



Seat Pleasant News

"A Smart City of Excellence"

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Three New Officers Sworn Into SPPD

Three new officers joined the Seat Pleasant Police Department last month. Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant presided over the swearing-in of two new law enforcement officers and one detective during a City Hall ceremony. The city welcomed Officer Clark, Officer Louis, and Detective Dunbar to SPPD. "Great things are happening in our Smart City. I welcome the newest members of our family. Each of them has made their commitment to serving our community with integrity, respect, and love," stated Chief Martin. "I'm confident they'll be a great addition to our police department," Mayor Grant said. "We're very selective of who's allowed to represent the Seat Pleasant Police Department and we believe these new officers will represent Seat Pleasant well. Thank you for choosing a noble profession and thank you for choosing to join the Seat Pleasant Police Department."



Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant at Eastern Avenue Community walk on April 10, 2019

Leaders Come Together To Participate in City Public Safety Walk

On Wednesday, April 10, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser and other community leaders led a community walk along Eastern Avenue. The walk highlighted the strengthened partnership between the adjoining jurisdictions' law enforcement agencies to help maintain safer, stronger communities. They acknowledged the neighborhood, which straddles Eastern Avenue, is a hotbed for violence and most recently the setting for several crimes.

Alsobrooks and Bowser also announced the creation of new initiatives aimed at reducing sex work and stemming the rise of illegal hauling and disposal of used tires along the border of Ward 7 and Prince George's County. The District and Prince George's County will form a cross-border collaboration to take on the tire dumping. "This was a tremendous display of love, compassion, concern, and leadership witnessed that evening. It was a great honor to walk alongside

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

April 2019

The City Council held five meetings in April and approved the following legislation:

Monday, April 1, 2019 Regular Work Session Meeting was held.

- **Ordinance O-19-09** Small Cell Facilities 2nd Reading held on Monday, April 1, 2019. Approved 7-0-0
- **Ordinance O-19-10** Amendment of Chapter 137-Streets and Sidewalks 2nd Reading held on Monday, April 1, 2019. Approved 6-1-0
- **Ordinance O-19-11** Amendment of Chapter 150-Vehicles and Traffic 1st Reading held on Monday, April 1, 2019.

The City Council held the Public Session on Monday, April 8, 2019 and approved the following legislation:

- **Ordinance O-19-11** Amendment of Chapter 150-Vehicles and Traffic 2nd Reading held on Monday, April 8, 2019. **Approved 7-0-0**
- The Meeting Minutes for January and March were approved on Monday, April 8, 2019.

The City Council held the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget and the Constant Yield Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2019. In accordance to the Seat Pleasant City Charter §C-803 Budget Adoption.

Before adopting the budget, the Council shall hold a public hearing thereon after notice thereof in some newspaper or newspapers having general circulation within the City. The Council may insert new items or may increase or decrease the items of the budget. Where the Council shall increase the total proposed expenditures, it shall also increase the total anticipated revenues in an amount at least equal to such total proposed expenditures. The budget shall be prepared and adopted in the form of an ordinance. A favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected membership of the Council shall be necessary for adoption.

The City Council held a second Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Hearing and Council Review of the Budget on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

The monthly meetings for May will be on **Monday, May 6, 2019 as the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m.** and the **Public Session will be on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00p.m.** All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. **The meetings will be held at the temporary location, located at 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD.**

*Copies of Legislation and Meeting Minutes may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.



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two of America's great leaders who exemplify the essence of public service," stated Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant. "Thank you, Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, for bringing us together to work collaboratively. Also, special thanks to the County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks for work in supporting municipalities in Prince George's County. Great things are happening in our communities through genuine partnerships."



Seat Pleasant Staff



Eastern Avenue walk attendees



Mayor Grant and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks

Seat Pleasant Youth Delegate Reflects On National League of Cities Experience

The National League of Cities (NLC) Conference was an amazing experience. I was honored to be the first Youth Delegate to represent my city; Seat Pleasant. On March 10th, I had the privilege to attend an auspicious event. I gained a wealth of knowledge about my city and what contributions youth can offer that will affect the immediate future.

At the conference, I learned that many challenges we suffer in our city are very similar to other cities in the nation. Many topics were touched on, but the main topic was "Infrastructure." The complex, Google definition that would probably scramble most people is "the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies)

needed for the operation of a society or enterprise." The word infrastructure was foreign to me and I had no idea what it meant but it was being thrown around candy on Halloween. Over the course of the workshops and meetings, this word was broken down into a simpler meaning. It's quite simple, it means, "What in the world are we going to do about these crazy potholes?" "Fix these crazy, crumbling bridges." "Hey man, my waters acting up." "Geez, we've got to update this building." All these things relate to the word infrastructure.

Forums such as this, NLC, spark a light in a young person's mind to the real issues that plague our society on the daily and affect our

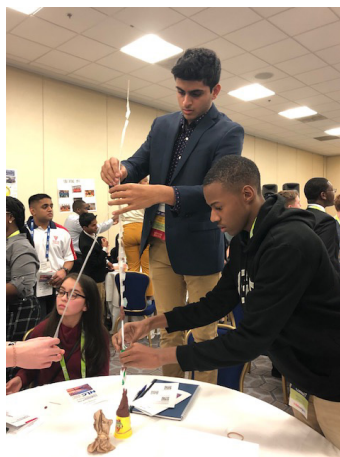
communities nationwide. These issues are important, not only to the adults but now the children who are growing into becoming adults; ones that are becoming of voting and driving age.

The more I am exposed to this type of conversation, the closer we will get to a solution and I believe the solution resides in my generation; the youth. We are the generation that will provide a solution to the worlds. We're underestimated, severely. Our phones and electronic devices are always being targeted for our lack of knowledge or understanding, but in retrospect, we've seen how the world is moving into an electronic phase. (If you don't have the Seat Pleasant App, download it now.) "Burying our heads"

in these devices along with our schoolwork, books, etc. will assist us in our future endeavors, for the future mayors, the future council members, government officials.

I had the pleasure to meet many great council members and mayors, like Mayor Wood from Dumfries, VA and even develop a great relationship with our very own Councilwoman Shireka McCarthy At-Large, who are both extremely personable.

I truly appreciate the opportunity extended by COSP in being able to attend this event and I truly felt blessed to be the first Youth Delegate that Seat Pleasant has ever chosen.



Seat Pleasant Youth Delegate Micach Bilbro

Ready for Seat Pleasant Day?! So are we! Here's What to Expect



SEAT PLEASANT DAY
THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

SATURDAY MAY 4TH 2019
FAMILY FUN DAY 11AM - 6PM

PARADE

PARADE STARTS AT GOODWIN PARK AT 11AM
STARTING AT 311 68TH PLACE SEAT PLEASANT, MD 20743
ENDING AT 12 PM

FESTIVAL

SEAT PLEASANT DAY FESTIVAL
STARTS AT 12 PM
ON THE GROUNDS OF SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6411 G STREET SEAT PLEASANT, MD 20743
ENDS AT 6PM



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

SEAT PLEASANT DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY – MAY 4, 2019

**EXPECT STREET CLOSURES
AND TRAFFIC DELAYS**

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

- ▶ G STREET (6AM - 6PM, ADDISON RD TO 66TH AVE)
- ▶ ADDISON ROAD (10AM - 1PM, CENTRAL AVE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HWY)
- ▶ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HWY (10AM - 1PM, EASTERN AVE TO GLEN WILLOW DR)

