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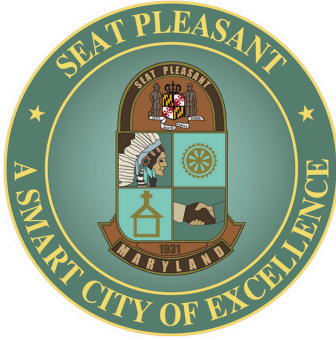
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2025



OUR NEWS. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR GOVERNMENT.

This month's newsletter highlights key moments, important updates, and community stories from across Seat Pleasant. Inside, readers will find coverage of recent council events and resident engagement opportunities, recaps of city programs and initiatives, celebrations honoring longtime community champions, and updates that reflect our ongoing work as A Smart City of Excellence.

You'll also discover spotlights on local partnerships, upcoming activities, and ways residents can stay connected and involved throughout the season.



City of Seat Pleasant Maryland

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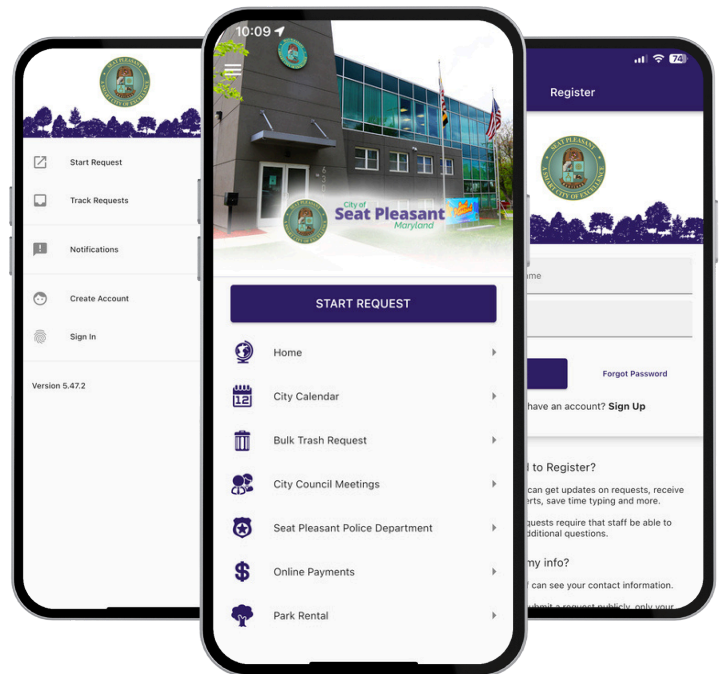


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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

MONTHLY MEETINGS

REGULAR WORK SESSION



DATE
01 DECEMBER 2025

TIME
AT 6 PM

LOCATION
IN PERSON & ZOOM

PUBLIC SESSION



DATE
08 DECEMBER 2025

TIME
AT 7 PM

LOCATION
IN PERSON & ZOOM

Please submit your comments by e-mail to CitizenComment.PublicSession@seatpleasantmd.gov

Residents are always welcomed and encouraged to attend both sessions. All sessions are located at 6301 Addison Rd in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

Visit seatpleasantmd.gov for more information.



Steps for **Attending** Council Meetings and **Reviewing the Agenda**

ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETING

- Visit the city's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov.
- Scroll to the calendar at the bottom of the Home Page.
- Click on the date of the meeting to join the session

****Email dball@seatpleasantmd.gov for any questions.****

VIEWING MEETING AGENDA

- Visit the city's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov.
- Go to the "Departments" drop-down menu and select "City Clerk."
- On the City Clerk's page, click on "BoardDocs" to review the meeting agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

NOVEMBER 2025

Legislation: The City Council approved the following legislation in November 2025.

- Ordinance O-26-03 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the Annual Police and Public Engagement Departments Grants. Approved date November 3, 2025.
- Resolution R-26-06 Municipal Government Works Month. Approved date November 3, 2025.
- Ordinance O-26-04 Amendment of Chapter 67-Property Maintenance. Approved date November 10, 2025.
- Ordinance O-26-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for Internal Revenue Services' Repayment. Approved date November 10, 2025.
- Ordinance O-26-06 Amendment of Chapter 10-Code Enforcement. Approved date November 10, 2025.
- Emergency Ordinance O-26-07 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for Special Election to fill Ward II Vacancy. Approved date November 10, 2025.

OCTOBER 2025

The City Council did not approve any legislation in the month of October.

- Ordinance O-26-02 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the Annual Audit and Subscription Services. Approved on October 6, 2025.
- Ordinance O-26-03 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the Annual Police and Public Engagement Departments Grants. Introduction date October 13, 2025.

