



FEBRUARY & MARCH NEWSLETTER

SEAT PLEASANT

Celebrates

&

Womans
History
Month



BLACK
HISTORY MONTH



COUNCILMEMBER-
AT-LARGE
JAMES WRIGHT JR



COUNCILMEMBER-
AT-LARGE
SHIREHA MCCARTHY



COUNCILMEMBER
MONICA HIGGS



COUNCILMEMBER
HOPE LOVE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



COUNCILMEMBER
KIZZIE SCOTT



COUNCILMEMBER
GERALD RAYNOR,SR



CITY MANAGER
MYNECA OJO



Mayor Kelly
Porter

RECOGNIZING A RICH LEGACY OF LEADERS IN SEAT PLEASANT



The council appointed James Wright to fill the vacancy for At-Large on city October 10th, 2022. Mr. Wright has been a staff writer and city editor for the Washington AFRO-American Newspaper covering Capitol Hill and the White House and sports from April 1993-July 2000. He worked in The Washington Post sports copy desk from July 2000-August 2005. He returned to the AFRO in August 2005 as a general assignment reporter until August 2009. Mr. Wright is a staff writer for the Washington Informer Newspaper. He has worked with the Informer since December 2018 and had written freelance articles for the newspaper from October 2009-August 2014. In Seat Pleasant, Mr. Wright serves as the vice chair of the CPAC, a support for the city's police department.



Shireka McCarthy was first elected on September 12, 2016, as Councilmember-At-Large, becoming the youngest person elected to serve the City of Seat Pleasant. Ms. McCarthy was re-elected on September 14, 2020. Ms. McCarthy is a licensed graduate social worker (LGSW) in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Ms. McCarthy is proud to be a first-generation college student. The principles of the social work profession are precisely the foundation of her compassion, drive, and emphasis on change.



Councilmember Monica Higgs was elected to office on September 14, 2020. Ms. Higgs is a second-generation Councilmember for Ward 1, daughter of Former Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr. Ms. Higgs has been a resident of Seat Pleasant for 30 years. Ms. Higgs worked for the Maryland General Assembly-House of Delegates, Judiciary Committee. She is the proud owner.



Kizzie Scott was elected on September 14, 2020 as Councilmember for Ward 3. Kizzie Scott retired from Homeland Security as a Sergeant, where she managed 85 staff members. After retirement, Ms. Scott became the founder and Chief Executive Officer of K&D Cleaning Solutions Corporation. Ms. Scott believes in education and has made materials accessible to youth and adults by placing a bookcase outside of her residence. Ms. Scott volunteers to feed the homeless, serve the elderly, and devote time to assist children and young adults with special needs.

Councilmember Hope Love, Ward II, was appointed by the City Council on Monday, July 10, 2017 to fill the remaining term, and re-elected on September 14, 2020. She has over 45 years of experience, working for agencies such as the United States Postal Service, The Washington Post, and Amtrak. While at Amtrak, Hope works as a crew dispatcher. She believes her skills as communications personnel, responsible for transmitting pure and reliable messages, has prepared her to engage her residents in ways that have never been done before.



Councilmember Raynor previously served as Councilmember on September 8, 2008 and was re-elected as Councilmember for Ward 4 on September 14, 2020. currently works for the United States Department of Agriculture in the Mailing and Reproduction Management Division. Mr. Raynor held the position of Lead Operator, and within 2 years, worked his way up to Project Supervisor. Councilmember Raynor is the Chair of the Economic, Planning, Development and Housing Committee and a committee member of Governmental Affairs and Technology, and Environmental Justice and Transportation.



Mr. Porter is the Owner of a Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Franchise with locations in Washington, DC and Maryland. In addition to owning his own business, he is currently employed with Giant Food Stores. Mr. Porter is the Owner of a Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Franchise with locations in Washington, DC and Maryland. In addition to owning his own business, he is currently employed with Giant Food Stores.



