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CITY CELEBRATES ENERGY EFFICIENT HOUSING FOR ITS SENIORS

Seat Pleasant, MD. In keeping with the City's green initiative Mayor Eugene W. Grant and the Seat Pleasant City Council will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at the home Ms. Wilhelmina Evans, **617 64th Ave., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 11:00 am.**

In November 2010 the City of Seat Pleasant launched the Senior Green Program. The Program came about as a result of some remaining funds from the City's Community Legacy grant money. Ms. Jane Talbert, Seat Pleasant Grant Coordinator suggested spending it on the city's substantial senior population on fixed income by purchasing energy-efficient household appliances. Six seniors throughout the city were the grant recipients of EnergyStar rated appliances. Mr. Tommy Yuhas, Sales Manager for Lowe's Home Improvement Store in Upper Marlboro, MD worked admirably with Ms. Talbert to make sure the selection, delivery and installation of all appliances was done efficiently and expeditiously.

Ms. Evans has lived in Seat Pleasant over 24 years. She was the first senior to qualify under the program's guidelines. She was the recipient of a stove, heater, furnace, washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave and a humidifier. Ms. Evans' utility bills were averaging annually \$3,600 for electricity, \$1,200 for water and \$1,200 for gas. Based on her past annual usage Ms. Evans could realize an 18.5% or \$1,110 reduction in her utility bills with her new appliances.

Ms. Talbert worked closely with Veronica Owens, Project Manager at the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to set up the program. Ms. Owens suggested the program be done in two phases, internal and external housing needs. Phase I, is now complete. Phase II will consist of but not exclusively to replacing storm doors and windows. Representatives from DHCD will be attending the ceremony.

Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence" is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 35 government employees operating a \$3.2 million dollar budget.

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