



## Manassas Receives AAA Bond Rating

Standard and Poors Global Ratings has raised its long-term rating on the City of Manassas' general obligation debt to AAA from AA+. The City of Manassas also received a AAA rating on long-term 2016 general obligation public improvement and refunding bonds. S&P Global stated that the outlook on all of the City of Manassas ratings are stable.

"I am very proud of the improvements that the City has made over the past three years. These have resulted in this upgrade of our bond rating," said City Manager W. Patrick Pate. "This rating is an affirmation of the economic vitality of our community along with the positive changes that have

been made in our financial and budget policies, practices and performance. These efforts are having the intended results of providing tangible savings to our citizens and show our continued commitment to our residents."

The AAA bond rating helps the City of Manassas save money both with new bonds and potential refunding bond sales. Because of the AAA bond rating, the City financed its bonds at 1.8%.

The AAA Bond Rating is the highest bond rating given by S&P and the first

time the City of Manassas has received this designation. The City plans to use proceeds of the bonds sold to finance the costs of capital improvement projects, including the acquisition, construction, extension, renovation and equipping of public school, public safety, utility and general governmental improvements.



## After 52 Years of Service, Deputy Chief House Retires

After an impressive 52-year career in fire services, Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief Wade C. House is retiring. He was the first career firefighter in the Manassas Volunteer Fire Station, serving as a career member with Prince William County, the 9th career firefighter on Prince William County's Fire and Rescue employee roster. On Jan. 1, 2011 he came back to his roots in Manassas as a career firefighter, this time as an employee for the City of Manassas.

He began serving as the interim Assistant Chief. Not long after, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief for the City. In the five years that have followed, House has provided a career's worth of expertise and guidance. He has worked hard on projects such as the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue System's first fleet plan, first consolidated budget, and first strategic plan. The fleet plan

included the purchase of a new Engine, Tower Ladder, and Medic Units.

More recently, Deputy Chief House has worked with the Chief, City Manager and City Council to fund the new Fire and Rescue Station 521. In addition to his role in the City, he has assisted in growing regional relationships and partners by serving as the Chair of the Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Senior Operations Committee, a position he has held for the last year and a half.

On Monday Aug. 22, Deputy Chief House was recognized in front of the City of Manassas Council with a resolution outlining his distinguished service to the City, as a career and volunteer.



# What's on the November Ballot?

There is an election in November and while you may have heard who is running for President, you may not know who is on the local ballot. Below is a snapshot of the November local election ballot.

## Proposed Amendments

**Ballot Question #1:** Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

**Ballot Question #2:** Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide to the localities an option to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

## Candidates for U.S. House of Virginia District 10

LuAnn L. Bennett, Democrat  
Barbara Jean Comstock, Republican \*  
JD Thorpe, Libertarian

## Candidates for the Mayor of City of Manassas

Harry J. "Hal" Parrish II, Republican \*

## Candidates for the City Council of City of Manassas

Theresa L. Coates Ellis, Republican  
Ian T. Lovejoy, Republican \*  
Rexford G. Parr, Jr., Democrat  
Pamela J. Sebesky, Democrat  
Jonathan L. "Jon" Way, Republican \*  
Mark D. Wolfe, Democrat \*  
Michael S. Youlen, Independent

## Candidates for the Treasurer of City of Manassas

Russell T. Harrison, Republican  
Patricia E. Richie-Folks, Democrat

## Candidates for the School Board of City of Manassas

Suzanne Westre Seaberg \*  
Kristen M. Kiefer \*  
Peter B. O'Hanlon  
Scott M. Albrecht \*  
Robyn R. Williams  
Kim M. Jenkins-Bailey

\* Incumbent candidates



## Recyclefest 2016 – The Recycling Adventure Continues!

The City of Manassas is celebrating America Recycles Day, with a Fall Recyclefest, Sat., Nov. 5, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Manassas Transfer Station located at 8305 Quarry Road, in Manassas. According to the EPA, the average U.S. household generates more than twenty (20) pounds of household hazardous waste per year. In 2015, City of Manassas residents dropped off more than one hundred twenty three (123) tons of recyclable material at nine (9) household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop off days. During Recyclefest, City residents can drop off household hazardous waste, electronic waste and shred up to four (4) boxes of their paper documents, for free. Proof of residency is required to enter and no commercial waste will be accepted.

This year, Savers™, a well-established recycling powerhouse will be in attendance collecting gently used clothing, accessories and household goods. Savers™ supports the community by donating part of their proceeds. This year, the Martin K. Alloy Boys & Girls Club of Manassas will receive a donation based on the total weight of the recycled items received. The continued support of our community makes RecycleFest the best recycling event in the City. Keep America Beautiful has recognized the City for a job well done. Become part of the new classic recycling event in the City of Manassas. Drop in and drop off at RecycleFest!

For more information visit [www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash) or call (703) 257-8252.