Myneca Ojo is the City Manager for the City of Seat Pleasant. She has used her knowledge and experience to make major strides in enhancing and celebrating the great City of Seat Pleasant. She currently resides in York County, Pennsylvania, where history was made when she became the first African-American Mayor, and only second woman to serve in the Hanover borough leadership position. She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. (AKA) and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW). Ms. Ojo actively serves in numerous community, service and board positions. Currently, she is a board member with the United Way of York County, the Tradition's Bank Hanover Women's Advisory Board and was appointed by the Mayor of Harrisburg as a member of the City of Harrisburg Mayor's Equity Roundtable.

"DAVID ESTES: A CHAMPION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR OVER 40 YEARS"



David Estes has been an instrumental figure in the field of Environmental Justice since his arrival at the City of Seat Pleasant in October of 1980. Over the past 40-plus years, Mr. Estes has tirelessly worked to serve his community, contributing to the beautification of city streets and the maintenance of important city buildings.

Mr. Estes has not only been active in physical labor, but also in training individuals and assisting in major projects within the city. He is a true asset to the community of Seat Pleasant, providing reliable and dedicated service to those around him.

As a resident of Seat Pleasant, Mr. Estes has witnessed the community evolve and grow, taking great pride in the progress that has been made. He firmly believes that everyone in the community is invested in its success and encourages patience and cooperation amongst members to continue improving the community's appearance.

It is clear that Mr. Estes is committed to the prosperity of Seat Pleasant, having given his all and planning to continue doing so. His unwavering dedication is a testament to his love for the community and its people.

A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

"INCREDIBLE TEEN ARTIST FROM SEAT PLEASANT SHOWCASED AT GREENBELT'S CELEBRATE ART CREATED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR EXHIBIT"



Councilwoman Higgs attended an art exhibit to support a 15-year-old named Trevon Rucker from Seat Pleasant, MD, who had his art displayed in Greenbelt's Celebrate Art Created by People of Color event. Trevon is a high-achieving 9th-grade student at Bowie High School who has been drawing since 5th grade. One of his art projects was showcased in the Prince Georges County School Art Showcase at The Mall of Prince Georges in Hyattsville, MD. In addition to art, Trevon enjoys swimming and football, among other sports. The Space Free Art For All resource is available to all and offers excellent art programs and exhibits.



Mayor Kelly Porter

Sworn in as Commissioner for the Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Kelly Porter of Seat Pleasant was unanimously confirmed by the County Council to serve as a Commissioner on the Historic Preservation Commission



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

January/February 2023

Legislation:

- Ordinance O-23-05 Approval of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for Professional Development for the Mayor was introduced by the City Council on January 3, 2023. and adopted on February 6, 2023, Approved 5-0-1

Meeting Minutes:

The City Council approved the January 2023 Meeting Minutes on Monday, February 13, 2023:

- Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, Approved 6-0-0
- Charter Amendment Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, Approved 6-0-0
- Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 9, 2023, Approved 6-0-0

The Council meetings for March will be as follows:

Regular Work Session, Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c1rKKmwPRGmFnwUgoIWcSQ

Public Session, Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u1V01FU0T5agRpbsJe4Bxw

Ward V Council Vacancy Public Hearing, Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l255z8b8TDyDOhTThThNjg

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The City of Seat Pleasant Mayor and City Council is seeking energetic residents that have a desire to serve their community on the following Boards and Commission. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and complete the application by March 31, 2023

Personnel Appeals Board

The City of Seat Pleasant Personnel Appeals Board consists of five members who will be appointed by the Seat Pleasant City Council.

Please contact office of the City Clerk by e-mail at dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov to obtain an application.

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

March/April 2023

Legislation:

- The City Council did not introduce or approve any legislation in the month of March 2023.

Meeting Minutes:

The City Council approved the February 2023 Meeting Minutes on Monday, March 13, 2023:

- **Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 6, 2023,
Approved 5-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 13, 2023**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 13, 2023,
Approved 56-0-0**
- **Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 13, 2023,
Approved 4-1-0**

The Council meetings for April will be as follows:

Regular Work Session, Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom

OUR STRATEGY

Webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83744404157?
pwd=VGt2bVlzODhvOEhNQIZsR1lsWmcrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83744404157?pwd=VGt2bVlzODhvOEhNQIZsR1lsWmcrdz09)

Public Session, Monday, April 10, 2023, at 8:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86229199555?
pwd=dIFhUGhVMktLM1NtaHZ5aUpNZ3VZQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86229199555?pwd=dIFhUGhVMktLM1NtaHZ5aUpNZ3VZQT09)

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing, Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 10:00a.m., via Zoom Webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82319442605?
pwd=cGx5eGRBaEtBdHZPOWR1elh5TXdrQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82319442605?pwd=cGx5eGRBaEtBdHZPOWR1elh5TXdrQT09)

All meetings are open to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. During the COVID-19 the City Council meetings will be held via Zoom with citizens being provided access to join the meeting from the city's website.

All citizens are required to register for the Zoom meetings.

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.

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MAYOR PORTER & COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY VISIT SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY TO SPEAK TO THE FOURTH GRADERS!



Mayor Kelly Porter and Council President Shireka McCarthy recently made a visit to Seat Pleasant Elementary school to speak to the fourth-grade students about leadership and decision-making. During the visit, they introduced the students to the "If I were Mayor" essay contest organized by The Maryland Municipal League and encouraged them to participate in it.

The children showed a great deal of enthusiasm and curiosity about local government and its operations, asking many questions about how they can contribute to their community. The council members were impressed by the students and their interest in getting involved in the government, indicating a future generation of responsible leaders.

It is impressive to see students questioning authority and taking an interest in public service at such a young age. Mayor Porter and Council President McCarthy's visit to Seat Pleasant Elementary was a demonstration of their strong advocacy for the future of the community's leaders. If these children continue to develop their leadership abilities and remain engaged in their civic duties, the future of Seat Pleasant will be bright.





SPPD NEWS

THE SWEARING-IN OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE DEMETRIUS T. HARRIS!

Chief Demetrious T. Harris is a husband, father, and lifelong Prince George's County, Maryland resident. Chief Harris has been drawn to public service since childhood. He grew up in Capital Heights, Maryland, and graduated from Bowie High School. He went on to receive his higher education from Anne Arundel Community College, the George Washington University Program for Public Safety Leadership, and the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He began and maintained his law enforcement career with the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff until his appointment in December of 2019 as Chief of Police of Edmonston, Maryland, where he was the first black Chief in the town's history and one of the youngest public safety executives in the state of Maryland.



He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Sons of the American Legion, and the City of Praise Family Ministries, where he serves as an ordained minister.

Please join us on March 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm for the swearing-in ceremony of Chief Demetrious T. Harris at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center at 5720 Addison Road in Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

SAVE A LIFE - GET NALAXONE TRAINING

Naloxone (also known as Narcan) can help reverse an opioid overdose and save a life. With fentanyl, and other opioid, overdoses increasing, it is vital that Narcan be readily available. The Prince George's County Health Department offers free training on Zoom, Monday - Friday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. After completing the training, you will receive a free Narcan kit. Please call 301-583-5920 or email savealife@co.pg.md.us to make an appointment.

KIA & HYUNDAI PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Kia and Hyundai have deployed a theft resolution campaign for their vehicles. In recent months, Kia and Hyundai owners have been targets of a social media TikTok challenge where individuals steal these vehicles using USB cables. About 3.8 million Hyundais and

4.5 million Kias are involved including 2017-2020 Elantra, 2015-2019 Sonata, and 2020-2021 Venue vehicles—a free software update for impacted customers that will halt these USB thefts is now available. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges owners of these vehicles to contact Hyundai (toll-free at 800-633-5151) or Kia (toll-free at 800-333-4542) for information on the free update.



