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# Seat Pleasant News

## CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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Reveral L. Yeargin

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Sharron Lipford

## Light Up Your Holiday Christmas Light Contest

December 21, 2016 at 7pm

1st prize at \$100 and 2nd prize at \$50

Must complete the contest form and return it to City Hall by December 12th before 5pm

Participation is open to all residents and businesses in Seat Pleasant and entry into the contest is free. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). This includes decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Each winner will be photographed and featured in the January newsletter. Prizes will be delivered to winners December 21, 2016 at 7 pm.



## Leaf Clean Up and Yard Waste Removal

Leaf season is here. November 13, 2016-January 1, 2017 this year we need your help. In previous years we were picking up leaves from the curb, this has been phased out. The Public Works Department is requesting that residents please bag leaves so that they may be picked up. When leaves are put out on the curb they blow back into your neighbor's yard and possibly your own. We are asking that you please be respectful of your neighbor's yard and bag your leaves. Leaves will be picked up by Bates Trucking Company on Wednesdays. **Bates will only collect leaves and yard trimmings that have been bagged in paper bags.** Limbs must not exceed four (4) feet in length and three (3) inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Bundles of limbs and bags of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 pounds. Wet grass and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds. Please place bags by the curb the night before for pick up. Bates can be reached directly at 301-773-2069. Thank you for your cooperation.



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## WELCOME TO THE TEAM



**Anthony Biddiex**, is a 25-year-old graduate student, currently studying HR Management at Trinity University. He received a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 2013, with a major in Psychology focusing on Child and Adolescent Development. Anthony has previously worked as an Accounting Assistant for Rand Construction Company where he managed cash receipts of over \$300 million dollars a week. He serves as an active member for two college prep foundations: The Urban Alliance Foundation and DC College Success Foundation. Both organization focuses on under-resourced youth to aspire, work, and succeed through paid internships, mentorship and providing scholarships. Anthony also has a passion for youth mentors and assist incoming freshman transition to college and campus life during their college careers.

**Quote**

Looking forward to do great things with the City of Seat Pleasant and happy to have joined the team.



**Adeoye Williams**, is a native of Bowie MD, who graduated from Arundel Senior High. He attended Towson University while attaining a degree in Accounting. As an active member of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity he served as treasurer for one year. Mr. Williams also interned for the Baltimore Cash Campaign which provided free tax prep for low income households.

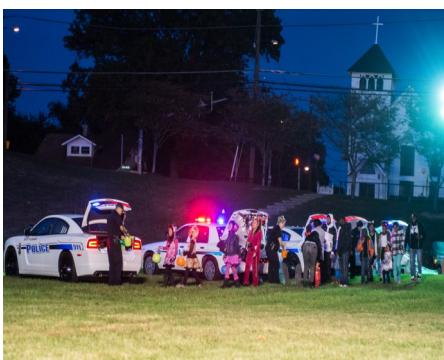


**Quote**

To help the city with its improvements in becoming more financially smart and stable.

### ***Highlights from the First Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween***

The city of Seat Pleasant would like to say Thank You to all the contributors of the Trunk or Treat Halloween event. The generosity of the **CVS- MLK Highway/Seat Pleasant, CVS –District Heights, Save-A-Lot –MLK Highway** helped to make the event a success . A huge Thank You goes to our biggest contributor **Mr. Yu** at the **2000 Discount Mart** for his kind donation.



## Pepco Readies System to Provide Safe and Reliable Service Throughout Winter

*Customers are encouraged to prepare for colder weather*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (November 3, 2016) – As temperatures begin to dip, Pepco has been hard at work to complete projects to help ensure the company's electric system is ready to meet the energy needs of our customers all winter long.

Over the past three years, Pepco has spent, on average, more than \$574 million a year on the company's electric system to provide safe and reliable service for customers. This work includes equipment inspections, repairs and replacements, and preventive maintenance on the company's transmission and distribution system.

This year Pepco completed work on 90 substations and upgraded more than 49 miles of new underground lines to meet the growing needs of customers. The company also worked to replace more than 1000 wood cross arms with stronger fiberglass cross arms, which enhances safety and improves service.

The company also has inspected more than 3,200 miles of aerial electric lines and more than 10,700 manholes to examine and make any needed repairs to underground electrical equipment. Pepco has completed 18 electrical enhancement projects to meet increased customer demand during the winter. This seasonal readiness work is a part of the \$574 million average spent annually on the company's electric system over the past three years.

"During the coldest months of the year, it is important that we continue to safely provide reliable electric service to the families and businesses in our service territory," said Donna Cooper, Pepco president. "We prepare year-round to make sure the system and our employees are ready to respond to the challenges the winter season can present."

As Pepco prepares for winter, customers are reminded to prepare too.

