

Seat Pleasant News

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CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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Happy Anniversary Seat Pleasant

May 7th marks the 85th Anniversary of the municipal incorporation of Seat Pleasant.



Seat Pleasant is part of a ring of suburbs just outside of Washington, D.C., in Prince George's County. In June 1686, the site of part of what is now Seat Pleasant was recorded as belonging to **Richard Evans** and was known as "Green's Delight". At this time it was part of Old Charles County.

Prince George's County was cut off from Charles County in May 1695 by the Colonial Assembly, but not given the rights and privileges of other counties until April 23, 1696, St. George's Day. The flag of Prince George's County has been copied from St. George's flag for that reason. About the time that Prince George's County was created, a mission was built in a section then called New Scotland. It was named Addison's Chapel for the donor of the site, Colonel John Addison. It is now a Protestant Episcopal Church called St. Matthews and is located at the corner of Addison Road and Grieg Street. The area was first platted for subdivision in 1873 and named for the old plantation of the Berry family, but development did not begin until the end of the nineteenth century with the building of the Chesapeake Beach Railway. Construction of the railway began in 1897 at the eastern corner of the District of Columbia, and the community which grew up around the depot was known as Chesapeake Junction.

Just north of this, the new subdivision of Fairmount Heights began to develop in 1900; lots were sold to African-American families, and a progressive community, largely of professionals from Washington D.C., began to grow. During the same decade, plans were made for an electric railroad line (the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis, or WB&A Electric Railroad), its right-of-way running through the 1905 subdivision of Gregory Heights. In 1906, two more residential subdivisions were platted: Seat Pleasant Heights on the east side of Addison Chapel Road, and Oakmont on the west side of that road. All three of these early subdivisions, plus two (The Godfrey's Additions) that were originally part of Fairmount Heights, are part of present-day Seat Pleasant. Popular house styles of the period began to be built on groups of lots in all five subdivisions, and white families began to move into the newly built dwellings. Later, in the 1920s and 1930s, examples of the popular bungalow style were built, giving Seat Pleasant a mix of residential architecture typical of early twentieth-century developing communities.

On May 20, 1906, citizens voted to change the name from Chesapeake Junction to Seat Pleasant, and the Town (now City) of Seat Pleasant was incorporated in 1931 by a vote of 129 to 126, the citizens of Seat Pleasant approved Chapter 197 of the Laws of Maryland, which established the City

as incorporated municipality. Instrumental in its later development was the Palmer family; Joseph, George and William Palmer were active in the construction business. An area immediately south of Oakmont became the Joseph W. Palmer Subdivision, and in 1923 George Palmer platted another subdivision (Palmer's Subdivision, Section 2) south of that. The Chesapeake Beach Railway closed in 1933. Its tracks, which border the southwest side of the community, were subsequently used by the East Washington Railroad; some of the old right-of-way is now incorporated into a hiking trail system. The VB&A closed in 1935; a few years later its right-of-way was paved and the new highway was named George Palmer. In 1985, the late Senator **Bucky Trotter** was successful in getting the named changed to **Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway**.

The City Council voted unanimously; Adopting the Motto: "*A City of Excellence*" on October 11, 2004. Seat Pleasant is affectionately known as **Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence"**.



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
SEAT PLEASANT DAY
 FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY

VOICES OF HOPE
 THE FIX
 DUTCH CAPITAL
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OPENING CEREMONY AT SEAT PLEASANT CITY HALL
6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, Maryland



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
SEAT PLEASANT DAY

Opening Ceremony at 10:30 am
 Parade at 11 am
 Park Events at 12-5 pm
 Basketball Tournament at 12 pm

- Mega Health Fair
- Food Trucks
- Kid Zone with moon bounces, video game truck, face painting and more!
- Games and Prizes

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Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** at the White House again representing the City of Seat Pleasant during a briefing for African American Mayor's around the country. President **Barack Obama** has been



very generous extending his Senior Officials to discuss with a small group of select Mayors pertinent issues impacting the American people. Among those in the briefing include **Jerry Abramson**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; **Yohannes Abraham**, Special Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; **Broderick Johnson**, Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary; **Valerie Jarret**, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President Office of Intergovernmental Affairs; and **Ron Davis**, Director of COPS Department of Justice. Topics discussed included: the President's Trade Priorities; Criminal Justice Reform; Community Policing and My Brother's Keeper.