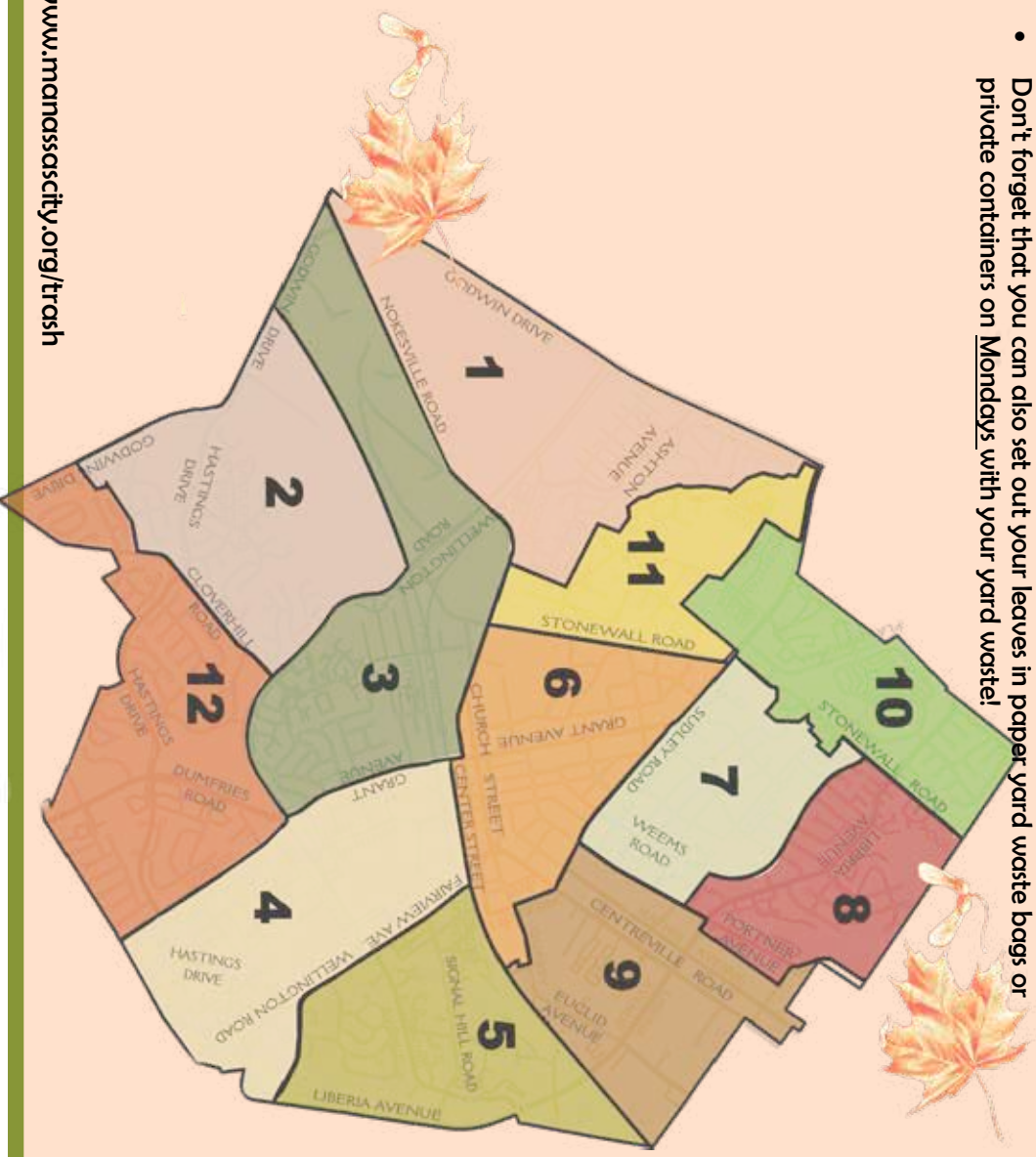


# FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Section 1	Section 5	Section 9
Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 31 - Nov 4	Oct 24 - Oct 28
Nov 14 - Nov 19	Nov 28 - Dec 3	Nov 14 - Nov 19
Dec 12 - Dec 17	Dec 19 - Dec 24	Dec 12 - Dec 17
Jan 3 - Jan 7	Jan 9 - Jan 14	Jan 3 - Jan 7
Section 2	Section 6	Section 10
Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Nov 7 - Nov 11
Nov 14 - Nov 19	Nov 14 - Nov 19	Dec 5 - Dec 10
Dec 12 - Dec 17	Dec 12 - Dec 17	Dec 26 - Dec 30
Jan 3 - Jan 7	Jan 3 - Jan 7	Jan 16 - Jan 21
Section 3	Section 7	Section 11
Oct 31 - Nov 4	Nov 7 - Nov 11	Oct 31 - Nov 4
Nov 28 - Dec 3	Dec 5 - Dec 10	Nov 28 - Dec 3
Dec 19 - Dec 24	Dec 26 - Dec 30	Dec 19 - Dec 24
Jan 9 - Jan 14	Jan 16 - Jan 21	Jan 9 - Jan 14
Section 4	Section 8	Section 12
Nov 7 - Nov 11	Nov 7 - Nov 11	Oct 31 - Nov 4
Dec 5 - Dec 10	Dec 5 - Dec 10	Nov 28 - Dec 3
Dec 26 - Dec 30	Dec 26 - Dec 30	Dec 19 - Dec 24
Jan 16 - Jan 21	Jan 16 - Jan 21	Jan 9 - Jan 14

