

2014/15 Road Paving Interest Survey

Greetings!

A few years ago there was a community-wide vote on whether to pave the roads or leave them as unpaved surfaces. That paving vote was defeated by a narrow margin of only 6 votes. Although paving would have greatly improved the community roads, there were still a lot of issues that needed to be resolved.

Since then, we have made many improvements to the roads infrastructure. Areas of the community that have been consistent problems have been studied and engineered, and permanent solutions have been put into place. They are almost completed. Since 2009 the community has collected and spent almost \$400,000 to make these improvements. We've made a lot of progress.

We consider these improvements to be an investment in our community, in the value of our individual homes and the resources that many of us consider to be an essential part of the Chesapeake Isle lifestyle. This investment, if not protected, will only deteriorate, and without constant, repeated maintenance our roads will not sustain their improvements.

The next time you go for a walk grab a handful of gravel in your hand. You will discover that there are three sizes of stone and "fines", the dust that holds them together. When the roads are driven on, this dust goes into the air, gets on your car, your windows, into your house, your sinuses and even your lungs, Studies have shown that it may be carcinogenic.¹ During snow events, when the roads are plowed, this gravel is no longer held together by the fines and is pushed to the side of the road, forming a small curb. When it rains, this small curb prevents the water from draining to the drainage swale causing the water to stay on the road and erode the surface, resulting in ruts and pot holes.

Our volunteer base is dwindling; every year it gets harder and harder to get volunteers to help on the roads. Our tractor is aging. We just recently acquired a volunteer tractor repair person after not having one for months. These circumstances make the situation difficult--if not impossible--to maintain the roads with our limited resources. So corrections and improvements that were made just two years ago are in need of repair already. It's a vicious cycle.

If the roads are paved, the improvements that are already in place will last a lot longer and protect our investment. Some paved surfaces in the community have lasted more than 15 years. Preliminary estimates show that paving all the roads in the community will cost approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000, or about \$1,800 to \$2,200 per lot. Keep in mind that these are rough estimates and construction material costs are changing all the time. Be assured, that this project will be given the same attention to costs and construction methods as have all the road improvement projects currently planned and recently accomplished.

Below is a link to a short opinion survey. Obviously we need a lot more information before it can go to any kind of vote. We just want to see where the community stands.

Please click the link below to take our short survey. You will also receive a paper copy of this with your annual invoice. Send it back either way. Your participation in this survey will be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9VN255W>

Regards,

The CICA Board of Directors

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1. Are you in favor of paving the roads in our **community**?

YES

NO

2. If you are not supportive of paving the roads, what is your concern?

3. On what street is your house or lot located?

- Arden Road
- Basin Drive
- Bennett Avenue
- Caldwell Road
- Cliffview Drive
- Darrel Road
- Diana Way
- Gull Circle

- Mason Lane
- Mowbray Lane
- Pine Lane
- Racine Road
- Rolling Avenue
- Rollins Road
- Turkey Point Road

4. Please provide your name below to help us determine who has responded to the survey.

5. We would like to hear your feedback! Please provide any questions or comments below:
