairs, resurfacing, or full depth restoration, with the associated repair cost increasing.

The lower ratings are typically caused by high volume, heavily loaded traffic. Our residential roads typically deteriorate due to the age of pavement or weathering. Weathering deterioration is usually associated with water getting into small surface cracks and freezing during the winter. This accelerates the surface cracking.

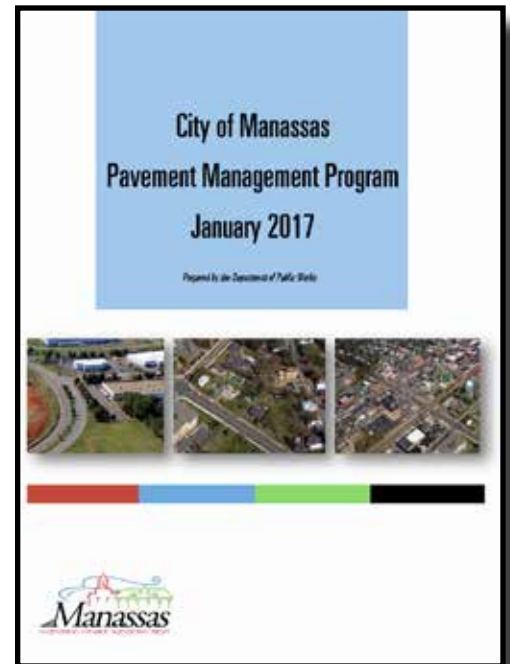
Our Paving Plan begins with the roads with the lowest ratings. These repairs include full depth restoration, which include milling the surface layer, repairing any failed base, and then installing new surface asphalt. Some roads with low ratings that have utility repairs planned in the near future will have their repairs delayed until the utility work is completed.

The City is also developing a program to address the slightly higher rated roads (40 to 50) that will either seal the cracks or place a new asphalt surface.

These ratings provide the City the ability to gauge our paving repair efforts for future years. We have set a goal to

advance our average road rating to above 60 by the time that the City conducts a reassessment of our roads in three years.

If you have any questions about the Pavement Management Program or the City's Paving Plan, please contact the Department of Public Works at (703) 257-8476.



### City CCI Summary

	Lane Miles	Average CCI	Minimum CCI	Maximum CCI
Principal Arterial	24.16	53.99	15	98
Minor Arterial	53.71	66.86	15	99
Collector	17.66	47.97	15	99
Residential	137.93	50.94	15	99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233.45</b>	<b>54.69</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>99</b>

# A Message from the City Manager



**City Manager**  
**William Patrick Pate**

As a lifelong-college basketball fan, “March Madness” seems to have always been a marker for me that spring is coming, bringing plenty of excitement, opportunities for new growth and usually a few upsets along the way. In Manassas it also means that the St. Patrick’s Day parade is approaching, spring restaurant week will hopefully mean a move back to outdoor dining (unless mother nature upsets the apple cart) and it is time to start watching for the cherry blossoms.

As we all pick out teams to root for during the tournament, it is fun to recognize the different circumstances and backgrounds that contribute to how we pick our “favorite” team. It may be based on our alma mater, but often it is influenced by regions where we grew up, preferences that are passed down from our parents, attempting to keep peace

with a spouse or significant other. Maybe it is an affinity for a person you admire or a place that is significant to you, and sometimes it is as simple as liking a name, mascot or color. I find that asking about sports preferences is often an interesting way to learn something interesting about our neighbors and colleagues.

This is also one of the reasons that we ask you to do surveys and attend public meetings and hearings. We want to hear about your priorities and hopes for the City of Manassas. In these discussions it is also interesting to note how our backgrounds, preferences and different stages in life impact our expectations of city government. The importance that each of us places on particular services or programs, vary greatly from one person to the next.

What we have learned from these surveys and interactions is that our overall priorities - living in a safe community, pride in our homes and neighborhoods, excellent public schools, expanding opportunities for business and employment growth, and investing in the things that make our community unique and special - are almost universally held by the citizens of this City. The subtle differences come in how to balance the importance of each of these priorities while maintaining a fiscally responsible and sustainable government. There

are also reasonable differences in how individuals want services implemented with recent examples being parking, code enforcement, historic preservation and signage coming.