COMMUNITY CLEAN SWEEP

The City will hold it's Annual City Wide clean sweep starting next month. The Public Works Department will pick up trash and debris, large household items, bulk trash, and furniture. Derelict vehicle will be removed, vacant buildings will be boarded up and any criminal elements will be identified and removed. Public Works WILL NOT pick up the following items: building materials, yard clippings, grass or leaves, vehicle parts or tools. Please set any items to be disposed of out on the curb in front of your residence the night before. The dates are: **May 28, 2016** for Ward I & II, **June 11, 2016** for Wards III & IV, **June 18, 2016** for Ward V.



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PREFERRED PROPERTIES

WE NEED YOUR HELP

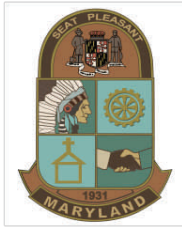
Together, Keller Williams Preferred Properties, and The Heart of America Foundation are making a difference in the lives of our local students.

Your generosity will support students at the Prince George's County Seat Pleasant Elementary School by helping fund a READesign Library Makeover. This incredible project includes a new design for the library; new furniture and shelving; technology; a comfy reading space; inspirational elements and more. The shelves of the library will be stocked with brand-new library books and each student in the school will also receive books to take home to build their own home library collections.

To make a donation go to www.heartofamerica.org/kellerwilliams



Thank you for
your support in
transforming
learning for these
Prince George's
students!



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT TRASH COLLECTION NOTICE

The City of Seat Pleasant will still be providing twice a week trash collection.

Regular Pick-up

Trash collection in the City of Seat Pleasant is handled by Bates Trucking. Residents should place their refuse containers at the front curb by **6:30 a.m.** on **Monday and Thursday**. Refuse will be collected beginning at 6:30 a.m.

The contractor will empty containers and return them to your curbside. The homeowner is responsible for storing and cleaning the containers. City of Seat Pleasant nor Bates Trucking will be responsible for items not intended for collection that are placed next to refuse containers or for the removal of any containers other than regulation containers.

Pick-up

When placing items out to be picked up please:

Please put the required covered trash containers between the curb and sidewalk, or by the street, after dark the night before or prior to 7:00 a.m. on the correct collection day. Please ensure that the cover of the trash container is tightly closed.

Please ensure that the trash containers are accessible so that nothing will hinder or impede trash collection by Bates employees.

**For Additional Information Please Call
301-336-2600**



**MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016-ELECTION GUIDE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The City will hold a general election on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall:

**The City of Seat Pleasant-City Hall
6301 Addison Rd.
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**

The election will be electing a Mayor and seven (7) Councilmember's to serve four-year terms. The polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

The City strongly encourages residents to participate in their City government by seeking a seat on the Council.

Persons seeking to run for office of Council must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 21 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election
- A Councilpersons shall maintain a permanent residence in the City during their term of office.

Persons seeking to run for office of Mayor must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 18 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election

Deadline for candidate filing is Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 5:00p.m. Packets for prospective candidates are available for pickup at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

If you are a registered voter in Prince George's County, you are able to vote in the City of Seat Pleasant Elections. You must be registered by July 12, 2016, to vote in the September 12, 2016 election. If you have any questions regarding voter registration, please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300.

Persons desiring to vote by Absentee Ballot must submit a request for an Absentee Ballot application to the City Clerk before 5:00p.m., Friday, September 7, 2016.

**Note: Absentee Ballot Applications are available at City Hall,
on the City's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov, or you may contact the
City Clerk Office at (301) 336-2600 to have an
application mailed to you.**

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September 12, 2016, General Election Calendar

Monday, May 23, 2016 Candidate Packets Available-City Hall
Absentee Ballot Application Available

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) to file to run for elected office, including: submission of nominating petition of candidates for elective office, Certificate of Candidate Form signed and notarized, the Financial Disclosure Statement (new candidates only)

Monday, September 5, 2016 **DEADLINE** for requesting absentee ballot

Friday, September 7, 2016 **DEADLINE (5:00p.m.)** for submitting absentee ballot

Friday, September 7, 2016 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATE Certificate of Candidacy DEADLINE (5:00p.m.)**

Monday, September 12, 2016 ELECTION DAY-7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Seat Pleasant City Hall

* How to register to vote:

In Person At the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774. Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Online You can register online at elections.state.md.us if you have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card

By Mail Call (301) 341-7300 to have a mail-in form sent to you. Mail-in forms can also be printed at elections.state.md.us. or picked up at county library branches or at Seat Pleasant City Hall.