NO PARKING ZONES

- ▶ G STREET (6AM - 6PM, ADDISON ROAD TO 66TH AVENUE)
- ▶ PARKING LOTS (6AM - 6PM, CITY HALL / GOODWIN PARK / ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)
- ▶ 65TH AVENUE (6AM - 6 PM, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HWY TO G STREET)
- ▶ CROWN STREET (6AM - 1PM, ADDISON ROAD TO 67TH PLACE)
- ▶ 69TH STREET (6AM - 1PM, ADDISON RD TO 68TH PLACE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:
BY PHONE 301-336-2600 OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV



MAY 4th 2019
12PM - 6PM
BOUNCE HOUSES & CARNIVAL RIDES
Live Music from 12:00 to 6:00

Excited for Seat Pleasant Day 2019? Before you get ready for the annual community day we want to make sure you have the essentials. After all, you're there to have a good time and, if you go in knowing what to expect, you're sure to have an awesome time!

Choose Suitable Bags

Keep your destination in mind when choosing to travel bags and remember that you aren't headed to a five-star hotel. So, pack jackets

in a small bookbag and keep smaller items like keys and sunglasses in a wristlet or fanny pack. Wristlets and fanny packs make smaller items easier to find and keep everything nice and compact.

Prepare to Stand

Food lines and hours spent on your feet are the norm, so be prepared to stand. This means comfortable shoes are essential.

Pack Cleansing Wipes

With public restrooms being your only option, cleansing wipes are a must.

Consider the Weather

Rain or shine: Be prepared to brave the elements. Bringing along an umbrella—even when the forecast predicts sunny skies—is smart.

Bring Clothing to Layer

Temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day, and what might be a balmy 80 degrees during the day could cool down to a brisk 60 degrees as evening begins to fall.

Carry Cash

When it comes to an all-day event, you can't rely solely on plastic.

Seat Pleasant Day Over the Years

As Seat Pleasant Day 2019 approaches we wanted to take a look back at Seat Pleasant Day throughout the years. We hope to see you this year!



The Mayor's Corner



Mayor Grant visiting Los Angeles' Financial District

Multi-City Stop for Smart City Mayor

Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant made his rounds around the U.S. as he continued his talks about Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence and how becoming the 1st authentic small smart city has been beneficial to the city and its residents and how other cities can follow suit.

Mayor Grant's first stop was in Los Angeles, California. His travel there prompted meetings with private investors that can contribute to the growth of the smart city.

"We may not be perfect. We may

not have the best amenities. We may not have the big population or big budgets, but what we do have we are thankful and faithful for," explains Mayor Grant.

Mayor Grant then headed to Denver, Colorado where he was a guest panelist at the Smart Cities Connect Conference and Expo. As a part of the city leaders panel entitled the Impact of Smart Community Movement, Mayor Grant shared the logistics and advantages of being a small smart city.



On April 12, 2019 Mayor Grant spoke at the United Nations XIX Infopoverity World Conference. This year's conference focus was "How Smart Cities can fight poverty eliminating slums and promoting ICT villages for rural development." Mayor Grant's presentation highlighted "How urbanization can be sustainable."

Smart City Talks Landed In Montreal

The Global Infrastructure Leadership Forum landed Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant in Montreal Canada. After arriving in Montreal Mayor Grant attended a VIP Invitation Only Dinner at the historic Mount Royal Club. During the dinner, attendees were greeted by the Minister of Infrastructure for Canada, Francois-Philippe Champagne.

On day two of the summit, Mayor Grant had the opportunity to speak during the Mayors and Urban Leaders Summit. The summit brought together leaders, political appointees and private sector decision makers from around the world (27 countries were represented at the summit) to discuss their challenges and opportunities related to infrastructure.

Mayor Grant began the smart cities discussion with the impacts of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). "It was a tremendous honor as the ONLY African American and elected official at the conference," explained Seat Pleasant Mayor Grant. "Seat Pleasant continues to gain international acclaim for its continuous work."