Follow these helpful tips:

- Clean air vents around the house.
- Install storm windows and doors.
- Check weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors.
- Install seals behind electrical outlets and switches along exterior walls.
- If a portable generator is needed, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use only when necessary.
- Don't overload a generator or operate it inside.
- Improper use of a generator can cause fires, increased power outages, carbon monoxide poisoning and even death.

Pepco also reminds customers to test their heating system and have it inspected by a qualified technician. Regular service will ensure the heating system operates safely and efficiently for the season ahead.

In addition, Pepco provides a "Weathering the Storm Fact Sheet" that can be downloaded from its website [www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com).

For more information about Pepco, visit [www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pepcoconnect](http://www.facebook.com/pepcoconnect) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/pepcoconnect](http://www.twitter.com/pepcoconnect). Our mobile app is available at [www.pepco.com/mobileapp](http://www.pepco.com/mobileapp).

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*About Pepco: Pepco, a public utility owned by Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), provides safe and reliable energy to more than 842,000 electric delivery customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia.*



# Please Be Respectful

## Pick Up The Poop

### 1. Disease Control

A number of common diseases can be transmitted to other dogs (and even people) through contaminated feces. Some of these diseases include salmonella, giardia, E-coli and roundworms. It is also possible for your dog to contract coronavirus or parvovirus from infected feces. In addition to the dangers of direct contact with contaminated feces, dog waste can also be carried into waterways by storm runoff. Some bacteria and parasites can also live in the soil for extended periods of time where they may be transmitted to other dogs and even humans.

### 2. Cleanliness and Odor Reduction

If you let your dog have reign of your yard at home, you may find that the yard becomes less usable because you don't want to risk stepping in dog poop. The same is true for public areas- failing to clean up after your dog limits the ability of others to enjoy the area. In addition, to general cleanliness issues, failing to clean up after your dog can also lead to unpleasant odors -it can also attract flies and other pests to the area. In your yard at home, you might consider applying lime to reduce odors or try using a product Doggie Dooley which acts like a mini septic system to break down waste safely.

### 3. It is the Law

While there is no overarching federal law requiring dog owners to pick up after their pets, many urban and suburban areas have passed such legislation. In certain areas we may see signs requiring dog owners to clean up after their pets along with a phone number to call to report infractions. Many dog parks and suburban community parks have even begun to provide waste disposal bags to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

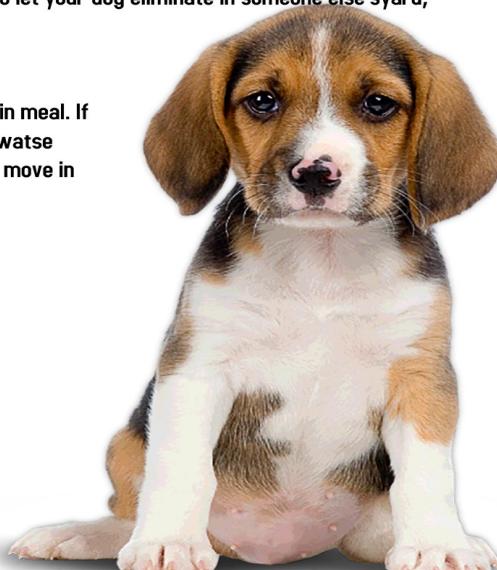
### 4. Common Courtesy

If you have ever had the misfortune of stepping in dog poop, you can understand some of the more practical reasons for cleaning up after your dog. For public areas such as playgrounds and dog parks, it is common courtesy to clean up after your dog so that others may enjoy the public areas as well. This also applies to the areas around your home- it is considered very rude to let your dog eliminate in someone else's yard, especially if you do not clean up after him.

### 5. Spike In Rat Population

Rodents, especially rats, love to chow down on dog poop. In urban areas, it's often their main meal. If you've got a rat or rodent problem where you live, it may be because there's too much pet waste lying around. And don't expect things to get better on their own, because these critters will move in and start families...as long as there's plenty of food available, they're not going anywhere.

**54-14 Violations and penalties. Any owner found violating any provision of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 for such offense.**



Information courtesy of [www.petguide.com](http://www.petguide.com)



City of Seat Pleasant  
FREE MOBILE FOOD  
MARKET



Seat Pleasant  
MARYLAND

December  
15th  
&  
22nd  
5pm to 8pm  
at the

Seat Pleasant Fire Department  
6305 Addison Road,  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

For more information please call  
301-336-2600

## Senior Safety Monitoring Program

### ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR CITIZEN?

If so, join Seat Pleasant Police Department's Senior Safety Monitoring Program. Seniors will receive weekly wellness visits from community Police Officer's and the opportunity to share information, address safety concerns, and to discuss crime prevention strategies with officer's. Signing up is free and easy!



#### TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- \* Be (70) seventy years of age or older
- \* Be a resident of Seat Pleasant
- \* Complete a program application. Forms are available at Police Headquarters - 6601 Addison Road; Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL (301) 499-8700



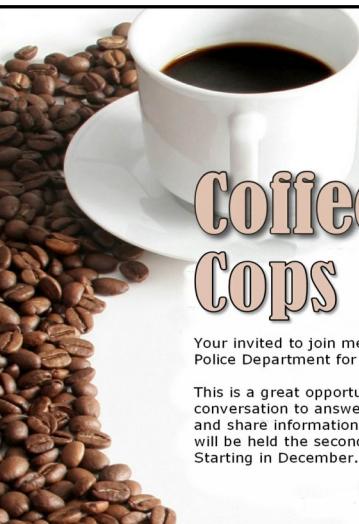
Chief of Police  
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*A Community Engagement initiative of Mayor Eugene W. Grant and the Seat Pleasant Police Department*

December 14, 2016  
9:30 am - 10:30 am



## Coffee with Cops



Your invited to join members of the Seat Pleasant Police Department for a free cup of Coffee.

This is a great opportunity for informal, friendly conversation to answer your questions, offer tips, and share information. Coffee with Cops events will be held the second Wednesday of each month Starting in December.

Chief of Police Devan A. Martin  
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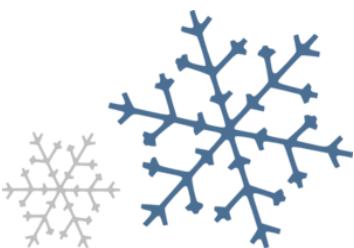
#### EVENT LOCATION

Seat Pleasant  
Police Department  
6011 Addison Road  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

## Snow Preparation

Snow can be a fun but also dangerous when a person is not prepared. Making sure that you have items ready for the snow can help you prevent situations that can be hazardous to you and your neighbors. Listed below are a few things to remember as the weather changes.

1. It is the duty of the property owner and occupant, jointly, to keep all real estate adjoining a public sidewalk free from snow and ice and the full paved width of such sidewalk. Code 137-33
2. All snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of snowfall. Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00pm. Code 137-34
3. Saltwater should not be dumped, poured or spilled or other harmful matter upon any tree, tree space or grass in any public place. Please keep or maintain within 10 feet of any such tree or tree space which salt water leaks, drips or spills into any parking or gutter. Code 137-40
4. Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provisions or codes or fails to comply with its requirements shall be punishable by fine of \$400 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Code 137-41





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

November 2016

**Monday, November 7, 2016-Regular Work Session**

Resolution R-17-07 Declaration of Municipal Government Month **Approved 6-0-0**



**Mayor Eugene W. Grant and Council President Reveral Yeargin presented plaque of appreciation to former Councilmember Elenora Simms who served as the Council President from 2014-2016. We thank Ms. Simms for her service to the City.**

**Monday, November 14, 2016 Public Session**

Ordinance O-17-09 FY2016-2017 Budget Amendment of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for Smart City Project, Police Vehicles and Speed Camera Revenue 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **Approved 6-0-0**

Ordinance O-17-10 Amending and Supplementing Ordinance O-17-04 to Modify Definition of the Smart City Project **Approved 5-0-1**

Ordinance O-17-11 Amendment of Chapter 14-Departments and Committees 2nd Reading **Approved 5-1-0**

Resolution R-17-08 Approval of participation and receipt of financing for the Municipal Collaboration for the MEA and DHCD Grant **Approved 6-0-0**

The Meeting Minutes for the month of October were approved on November 14, 2016.

The City Council monthly meetings for the month of December will be on Monday, December 5, 2016 as the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m., Monday, December 12, 2016 for the Public Session at 7:00p.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](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

## **CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT ETHICS COMMISSION**

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties for the Ethics Commission. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Ethics Commission are listed below. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete and submit the application by Tuesday, January 10, 2017.**

### **§ 18-5. Ethics Commission.**

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council.

- (1) All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office.

## **CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD**

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties to the Personnel Appeals Board. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Personnel Appeals Board. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete and submit the application by Tuesday, January 10, 2017.**

### **§ 30-1. PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.**

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Personnel Appeals Board that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council. A member of the Personnel Appeals Board shall not be an employee, elected or appointed official of the City of Seat Pleasant or a member of any other committee, board or subcommittee of the City.

All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office.

All submissions for consideration **MUST** be filed in the **office of the City Clerk**, Seat Pleasant City Hall, 6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by Tuesday, January 10, 2017.



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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
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	301-499-7080
FAIRMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL	301-925-1360