This is why we spend so much time each year preparing and discussing the annual city budget (sort of our own March madness). City Council uses the budget process to determine which city service priorities are necessary to maintain the quality and affordability of our community. This means that some services or enhancements will be funded but others will not. This is not an easy task and I encourage you to let us know what priorities are most important to you and to listen to what priorities are important to your neighbors.

Ultimately we are all striving to make Manassas a community that takes pride in our authentic history, livable neighborhoods, quality schools, healthy economy and outstanding quality of life. Hopefully, that is something that we can all root for!

Go Heels, Hoos, Hokies, or whoever is your team of choice.

## **New Precinct and New Machines - Voting in the City**

City of Manassas voters will see a few new changes in the next election cycle. Because the number of voters at the various polling places has grown, a voting precinct has been added at George C. Round Elementary School. City residents will receive a voter registration letter in the coming month that will include residents’ voting precinct information.

New voting machines have been purchased for the City that voters will use during the next election. These machines use optical scanners to read paper ballots to tally votes. The advantage to these optical scanners is that, should there be a recount, the paper ballots are onsite at the precinct. They also allow for less of an opportunity for hacking.

To familiarize voters with the new optical scanner, the City of Manassas Voter Registration Office has arranged open house events for residents to become more familiar with the new machine. Visit [www.manassascity.org/vote](http://www.manassascity.org/vote) for more information on these machines or to view the new precinct map.



# Neighborhood Notes

## Household Hazardous and eWaste Drop Off Days

The City of Manassas offers residents 9 HHW and Electronics drop off days at the Manassas Transfer Station (8305 Quarry Road off Liberia Ave.).

Drop off days take place on Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- March 4
- April 1 + Shredding
- May 6
- June 3
- July 8 + Shredding
- Aug 5
- Sep 2
- Oct 7
- Nov 4 + Shredding

Visit [www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash) for more information.

## Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is when one throws out trash or large items, like couches or tv's, in places other than the trash. The City of Manassas needs your help to reduce incidents of illegal dumping and keep our streets safe and clean. Here are some tips to help make collecting your large items easier:

- **Plan ahead.** The City cannot collect large volumes of trash and furniture at curbside. If you have a lot to

dispose of, the Courtesy Truck may be a good option. Call (703) 257-8256 to reserve a truck.

- **Get advice.** Call the Trashline at (703) 257-8252 at least 24-hours ahead of your collection day to schedule pick up of large items. Together, we can assess how much you are putting out and if we can collect it.
- **Set out safely.** Set out your large items the night before collection in a way that is safe and secure. Loose trash can blow around and into the street posing a threat to the safety of drivers and pedestrians.
- **Report illegal dumping.** Large amounts of unwanted and uncollectable trash at the curb can be considered illegal dumping under Virginia State law with fines up to \$2,500 and possible jail time. In the City of Manassas, property owners may be billed up to \$400 for the cost of removing uncollectable trash.

Visit [www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash) for more information.

## Yellow Phone Books

New phone books are expected to be delivered to residents during the month of May. These phone books are recyclable and you can dispose of your old and

unwanted phone books just by putting them in your recycling cart! You can also opt out of receiving a new phone book by visiting [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com).

## Heading Back to the Garden

Spring is here and soon everyone will be heading back into the garden to help make Manassas beautiful for the summer. Here are some helpful yard waste reminders for you:

- Set your yard waste out on Sunday night for Monday collection.
- Always use brown paper yard waste bags or private containers – no plastic bags please.
- Bundle and tie your branches.
- Remember the City will not collect branches bigger than 4' long and 3" thick.
- Yard waste is organic material only – no lumber and no garden furniture allowed.

Your yard waste matters! In 2016, the City collected over 2,000 tons of yard waste, which is recycled as compost for reuse in landscaping. That's phenomenal.