Mayor Grant and Mayor of Montreal's Town of Repentigny, Chantal Deschamps

PAL Wins First Game Of the Season

Congratulations are in order for the Seat Pleasant's Police Departments Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Redskins flag football team. Opening their season last month, they won their first game in a score of 18-0.

Last year, the PAL program was established for youth between the ages of 8 to 17 to engage with local law enforcement in different and fun activities.

PAL's philosophy is grounded in the belief that young people's individual's strengths and capabilities can guide them to mature, productive, adulthoods with local encouragement and commitment. PAL's activities are experiential opportunities for young people to expand their horizons and realize their full potential.

PAL also focuses itself around core values such as Intentionality, Community, Honesty, Empathy, Openness, and Service.

The program features a variety of activities such as leadership, workshops, and teambuilding.

Last year, the Seat Pleasant Police Department was awarded a grant through the U.S Department of Justice National Association of Police Athletic/ Activities League Inc. Mentoring Program (N-Pal).



PAL Participants posing for a picture after their first win of the season

Helpful Information For Residents To Use, From Fundrasing to Cleaning

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit

Small Business Programs Office
600 5th Street, NW
Washington DC 20001

Unified Certification Program

To apply please contact
Lilliette Rivera, Small Business Analyst
202-962-6421
DBEHOTline@wmata.com

Allergy & Asthma Information

Comprehensive Allergy &

Asthma Care Center
12164 Central Ave #225
Mitchellville, MD 20721
240-206-9601

Krispy Kreme Fund Raising Opportunities

8703 Central Ave
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
301-909-1573
Profitable –average 50-60% profit margins -many groups can raise hundreds to thousands

K & D CLEANING SOLUTIONS

240-838-2518
Kindcleaning.com

Non-Profit Grocery Market Set to Open and Brings Seat Pleasant's Food Desert to an End

A new grocery store option will be opening in Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*. The announcement of the new grocery store is the beginning of a strong effort by Prince George's County Officials in solving the problem of food deserts that have plagued several towns in the county.

County officials were joined by Seat Pleasant government members as well as community leaders on April 1 to announce the addition of Good Food Market, a non-profit organization, in Addison Plaza as a new grocery store option for

residents.

In the summer of 2016, Safeway store officials made the decision to close the Seat Pleasant location, claiming it was not making enough money. The closure left very few options for locals to purchase fresh foods.

This will be the organization's second location in the region.

Good Food Markets is a mission driven grocery dedicated to developing retail solutions that work in, and for, food desert communities.





The City of Seat Pleasant

A Smart City of Excellence

311 68th Place

Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Phone 301 336 2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Black Mother

A Poem By Marcus Garvey

 *Mother's Day* 2019

Where can I find love that never
changes

Smiles that are true and always
just the same,

Caring not how the fierce
tempest rages,

Willing ever to shield my
honored name?

This I find at home, only with
Mother,

Who cares for me with patient
tenderness;

She from every human pain
would rather

Save me, and drink the dregs of
bitterness.

If on life's way I happen to
flounder,

My true thoughts should be of
Mother dear,

She is the rock that ne'er rifts
asunder,

The cry of her child, be it far or

near.

This is love wonderful beyond
compare;

It is God's choicest gift to mortal
man;

You, who know Mother, in this
thought must share,

For, she, of all, is Angel of your
Clan.

My Mother is black, loveliest of
all;

Yes, she is as pure as the new
made morn;

Her song of glee is a clear rhythmic
call

To these arms of love to which I
was born.

I shall never forget you, sweet
Mother,

Where'er in life I may happen to
room;

Thou shalt always be the Fairy

Charmer

To turn my dearest thoughts to
things at home.

City Hosts Wine and Cheese Networking Event

Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* hosted the Prince George's County Municipal Association annual wine and cheese networking reception with the Prince George's County Council on April 5, 2019. People in attendance include the Honorable Mel Franklin, At-large, Honorable Rodney Streeter, District 7, Honorable Jolene Ivy, District 8, and the Honorable Denni Taveras, District 2.