MEET SPPD'S NEWEST OFFICERS!

Officers Mahone, Service, and McCoy graduated from the Prince George's Community College Municipals Academy on January 24th, 2023. These officers underwent months of extensive training which included learning state laws, criminal investigations, patrol procedures, firearms training, traffic control, and much more. With this knowledge, along with ample field training, they will be exceptional additions to the department.



Officer Mahone



Officer Service



Officer McCoy

**FOLLOW THE SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT ON
INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, TWITTER & TIKTOK @SPPDNEWS!**



POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE PROGRAM (PAL)



The Seat Pleasant Police Department's PAL Program is back for 2023! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 PM at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center located at 5720 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743.

The PAL Program allows a safe space for kids and young adults to have fun, learn life skills, have access to academic support, and more.

For more information e-mail cops@seatpleasantmd.gov or call (301) 499-8700.

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SPPD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE DEMETRIOUS T. HARRIS

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your overwhelming, continued support! The swearing-in ceremony held earlier this month was a massive success and I owe that success to the entire community. As your new Chief of Police, I will ensure that the Seat Pleasant Police Department proceeds with serving the City of Seat Pleasant and those who visit with the highest quality service. I look forward to our time ahead!

Chief Demetrious T. Harris



SPPD'S EXPLORERS POST



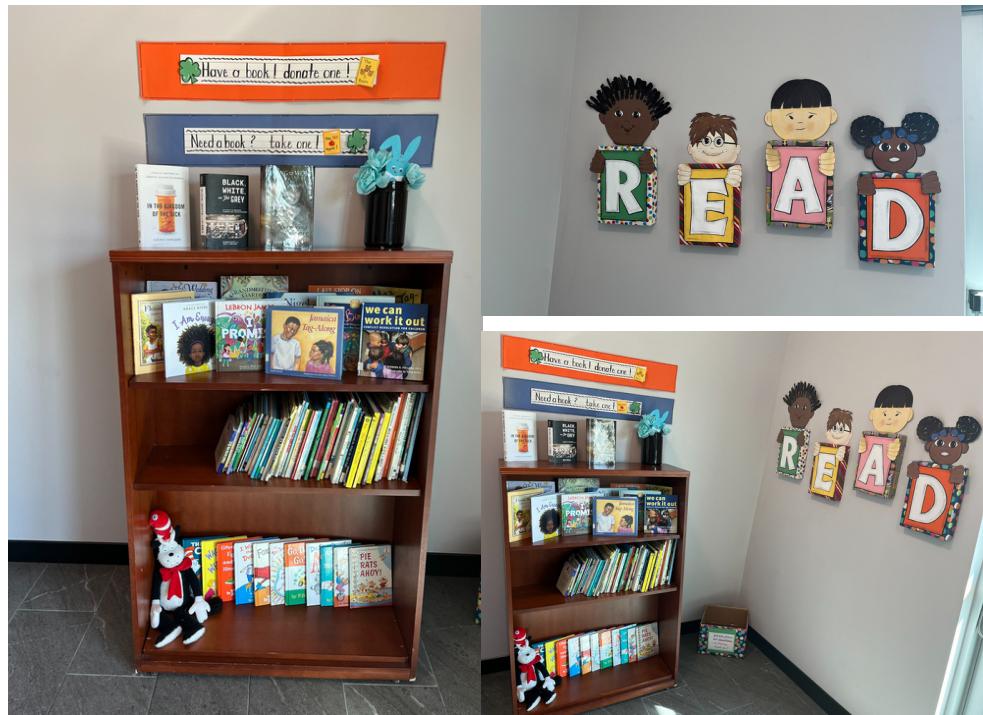
The SPPD's Explorers Post is coming soon! The Explorers program is for young men and women interested in a future career in law enforcement, a career in the criminal justice system, or those interested in developing their personal & professional skills.