## 5 tips for leaf collection:

- Rake your leaves to the curb (not into the street) the day before leaf collection begins in your area.
- You can help prevent flooding in your area by not raking your leaves into the storm drains.
- Do not park your car or allow children to play in the leaves once leaves are raked to the curb.
- Leaves will only be collected one time during each scheduled collection period. Make sure you follow the collection schedule for your area. If you have missed your collection, please wait until the next time your street is scheduled.
- Don't forget that you can also set out your leaves in paper yard waste bags or private containers on Mondays with your yard waste!



### Note:

Please be advised that leaves are collected on City streets only. Leaves on private streets or lanes will not be collected.

For more information call (703) 257-8347 or visit: [www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash)



# The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Thru October - Thursdays and Fridays at noon - **Historic Downtown Walking Tours**

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

Thru October - Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **Museum at the Market** - find out what fun learning experience is in store every week

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

Thru November - **Manassas Farmer's Market** -

Thursdays & Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

Sept. 2, 6-9pm - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas

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

Sept. 3, 6:30-8pm - SummerSounds Concert with **Project Natale** at the Harris Pavilion

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

Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-noon - **Household Hazardous and eWaste drop off**

[www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash)

Sept. 10, 12-6pm - **6th Annual Bands, Brews, & BBQ** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

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

Sept. 10, 9 a.m. - **Color Vibe 5K** at the Boys & Girls Club

[www.thecolorvibe.com](http://www.thecolorvibe.com)

Sept. 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Dog-a-pool-ooza** at Stonewall Park Pool. Bring the dog to the biggest dog splash of the season.

703-257-8311 for tickets.

Sept. 11 - Nov. 27 - New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum - **Remembering 9/11**

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

Sept. 11 - February 19 - **Bearing Witness to History: Manassas Veterans & the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**

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

Sept. 14, 7 p.m. - **Your Memory Matters** - Alzheimers Association talk

1-800-272-3900

Sept. 16, 4 - 9 p.m. - **Annual Greek Festival**

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

Sept. 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Show** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

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

Sept. 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Annual Manassas International Food Festival**

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

Sept. 17, 12 p.m. - **Arts Alive!**

[www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org)

Sept. 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Out of Darkness Awareness Walk**

[www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)

Sept. 18, noon - 4 p.m. - **Comfort Food Challenge** on the Museum Lawn

[okraschallenge.com](http://okraschallenge.com)

Sept. 23 - **Absentee Voting Begins**

Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cookoff and Kids Fest**

[www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)

Sept. 24, 12 - 5 p.m. - **Manassas City Police Department Open House.** Drop by and meet the department!

Sept. 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Cystic Fibrosis Walk**

[www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)

Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 - New exhibit at the Center for the Arts - **Printmakers Inc.**

[www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org)

Sept. 25, 12 - 6 p.m. - **Annual Latino Festival**

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

Sept. 25, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **The Gettysburg Cyclorama: The Turning Point of the Civil War on Canvas** with Author Chris Brenneman

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

Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **34th Annual Manassas Fall Jubilee**

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

Oct. 1, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous and eWaste drop off**

[www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash)

Oct. 5 - Personal Property Taxes are due

[www.manassascity.org/tax](http://www.manassascity.org/tax)

Oct. 6 - **Creativity and Innovation for the Business Professional**

[www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org)

Oct. 7, 6-9pm - **First Friday** in historic downtown Manassas

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

Oct. 7, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tour** with the Manassas Museum. \$5 each.

<http://manassasechoes.com>

Oct. 7, 4-7 p.m. - **Food Truck Event** in the Metz Middle School parking lot - an Osbourn Alumni event - Free admission

Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Chorale "Love Actually" Concert** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

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

Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Utilities Day** at 8500 Public Works Drive - free fun, food and games

Oct. 17 - **Last day** to register to vote for the November election

[www.manassascity.org/vote](http://www.manassascity.org/vote)

Oct. 21, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tour** with the Manassas Museum. \$5 each.

<http://manassasechoes.com>

Oct. 29 - **Haunted Happenings** in historic downtown Manassas

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

Oct. 29, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **Spirits of Liberia.** Called the "death house," this plantation has a colorful past just in time for Halloween.

<http://manassasechoes.com>

Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Voter Registration Office open

[www.manassascity.org/vote](http://www.manassascity.org/vote)

Nov. 4 - Feb. 19 - New Exhibit - **Not For Glory: Manassas Veterans & the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**

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

Nov. 5 - Voter Registration Office open

[www.manassascity.org/vote](http://www.manassascity.org/vote)

Nov. 8 - **Election Day**

## City of Manassas and Manassas Public Schools

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