Get Involved

Advisory boards and commissions give residents a direct voice in shaping city policies, programs, and services. By joining, you can share your expertise, represent your neighbors, and help guide Seat Pleasant's future. Below is a list of the opportunities:

- Board of Supervisors of Election (2)
- Charter Review Committee (10)
- Economic, Planning & Growth (4)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Personnel Appeals Board (2)
- Smart City Advisory Board (4 Residential, 1 Business Owner)

Visit seatpleasantmd.onboardgov.com or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 301-336-2600 to learn more and apply!





CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

STOP SIGN CAMERA TRAFFIC STUDY

During a recent traffic study, we recorded an alarming 1,925 daily stop sign violations—and that's just across six intersections in our community. Each violation represents a potential crash, injury, or worse. The goal is simple: reduce that number to zero.

1,924

Daily violations
at just **6 local**
intersections



Learn more
about the study

To view footage of these violations and additional statistics, scan the QR code or visit www.letsdrivesafer.com/seat-pleasant.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMITS REQUIRED

Before renting or leasing any short-term rental unit or property within the City of Seat Pleasant, owners or their agents must first obtain a Short-Term Rental License from the City. This requirement ensures that all rental properties meet occupancy and safety standards before tenants move in.

To apply, visit www.seatpleasantmd.gov and complete the Short-Term Rental Application.

If you need help or have questions, contact the Neighborhood and Commercial Compliance Inspectors at codeenforcement@seatpleasantmd.gov or 301-499-8700.

NCC DOOR HANGER VIOLATION NOTICES IN USE

The City's Neighborhood and Commercial Compliance Inspectors are now using door hanger notices to alert property owners of violations. These notices serve as an important reminder to correct issues promptly.

Please take action right away if you receive one. Failure to address violations can result in significant fines.



City of Seat Pleasant

Neighborhood & Commercial Compliance

NOTICE

Date Visited: Required Compliance Date:

Address of Violation:

Violations: Unlawful Condition of Property

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Sanitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Grass/Weeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Burning of Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Storage/Trash Debris | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree(s) (Hazardous Conditions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Blowing or Leaving Grass Clippings on Sidewalk or Roadway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offensive Matter | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Nuisances |

Inspector Number:

Failure to correct the above violation(s) can cause the enforcement of fine(s) for municipal infraction(s) that shall be specified in the ordinance violated, provided that such fine shall not exceed \$1,000 for any and each violation, or the maximum amount allowed by state law for a municipal infraction, whichever is greater. Each day a violation continues, unless otherwise provided, shall constitute a separate offense. The fine shall be payable within 20 calendar days of receipt of a citation, or a lien will be filed against the property. AND Fines can be issued every day after Compliance Date by City of Seat Pleasant, if violations are not abated.

6011 Addison Rd Seat Pleasant, MD 20743
301-499-8700

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CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEW SPEED CAMERA PENALTY STRUCTURE NOW IN EFFECT

A recent change in Maryland law has updated how speed camera fines are calculated. Penalties will now escalate based on how much you exceed the speed limit:

- 12–15 mph over: up to \$40
- 16–19 mph over: up to \$70
- 20–29 mph over: up to \$120
- 30–39 mph over: up to \$230
- 40+ mph over: up to \$425



Speed camera locations:

- Seat Pleasant Dr. & Birchleaf Ave.
- WB Central Ave. & Soper Ln.
- EB Central Ave. & Cabin Branch Rd.
- WB East Capitol St. & Crown St.
- EB East Capitol St. & Maryland Park Dr.
- WB 5900 block Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy
- EB 5900 block Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy

Please drive with care. Every passenger, pedestrian, and cyclist deserves to get home safely.



POLICE OFFICER

WE'RE HIRING

Apply to pdcandidate@seatpleasantmd.gov with your resume. Entry level and lateral applications are currently being accepted.

INTERESTED IN SEAT PLEASANT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OR EXPLORERS?!

We're thrilled to announce the return of the Seat Pleasant Police Athletics/Activities League (PAL) program! We can't wait to see our returning kids and teens and welcome the new ones!

Join us at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 pm for fun, help with school work, mentorship, and more! Come be part of the excitement and teamwork that makes PAL so special.

Are you or someone you know interested in a career in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, or simply looking for mentorship?

The Seat Pleasant Police Department's Explorer Post 1931 is the perfect place to start!

The Explorers Program offers hands-on, work-based training for young adults. Participants learn directly from police officers, gain valuable personal and professional skills, and become part of a close-knit family focused on community service. Explorers engage with community members, business partners, and local officials all while developing into positive, impactful citizens.

Contact cops@seatpleasantmd.gov or call (301) 499-8700 for more information!

