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# Seat Pleasant News

*"A Smart City of Excellence"*

## LT. Governor Boyd Rutherford talks SMART with Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*

Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence had the pleasure of hosting the honorable Boyd Rutherford and members of his team. He came to Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence to learn and understand the digital transformation of the city. The Hogan/Rutherford administration has been very receptive and supportive of our smart city efforts and our specific points of need. It is our belief that there will be efforts by the state to help continue our work in being a national leader in smart cities. The Lt. Governor expressed how impressed he was with the city's efforts and applauded our united work to improve governance through effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services. Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford also recognized our efforts in helping other Maryland cities and cities throughout the United States in becoming "Smart". Also in attendance was Chief Operating Officer, Jeannelle Branson Wallace, Director of Economic Development, Weyimi Ayu, CGS Director, Mohamed Abdelhameid, Lieutenant Robert Ploof, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Kristal Hartsfield, Governors Office Don Fenhausen, and Global Business Partner with IBM. We thank the Lt. Governor for visiting Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence and look forward to having the Governor's office apart of our digital transformation journey.



**Pictured Above: Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford & Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Kristal Hartsfield meeting with Mayor Eugene W. Grant and other member of Seat Pleasant City staff**



# Seat Pleasant Joins Prince George's County Pet Waste Management Initiative



You may recall from the June 2018 issue of the Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence newsletter that the City was selected to participate in the Prince George's County Department of Energy new Pet Waste Management Initiative.

The Pet Waste Management Initiative aims to educate residents about this issue, change personal behaviors, and implement best practice at the municipal level. Residents will learn about the problems caused by pet waste and resources to help address the issue.

As a participant of the initiative, Seat Pleasant received 10 Pet Waste Stations. They are now being installed around the City by the Public Works Department. The stations will provide you with bags to "scoop the poop", as well as a lined receptacle to dispose of the used bags.

The waste will then be collected and dropped at the nearest landfill.

The waste will then be collected and dropped at the nearest landfill. The stations will be monitored using sheets to report on the pounds collected and this data will be submitted to the County for a year.

If you have an issue with using the station or if the bags supply is empty from so much use! Please contact Mr. Dominique Brown, Director of Public Works at 301-336-2600 or via email at [Dominique.brown@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:Dominique.brown@seatpleasantmd.gov). Or if you have downloaded our My Seat Pleasant App please utilize this Smart connectivity to inform Mr. Brown of your comments, questions or concerns with a station.

Please participate and encourage your neighbors to participate in this initiative to help keep local streams and the Chesapeake Bay free of pet waste pollution.

Apollo, Seat Pleasant Pet Waste Mascot says "Do your Doody, Scoop the Poop"



## Seat Pleasant Police Athletic League

# YOUTH MINI SUMMER CAMP

Event Location:

SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY  
6411 G STREET  
SEAT PLEASANT, MD 20743

**AUGUST 13-15, 2018**  
**9AM – 2PM**

For Information or to register contact:

**OFC. M. BROWN**

Community Liaison

301-499-8700 Ext. 3018

cops@seatpleasantmd.gov



THE GENERAL'S  
FUTURE CHARITY INC

WWW.GENERALSUTURE.COM

**3rd Annual  
Community Day  
For the Youth**

**August 4th  
12-5pm**

Goodwin Park  
311 68th Place  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743



JOE HOLMES "The General"  
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

Backpacks and  
School Supply  
giveaway while  
they last!!

**FREE  
EVENT**



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**RÉSUMÉ  
SECRETS**





# ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEAST



EVENT CATERED BY:  
**CHESAPEAKE SEAFOODS**

**Rosetta Martin Memorial  
Community Crab Feast**

**Saturday - August 25, 2018**

**Doors Open 12:30 pm / Service 1 pm – 5 pm**

St. Margaret's of Scotland - Omega Room  
410 Addison Road South, Capital Heights, MD 20743

## DELICIOUS "ALL YOU CAN EAT" MENU

Maryland male steamed crabs, fried chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, sliced watermelon, and assorted desserts.

Cash Bar \* DJ \* Vendors \* 50/50 Raffles \* Door Prizes \* Famous Tamo Smoothies and Much More!

## TICKET PRICES

**\$65** CRAB & BEER

**\$55** CRABS ONLY

**\$25** 6 – 16 Y/O  
UNDER 5 FREE

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Inquire about Group Sales  
(8 ticket minimum)  
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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT FUND. A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION.

On June 30, 2018, Council President Yeargin, Councilmember Ward 3 hosted a Prayer Brunch that allowed the residents to fellowship with one another while receiving the Word of God. We would like to give a special thank you to all that participated.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY**

**AUGUST  
7**

**5:30PM – 8:30PM**

*Event Location:*

**GOODWIN PARK**  
311 68<sup>TH</sup> Place

*For More Information Contact:*

**OFFICER M. BROWN**

Community Liaison

301-499-8700

[cops@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:cops@seatpleasantmd.gov)

**C.P.A.C.**

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
Citizens for Public Safety  
Advisory Council



## National Night Out Against Crime

- View our newest police vehicles & other state of the art public safety technologies
- Meet & greet Police Department staff
- Learn safety and crime prevention tips
- Enjoy free snacks & refreshments
- Have fun with a variety of kid's activities  
and Much More!