Be on the lookout for more information! If interested in joining, contact cops@seatpleasantmd.gov.

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"Introducing the New Mini Library at Seat Pleasant City Hall: Share, Borrow, and Discover! Coming April 1st!



Seat Pleasant City Hall's Info Center has transformed into a mini-library, ready to serve citizens with books and information pamphlets! From a kids' corner packed with books for the youth to numerous adult books, our citizens can now borrow their favorite reads at their convenience. Donations are welcomed, and we would be grateful for any contributions. The library will operate from 9-4 Pm Monday through Friday, starting on April 1st. We can hardly wait to see you there!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SEAT PLEASANT DAY!

On May 6th we will celebrate our community with Seat Pleasant Day & The Grand Reopening of Goodwin Park!

We will need Volunteers to assist with

- Parade Lineup
- Senior service Area
- Vendor Check-In
- Games & Activities
- Registration & More!



Volunteer & Vendor Meetings will be held on April 21st & April 28th via Zoom!

REGISTER NOW

www.SeatPleasantmd.gov
or call us at: 301-336-2600



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

RESERVE AND REMOVE

All Bulk items must be reserved by using the city website at
www.seatpleasantmd.gov

or

by calling City Hall at (301) 336-2600
before deadline on Tuesday by 2:00 pm.
(3 item limit per household per week)

This notice allows you 24hrs to remove all items.
INCLUDING NO TRASH/RECYCLING BINS ON CURBS BEFORE 5:00 pm

Noncompliance will result in a fine.



Greetings Seat Pleasant Residents,
As we strive to maintain the beauty of our city, It is important that we adhere to the assigned waste collection dates. Bulk Trash items must be scheduled in advance. The cut-off time for scheduling a Wednesday pick-up is Tuesday 2:00 PM. Any bulk trash reservations made after that time on Tuesday will be scheduled for Pickup the following week. Residents who place unauthorized trash items out will receive a Reserve and Remove warning.

Waste Management Services

(Times are approximate)

Monday
Trash Collection
6:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Tuesday
Curbside Recycling
6:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Wednesday
Yard Waste
6:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Thursday
Trash collection
6:00 AM- 2:00 PM
WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV
CITY HALL: 301-336-2600

BULK TRASH COLLECTION

BULK TRASH IS COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

(USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE BULK TRASH REQUEST)

ACCEPTABLE BULK TRASH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- PLASTIC-COVERED MATTRESSES
 - SOFAS
 - CHAIRS
 - TABLES
- CABINETS, ETC.
- APPLIANCES
- LAWN FURNITURE
- BARBECUE GRILLS (DO NOT INCLUDE PROPANE TANKS)
 - TOYS
- LAWNMOWERS, AND OTHER POWER EQUIPMENT (OIL AND GAS MUST BE DRAINED)
- ROLLED UP CARPET & PADDING

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS, CAR PARTS, LOGS & TIRES

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Hoping for the best, prepared for the worst, and unsurprised by anything in between." "All great achievements require time." "Nothing will work unless you do." "If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be

-Maya Angelou



Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed on the listed holidays



Camera Citation Information

After a red-light camera photograph is taken, the vehicle's registered owner will receive a citation in the mail. The citation will state when and where the violation occurred. It will include a photo of the vehicle in the intersection, a close-up of the driver, and the license plate of the vehicle.

Citation Payment (In-Person)

Seat Pleasant Police Department
6011 Addison Rd,
Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 9AM-5:00PM

Customer Service

(866)979-4824

Online Citation Payment

www.onlinecitationpayment.com



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Councilmember- At-Large James Wright, Jr.

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Councilmember Hope Love – Ward II

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Councilmember Kizzie Scott – Ward III

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Councilmember Gerald Raynor – Ward IV

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