AROUND THE CITY

TRUNK OR TREAT 2025: A SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT IN SEAT PLEASANT

Seat Pleasant's annual Trunk or Treat—hosted by the Seat Pleasant Police Department in partnership with the (CPAC)—once again proved why it is one of the most anticipated events of the fall season. This year's celebration drew an incredible 2,000+ attendees, making it one of the largest community gatherings of the year and a shining example of what happens when partnership, creativity, and community spirit come together.

As always, the Seat Pleasant Police Department delivered an unforgettable experience. Officers transformed the event grounds into a festive, family-friendly Halloween village—going above and beyond to ensure every child and family enjoyed a safe, memorable night.

2025 introduced a few crowd-pleasing additions that took the event to the next level:

- The Scary Hay Ride, presented by the Environmental Justice Department, quickly became a must-do attraction, offering just the right amount of spooky fun for all ages.
- Sack Races kept families laughing and competing in good spirits throughout the evening.
- The Hot Chocolate Station was a welcome treat, helping guests warm up between activities.
- Our classic favorites—the s'mores station, decorated trunks, and endless candy—were a hit as always.



From lively line dancing to interactive games, the night was full of energy and togetherness. The creativity of residents was on full display during the Costume Contest, where pirates, superheroes, princesses, and spooky characters of all kinds took the stage. Families, friends, and neighbors from across the city gathered to celebrate safely, enjoy local engagement, and strengthen community bonds.



AROUND THE CITY

IN HONOR OF COUNCIL MEMBER HOPE LOVE

The City of Seat Pleasant remembers and honors Council Member Hope Love, a dedicated public servant whose compassion, strength, and unwavering commitment left an indelible mark on our community. Appointed in 2017 and re-elected in 2020 and 2024, Council Member Love faithfully represented the residents of Ward II with integrity, fairness, and a true heart for service.

A longtime resident of the city, Ms. Love was known for her deep connection to neighbors—especially the senior citizens she lovingly referred to as “the rock of the neighborhood.” She championed their needs, amplified their voices, and ensured that their concerns were heard and acted upon. Her advocacy extended beyond the council chambers, reflecting her belief that strong communities are built through compassion and consistent engagement. Council Member Love was also a powerful advocate against domestic violence, frequently speaking at community events and using her platform to uplift and empower survivors. Earlier this year, she was honored during Women’s History Month for her leadership and commitment to protecting and supporting women and families.

Her dedication to Seat Pleasant’s growth, her belief in its potential, and her genuine love for its people made her a trusted leader and a cherished neighbor. Council Member Love’s legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of working alongside her and all who benefit from the impact she leaves behind.

The City of Seat Pleasant extends its deepest condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and the residents of Ward II. We honor her service, her passion, and her unwavering belief in a better Seat Pleasant for all.



AROUND THE CITY

TURKEY TROT 2025: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

On November 22nd, Council Member At Large Kearney hosted the annual Turkey Trot at Birchleaf Park, centered on the theme “Healthy Body, Healthy Mind.” Over 30 residents came out—rain and all—to walk or run up to 5K, with the real goal being to get moving, meet neighbors, and enjoy the outdoors.

Representatives from MNCPPC were onsite to share updates about Blue Line Corridor development and upcoming upgrades to Birchleaf Park and other local facilities. Participants also supported the E3 Initiative by donating books and received goodie bags with healthy snacks and motivational wristbands.

A fun highlight of the day: EJD’s own Michael Barber took home first place and earned bragging rights until next year.

Despite the weather, the Turkey Trot was a vibrant reminder of Seat Pleasant’s commitment to wellness, community, and connection.



FEGGANS PAVILION DEDICATION: HONORING A SEAT PLEASANT LEGACY

Mayor Kelly Porter led the ribbon cutting and dedication of the newly restored Feggans Pavilion at Goodwin Park, joined by former Council Members, State Senator Joanne Benson, and longtime Seat Pleasant residents. The ceremony celebrated the lasting contributions of Amanda and Johnny Feggans, a family deeply woven into the city’s history and community spirit.

Attendees shared memories of Ms. Amanda Feggans’ leadership in Seat Pleasant Day and the Recreation Committee, and Mr. Johnny Feggans’ service as a Council Member—as well as his well-known love of planting flowers throughout the city.

Two special dedications were unveiled: a memorial at the original pavilion site honoring Mr. Johnny Feggans and a new plaque at the top pavilion in Goodwin Park dedicated to Mrs. Amanda Feggans. The event highlighted the Feggans family’s decades-long legacy of service, civic pride, and commitment to making Seat Pleasant a welcoming, vibrant community.