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POLL WORKERS/ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

Residents of the City who desire to serve as poll workers in the upcoming City's General Election are requested to fill out an Poll Worker Application. To obtain an application, please contact the City Clerk at 301-336-2600, or come City Hall (6301 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743), before **5:00p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016.**

Poll Workers Requirement: Must be registered voters of the State of Maryland and in the City of Seat Pleasant.

We are seeking poll workers to work the election polls for the following:

Municipal Election (Monday, September 12, 2016) polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

Please contact the City Clerk for additional information on becoming a poll worker on 301-336-2600.

CANDIDATE FILING

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FILING:

Nomination Petition-The City's Charter requires that petition containing the valid signatures of twenty (20) registered voters who live in Seat Pleasant. It is recommended that each petition contain several signatures more than the minimum numbered required in the event that some signatures are found invalid by the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections.

Financial Disclosure Statements-Statements must be filed with the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections by the deadline for nominations. No candidate will be qualified if the required statement is not filed. The City Code Chapter 18- Ethics requires for all candidates for elected office complete a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Certificate of Candidacy Form-The City's Charter requires that a candidate for office submits the Certificate of Candidacy Form. The form is required to be signed and notarized.

Candidates packets are available for pick-up at the Seat Pleasant City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

Deadline to file is Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 5:00p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

DEADLINE-Monday, September 5, 2016

Any qualified voters desiring to vote by Absentee Ballot must submit a written request for an Absentee Ballot application to the City Clerk under the authority of the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections, no later than **5:00p.m.**

**Mail to: City Clerk
City of Seat Pleasant
6301 Addison Road
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**

- Upon receipt of the application, the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections will approve or reject the voter's request for an absentee ballot and, if approved and time allows, one (1) ballot will be mailed to an applicant.
- An applicant can be rejected if the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections determines upon inquiry that the applicant is not legally qualified to vote at the City Election.
- The City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections must receive all original absentee ballots no later than the day before the election, Friday, September 9, 2016 by 5:00p.m.

ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS

No voter shall receive any assistance in voting unless he/she completes an affidavit declaring that due to blindness, impaired vision, or physical disability, he/she is unable to vote without assistance.

- The person filling the affidavit may select any individual or two (2) Poll Workers to enter the booth with him/her.
- The voter may not be assisted by his/her employer or agent.
- The individual or Poll Worker assisting shall operate the machine, as the voter shall direct.

POLL WATCHERS

Poll Watchers are official observers representing a candidate. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the poll closes.

Only one (1) person can be present in the polling place representing a candidate at any given time.

- The Board of Elections may ask all Poll Watchers to leave.
- The Board of Elections may cause the removal of any Poll Watcher who is disrupting the election process.
- Poll Watchers can enter the polling place one-half hour before the opening of the polls.

Each Poll Watcher must have credentials issued by the candidate.

NOTE: Please direct any questions, comments or concerns regarding the 2016 City of Seat Pleasant Election scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016, to Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC City Clerk at 301-336-2600 or by email at dashaun.lanham@seatpleasantmd.gov.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

WARD II MEETING

"Let's Talk "



WARD II MEETING

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016
 TIME: 12:00PM-2:00PM
 SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER
 5720 ADDISON RD
 SEAT PLEASANT, MD 20743

Councilmember Aretha Stephenson would like for all residents of Ward II to join her for the "Let's Talk" meeting.

LITE REFRESHMENT WILL BE SERVED!
 All refreshments are provided by Councilmember Stephenson

Please remember to bring a neighbor!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 COUNCILWOMAN STEPHENSON AT 240-601-1037



WALK TO EXCELLENCE

Seat Pleasant Community Walking Group
 6TH ANNUAL KICK-OFF EVENT



DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

TIME: 12:30 P.M. TO 2:30P.M.