## East End Mobile Home Park

There has been much talk and some confusion about the East End Mobile Home Park (EEMHP) and the City of Manassas' purchase of the property. For instance, some City residents have contacted the City asking about the timing of the closure of the EEMHP. The City has given the owner of EEMHP time to seek a loan for repairs or to find a buyer who would make repairs to the park. However, the income of the park would not be enough to repay a loan to make repairs and no buyer has come forward to buy and repair the park. Because of the poor condition of the water/sewer system and the owner's inability to pay for a new system, the City of Manassas was faced with two options it considered realistic. 1. Shut down the utility systems in EEMHP immediately, or 2. Work with the property owner to close the park.

The City wished to give residents the time to make other living arrangements and so chose to work with the property owner to close the park. The purchase agreement says the EEMHP property should be clear within 2 years, which would be April 2018. The City is concerned for the welfare of residents and for children who must move during the school year. The City has no contractual right or authority to mandate a given date for the termination of leases. The property is privately owned and the tenants lease lots from the owner. It is within the owner's right to end the leases and close the mobile home park.

To find out more about this subject, visit [www.manassascity.org/eemhp](http://www.manassascity.org/eemhp). We have worked to answer the most frequently asked questions that have been asked about the mobile home park.



# The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas.

**Farmer's Market** - Every Saturday in Parking Lot B, check out the Farmers Market from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (temperatures must be above freezing!)

March 3-April 16 - **New Exhibit: Illusions** Now in its fourth year, this annual exhibit features the art of students from Osbourn High School.

[www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

March 3, 6 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in historic downtown Manassas  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 10-12 - **Carmina Burana and More!** by the Manassas Ballet Theatre  
[www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)

March 11, 11 a.m. - **18th Annual Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
[www.stpatparade.net](http://www.stpatparade.net)

March 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Historic Manassas Bridal Show** at the Center for the Arts  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 12, 1:30 p.m. Free Book Talk - **The Battle of Glendale** with Author Douglas Crenshaw  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 17, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tour** at the Manassas Confederate Cemetery  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 18 at 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Chorale **"Voices United: Honor and Majesty"** Concert at the Hylton Performing Arts Center  
[www.manassaschorale.org](http://www.manassaschorale.org)

March 19, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Lincoln's Greatest Journey** with author Noah Andre Trudeau at the Manassas Museum  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 19 - 25 - **Spring Restaurant Week** in Historic Downtown Manassas  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

March 22, 7-9 p.m. - **Step by Step in Acrylics** - Pre-registration required  
[www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org)

March 25, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; - **Everything is New Here**, Prince William History Symposium - \$10 (Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue)

March 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Environmental Stewardship Day Camp** ages 10-13; \$25 (Mayfield Earthwork Fort - 8401 Quarry Road)  
[www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

April 1 at 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour** of Historic Downtown - first of the season  
[www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

April 1, 9 a.m. to noon - **Civil War Trust Park Day** at Cannon Branch Fort Park (10611 Gateway Road)  
[www.civilwar.org/parkday](http://www.civilwar.org/parkday)

April 2, 1:30 p.m. Free Book Talk - **Confederate Waterloo** with Author Michael J. McCarthy  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 7, 6 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 8 at 2 p.m. - **Liberia Plantation Sneak Peek**  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 9-15 - **Hop Around Downtown** - Shop downtown and receive a free gift!  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 10, 5:30 p.m. - MCPD Employee recognition at City Council meeting

April 22, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Live Well Festival** at the Harris Pavilion. Health and wellness activities, Shred-It Truck, Farm to Table brunch and more!  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Prescription Drug Takeback** - at Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

April 29-30 - Pied Piper's production of **Beauty and the Beast**  
[www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)

April 30, 1:30 p.m. Free Book Talk - **Arlington: A Color Guide to America's Most Famous Cemetery** with Author James Ginglesperger  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

May 5-7 - **Much Ado About Art** - Multi-day art festival in Historic Downtown  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

May 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Manassas Reads**  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

May 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Manassas Airshow 2017**  
[www.manassasairshow.com](http://www.manassasairshow.com)

May 7, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **The Civil War Wedding** with Author Charles A. Mills  
[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

## City of Manassas and Manassas Public Schools

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