DECEMBER 2025

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AROUND THE CITY

TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY WITH COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE MCCARTHY

On November 18th, Council Member Shireka McCarthy hosted her first Talk About It Tuesday at Guanacaste Restaurant, where residents gathered for open conversation and updates about Seat Pleasant. Attendees learned more about which Ward they live in, asked questions about the new Strategic Plan, and shared input on topics including a community garden, speed cameras, and the role of the Environmental Justice Department.

The event also featured great tacos and a visit from County Council Member At-Large Jolene Ivey, who joined residents in the discussion. It was a warm, engaging evening that set the stage for more community dialogue to come.



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANTA IS COMING TO SEAT PLEASANT



10TH ANNUAL LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAY CONTEST

Light up the season! Enter the Council Member McCarthy's 10th Annual Light Up Your Holiday Contest for a chance to be featured in the City Newsletter.

The City of Seat Pleasant & Councilmember Shireka McCarthy Present

10th Annual Light Up Your Holiday

🌟 Holiday Lights Contest! 🌟

Judging Dates: December 19-22, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Nightly)

Make sure your lights, animations, and decorations are shining bright during these hours!

How You'll Be Scored (1-4 points per category):

- ✓ Creative Design & Use of Lights
- ✓ Storyline or Theme
- ✓ Placement of Decorations & Animated Features
- ✓ Overall Presentation

🏆 Winners Announced: December 23, 2025

Three dazzling displays will be crowned winners! Each will be photographed and featured in the City Newsletter. Light up the season and show off your holiday spirit!



Friday, December 12, 7 - 10pm

**Let's have a wonderful winter time
with a carnival just for teens!**

**Inflatable Arcade Games, Paint & Punch Activities,
Crafts, 360 Photo Booth, Refreshments and More!**

Free Admission | Ages 10 - 17

No registration required!

For more information, call **301-773-6685**
or email **SeatPleasantCC@pgparks.com**



**Seat Pleasant Activity Center
5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant 20743**

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- The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register a minimum of two weeks prior to the program start date to request and receive a disability modification.
- Customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, call Maryland Relay 7-1-1.
- Language interpretation is available at all facility front desks. Please ask for assistance.

SPECIAL ELECTION GUIDE

VACANCY FOR WARD II COUNCIL MEMBER

Election Date

The city will hold a Special Election on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Seat Pleasant City Hall:

Seat Pleasant City Hall,
Council Chambers
6301 Addison Rd.,
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

If you are a registered voter in Prince George's County, you are eligible to vote in the City of Seat Pleasant Elections. Please register before December 16, 2025, to vote on the January 16, 2026, special election. If you have any questions regarding voter registration, please call Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300.

Persons desiring to vote by Absentee must submit a request for an Absentee Ballot application to the City Clerk before 5:00p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Note: Absentee Ballot Applications are available at City Hall, on the City's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov, or you may contact the

JANUARY 16, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Candidate Filing

Thursday, November 13, 2025, Candidate Packets Available–City Hall

Monday, December 1, 2025, DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) to file to run for Ward II Vacancy, including submission of nominating petition of candidates for elective office, Certificate of Candidate Form signed and notarized, the Financial Disclosure Statement.

Thursday, January 15, 2026, Early Voting

Monday, December 22, 2025, DEADLINE for requesting absentee ballot.

Friday, January 9, 2026, DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) for submitting absentee ballot.

Friday, January 2, 2026, WRITE-IN CANDIDATE Certificate of Candidacy DEADLINE (5:00p.m.)

Friday, January 16, 2026, ELECTION DAY–7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Seat Pleasant City Hall

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VACANCY FOR WARD II COUNCIL MEMBER

How to register to vote:

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

POLL WORKERS/ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

Residents of the City who desire to serve as poll workers in the upcoming City's Special Election are requested to fill out a 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., Monday, December 8, 2025.

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

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

Special Municipal Election (Friday, January 16, 2026) and Early Voting (Thursday, January 15, 2026) 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.

Absentee Ballot Request

DEADLINE-Thursday, January 15, 2026

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 Rd
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

- Upon receipt of the application, the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Supervisors 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 Supervisors 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 Supervisors of Elections must receive all original absentee ballots no later than the day before the election, Thursday, January 15, 2026, by 5:00p.m.

SPECIAL ELECTION GUIDE

VACANCY FOR WARD II COUNCIL MEMBER

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.

Poll Watchers

- 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 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 Supervisors of Elections may ask all Poll Watchers to leave.
- The Board of Supervisors 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.
- The Poll Watcher must present these credentials to the Board of Supervisors of Election immediately upon entering the polling place.

NOTE: Please direct any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the City of Seat Pleasant Special Election scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2026, to Dashaun N. Ball, MMC City Clerk at 301-336-2600 or by email at dball@seatpleasantmd.gov.

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