START: SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER -
 5720 ADDISON RD, SEAT PLEASANT, MD

END: GOODWIN PARK- 311 68TH PLACE

WHO: FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE!

ALL WALKING SPEEDS ARE WELCOME!

UNITE WITH COMMUNITY & IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH!

WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES!

COOL & REFRESHING ICE CREAM BY RITA'S FOR FIRST
 25 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY
 COUNCILWOMAN STEPHENSON



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
 CITY HALL AT (301)336-2600 OR
 COUNCILWOMAN ARETHA STEPHENSON AT
 (240) 601-1037



WARD I MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Councilmember Elenora Simms would like for all residents of Ward I to come and have cool ice cream and conversation with your Councilmember of Ward I,

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016
 TIME: 11:00AM-1:00P.M.

WHERE: CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 6301 ADDISON ROAD
 Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

ALL refreshments are provided by Councilmember Simms

Please RSVP with City Clerk at
 301-336-2600 or Councilmember Simms at 301-655-6559
 Please remember to bring a neighbor!

FREE ICE CREAM & TOPPINGS



Council Vacancy for Seat Pleasant is in Ward V and Councilmember-At-Large Only!

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

The City Council meets every month on the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m., and second (2nd) Monday for the Public Session at 7:00p.m.

All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session.

April 2016

Monday, April 4, 2016, Regular Work Session

Ordinance O-16-06 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget for Community Development Block Grant Funding (**First Reading**)

Monday, April 11, 2016, FY2017 Proposed Budget Hearing

The City Council held the Budget Hearing in accordance to the mandate in the City Charter. We had five residents to attend the meeting and give comment regarding the proposed budget.

Monday, April 11, 2016, Public Session

Ordinance O-16-06 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget for Community Development Block Grant Funding **Approved 4-0-0**

Resolution R-16-09 Approval of Seat Pleasant Vacant Property Fee Structure **Approved 4-0-0**

The Meeting Minutes for the month of February were **Approved 4-0-0**

The Meeting Regular Work Session and Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes were **Approved 4-0-0**. The Public Session Meeting Minutes were postponed until next month.

The City Council meet every month on the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and second (2nd) Monday for the Public Session at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.



**Honorable Elenora Simms,
Council President**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CORNER

The City Council actions in the months of April:

The City Council would like to thank the residents for providing their in-put regarding the Proposed FY2016-2017 Budget. We are working together to ensure that needs of our constituents and staff are met by producing our sound budget. The City Council believes that we have approved a Strategic Plan that will benefit our government for many years to come.

The City Council would like to thank you for participating in the Feggans Center Redevelopment Charrette's. We welcome your in-put regarding the proposed conceptual plan.

Prince George's County will be going to one day refuse collection beginning in May 2016. The City of Seat Pleasant will NOT be changing our services at the present time.

The elected officials meeting attendance for the month of April:

Mayor & Councilmember	Public	Work	Session	Special	Closed
Eugene Grant	P	P	P	E	N/A
Kelly Porter	P		L	P	N
Elenora Simms, Ward I	P		P	P	N
Aretha Stephenson, Ward II	P		P	P	N
Reveral Yeargin, Ward III	A		P	L	N
Gerald Raynor, Sr., Ward IV	P		L	L	N

P-Present

C-Cancelled

N-None

A-Absent

E-Excused

L-Late

U-Unexcused

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SEAT PLEASANT**

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Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT	301-499-8700
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY	301-352-1200
SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	301-336-2331
BATES TRASH	301-773-2069
CITY HALL/CALL-A-BUS	301-336-2600
METRO ACCESS	301-562-5360
PEPCO/OUTAGES & WIRES	202-833-7500/ 877-737-2662
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF AGING	301-265-8450
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES	301-909-7025
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ELECTION BOARD	301-341-7300
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THE BUS	301-883-5600
WASHINGTON GAS/EMERGENCY	703-750-1000/ 703-750-1400
WSSC/EMERGENCY	301-206-9772/ 301-206-4002
SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	301-925-2330
CARMODY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	301-808-8180
G. JAMES GHOLSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	301-883-8390