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The City of Seat Pleasant Welcomes its Newest Business at the Grand Opening of Dunkin Donuts on Central Avenue:

Seat Pleasant, MD – Today, Mayor Eugene W. Grant and City Council Members Johnie Higgs, Reveral Yeargin, and Gerald Raynor welcomed Dunkin Donuts franchisee Neil Patel into the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellences growing business community by celebrating the official Grand Opening of this transit oriented development. The new Dunkin Donuts is located directly across the street from the Seat Pleasant Addison Metro Station and was booming this morning with various community leaders, elected officials, media and WPGC 95.5's DJ Flexx and The Home Team.

Representatives from Senator Barbara Milkulski and Congresswoman Donna Edwards offices were in attendance along with County Councilwoman Karen Toles, the Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority and the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation, all were mingling with community members coming in to grab their morning java and bagel before heading to work.

"Today, the City of Seat Pleasant is proud to welcome Mr. Neil Patel's Dunkin Donuts into our business community and we thank him for bringing his franchise to our residents. This property sat vacant for almost twelve years, now people in our community have the option to come in and purchase donuts and coffee for their office, school or community event. Folks can even come in and enjoy a delicious mouth watering croissant sandwich for lunch, stated Mayor Eugene W. Grant. This Grand Opening event further highlights the fact that the City of Seat Pleasant is open for business and I am proud to see so many leaders and elected officials present today to support economic growth in our community."

According to 2010 Census numbers, Maryland's overall unemployment rate is 6.6% and slightly under the national unemployment rate of 7.9%, however, the City of Seat Pleasants' unemployment rate is 9.1%. Since taking office, Mayor Eugene W. Grant has brought 14 businesses into the City of Seat Pleasant. "It is because of huge disparities such as lack of employment opportunities in our community as an elected official I feel it is imperative to seek out businesses and attempt to bring them into our community. There is so much room for businesses to grow here, given our location and customer base, The City of Seat Pleasant is truly A City of Excellence and a great place for businesses to set up shop. We have to keep pushing ahead in order to grow economically and open up opportunities for employment in our own backyards," concluded Mayor Eugene W. Grant.

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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