# Community gets safety tips during Mayor Grant's 1st Annual Bike Rodeo



Bicycles weaved in and out of miniature traffic cones as adults and children rode their bicycles through a safety course at Seat Pleasant Elementary during Mayor Grant's 1st Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, July 7th.

The event hosted by Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Seat Pleasant Police Department, and The Department of Public Engagement was designed to teach children and their parent's bicycle safety and rules of the road.

Mayor Grant, said according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration more than 60 percent of bicycle crashes occur with June, July, and August accounting for the months with the highest number of injury and fatal crashes. Summer is the most dangerous time for children's safety. So, there is a tremendous need for people to be educated about bicycle safety.

In addition to bike safety, participants were able to get fitted for helmets, get their bicycle repaired by the Anacostia Bicycle Company, and enjoy a bicycle stunt show by the FreeCycle Action Sports Team.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bike Rodeo!



On Friday, July 6th, Seat Pleasant: *Smart City of Excellence* public safety departments gathered for tis annual joint awards ceremony to recognize the outstanding work during the 2018 calendar year.

Following the remarks from CPAC President, Pamela Boone, Mayor, Eugene W. Grant and Chief of Police Devan A. Martin, awards were presented to 20 public safety personnel and first responders who have exemplified exceptional performance of their duties.

The important annual event gives the departments an opportunity to honor the dedication, hard work, and heroic actions.

## 2018 Public Safety Awards



**Congratulations to the award recipients:** Ricardo J. Biddy, Seat Pleasant Fire Company, Corporal Bryan J. Stevens, Assistant to the Chief Marcus A. Jones, Sergeant Waine M. Harris, Officer Franklin G. Braxton, Sergeant Cedric J. Whitaker, Lieutenant Robert J. Ploof, Corporal Marcellus D. Loving, Private First-Class Charles Lane, Officer Stephon D. Lee, E.M.T. Phillip L. Martin, Jr., F.F. Dominique J. Schools, E.M.T. Phillip L. Martin, Jr, Crystal Parker, F.F./E.M.T. Keviette V. Potts, F.F./E.M.T. Nicole D. Bennett, F.F. Antoine M. Williams, Ketsha Moore-Brown





## Neighborhood Commercial Compliance (NCC)

The City of Seat Pleasant's Code Enforcement Division name has newly been changed to Neighborhood & Commercial Compliance (NCC) and is now part of the Economic Development Department. Inspector Williams is a Seat Pleasant native dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of the city by providing effective enforcement of City adopted ordinances and zoning ordinances. Inspector Williams has the authority to issue citations for violations of the Zoning Ordinance and the City Code of Ordinances.



Citizens can assist in maintaining the wonderful quality of life in Seat Pleasant by obeying codes and reporting possible violations, such as those listed below:

- Junk vehicles
- Overgrown yards or lots
- Illegal dumping
- Graffiti
- Illegal signs such as temporary signs in the right of way, i.e. ("For Sale, "For Rent", "We Buy Houses" etc.)
- Immediate safety concerns
- Abandoned refrigerators, unsecured pools, etc.

To report possible code violations of the City Code, please contact at 240-585-2569 or by email at [codeenforcement@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@seatpleasantmd.gov)

## From the Director of Economic Development



Greetings,

This is to inform you that the City will be demolishing the property known as the Gaskins Property located at 5718-5724 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway. The demolition process will begin in July and pending any delays should be completed by late September.

Seat Pleasant is moving forward progressively with its economic development strategic plans for the City. One of the primary areas slated for redevelopment is Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway; formally designated as the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Revitalization District*. This area extends from Eastern Avenue to 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and is one of the main commercial corridors in the City. This project will be beneficial to the Seat Pleasant community in that it:

- Will promote commercial revitalization
- will attract business investors to the City
- Will fall in line with one of the Prince George's County Sustainable Community Action Plan-central Avenue Metro Blue Line Corridor Plan goals to eradicate urban blight and promote inner beltway revitalization projects.

Over the past several years, Seat Pleasant has received grant funding for the acquisition and demolition of abandoned and dilapidated properties along this corridor to prepare the area for development. For this project, the City received funding [again] from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development – Strategic Demolition Fund-Statewide Program.

The project will inevitably involve some traffic re-routing, certain levels of noise (within the allowable times as indicated in the City Codes), parking issues, a level of dust, etc. All efforts will be taken to make this demolition as unintrusive as possible and we will appreciate your cooperation and patience while this project is being completed.

If you have any questions or concerns during the demolition please contact me at your convenience.

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**We're on the Web!!**

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