



Seat Pleasant News

"A Smart City of Excellence"

Seat Pleasant teams up with local churches for the Holiday Season

Thanksgiving is a time for giving and fellowship and Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* did just that! This past Thanksgiving Seat Pleasant partnered with Mount Victory Baptist Church and Shining Star Freewill Baptist Church to provide free Thanksgiving dinners on November 15th and November 20th. Everyone was invited whether you lived in or outside of Seat Pleasant. "Every year we have a great turnout and are happy that we are able to partner with our local churches to provide free dinners during this holiday season," stated Public Engagement Director, Sharron Lipford. "A community cannot be made alone; togetherness and positive energy is how Seat Pleasant was built and will grow!" There are people who don't have places to be on Thanksgiving, someone to spend it with, or they don't have the means to provide a Thanksgiving meal for themselves.

Chief Devan A. Martin and members of the Seat Pleasant Police Department Seat Pleasant were pleased to participate in this years annual Thanksgiving Dinner with Shinning Star Freewill Baptist Church. During the event, our staff served the many eager guests a homestyle turkey dinner complete with all the fixings as well as a variety of delectable deserts. SPPD sends a warm thank you to those individuals who shared kind words of support and appreciation in recognition of the department's tireless work protecting the community. Its a pleasure to say Seat Pleasant, SPPD, Mount Victory Baptist Church and Shinning Star Freewill Baptist Church made someone's Thanksgiving a great one!



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Seat Pleasant takes on LA

Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence participates in National League of Cities Conference 2018

More than 3,800 Mayors, councilmembers, and delegates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia convened in Los Angeles for the National League of Cities (NLC) 2018 City Summit Conference. NLC is the largest member organization for cities, their elected leaders, and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington.

The City Summit is the only opportunity for local officials- both elected and staff to learn about the issues affecting local government and expand their professional network. The conference provides education for leadership development, meaningful discussions on common local-level problems and new best practices to address the trends affecting cities.

Each year Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* makes sure they are among those cities that participate in NLC. This year the annual conference was held on November 7th-10th and the Seat Pleasant city staff opened the "Smart Exhibit" to more than 8,000 conferees. Conferees were able to speak with different members of City Staff on how the city uses the Center for Government Synergism (CGS) technology to improve the quality and sustainability of resident life in Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*.

Conferees were able to see the Center for Government Synergism (CGS) and how it works first hand using Seat Pleasant's virtual reality goggles.

"I am so proud of our City Staff and City Council for all of their hard work representing our city at NLC," stated Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant. "Our team is

consistently and constantly hosting elected and appointed leaders from around the country. They are learning about our version of a Smart City and have become very interested in purchasing a subscription to transform their cities digitally!"

Not only were the conferees able to take part in exploring the exhibit hall they were able to attend conference

workshops where presentations, panels and discussions focused on common issues cities face-from homeless and affordable housing to the future of the workforce. NLC University Seminars provided training on navigating the duties of the public official. Lastly, conferees were able to attend networking events to meet and build relationships with other local leaders and build relationships with corporate sponsors. Next year the annual conference will be heading to San Antonio, Texas.



Seat Pleasant Mayor speaks at NLC in Los Angeles

Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant gave a presentation at the National League of Cities (NLC) that was held November 7th-10th. Mayor Grant presented at the "Small Cities Big Ideas" session. Mayor Grant also presented at the 'Building Broadband for Small Cities' session.



Highlights from National League of Cities (NLC) Conference 2018



WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

1

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING

- Get an automatic timer for your lights
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and occasionally park in your driveway
- Pause mail and paper delivery
- Ensure doors and windows are locked and items of value are out of sight

2

IF YOU ARE SHOPPING

- Stay alert and park in a well-lit area
- Hide shopping bags and valuables in your vehicles trunk
- Carry purses close to your body, not dangling from straps
- Place wallets in front pockets

Honoring Our Veterans with a Veterans Day Ceremony

Seat Pleasant honors local veterans with a Veteran's Day Brunch



The City of Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* and the Historic Fairmont Heights co-hosted an inaugural Veteran's Day Brunch on Saturday, November, 17 at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. The brunch took place from 11:00am to 1:00pm and was free for veterans and non-veterans. The brunch was held to honor local veterans for their courage, bravery and sacrifice. The brunch included wonderful remarks from various speakers. The brunch concluded with a wreath laying in memory of Seat Pleasant Veterans as well as Veterans from Fairmont Heights and Nationwide!



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IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers, so be cautious when accepting a package
- It's not uncommon for people to go door-to-door for charitable donations. Ask for identification

4

AFTER YOU'VE OPENED THE GIFTS

- Burglars know that many households have new, and expensive items in their homes following the December holidays by putting boxes in plain view with their garbage. Instead break down boxes you are throwing out and place in garbage bags and place them in trash can.

2018-2019

Free and Reduced Lunch Online Applications Open!

Calling all parents/guardians! Free and reduced lunch applications for the 2018-2019 school year is now available online. Schools do send school meal applications home at the beginning of each year, but why wait?! A new application is required each school year. You can apply online at www.myschoolapp.com.



One application per household (applications are processed within 24-48 hours). The online process has been proven to be faster and more accurate, is available in English and Spanish and can be completed on a computer or smartphone. The process is SAFE, SECURE, PRIVATE and AVAILABLE anytime and anywhere! !

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Seat Pleasant Receives Another Community Grant

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded Seat Pleasant a grant under the FY 2019 Community Legacy Program. The project is known as the Seat Pleasant Vacant Homes to Smart Homes Initiative. The funds will be used to continue renovating our vacant houses into Smart homes and seeking low to moderate income homebuyers.

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action

November 2018

The City Council held two meetings in the month of November and approved the following legislation:

Monday, November 5, 2018 Regular Work Session

- o Resolution R-19-05 Declaration of Municipal Government Works Month. Approved 6-0-0
- o Resolution R-19-06 Authorizing the Application and Partnership with Student Athletes for Educational Opportunities was approved with amendments. Approved 6-0-0



Monday, November 19, 2018 Public Session

- o The Meeting Minutes for the month of October were approved on Monday, November 19, 2018.

The monthly meetings for the month of November will be on Monday, December 3, 2018 as the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m. and the Public Session will be on Monday, December 10, 2018 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.



- 2019 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS -

Save the Date
Monday, January 28, 2019

Central High School
200 Cabin Branch Rd. Capital Heights, MD 20743
7:00pm

Cruise One Presents...

SEAT PLEASANT RETRO CRUISE

**5 DAYS BERMUDA CRUISE FROM
BALTIMORE**

**Sailing from August 17 to August
22, 2019**

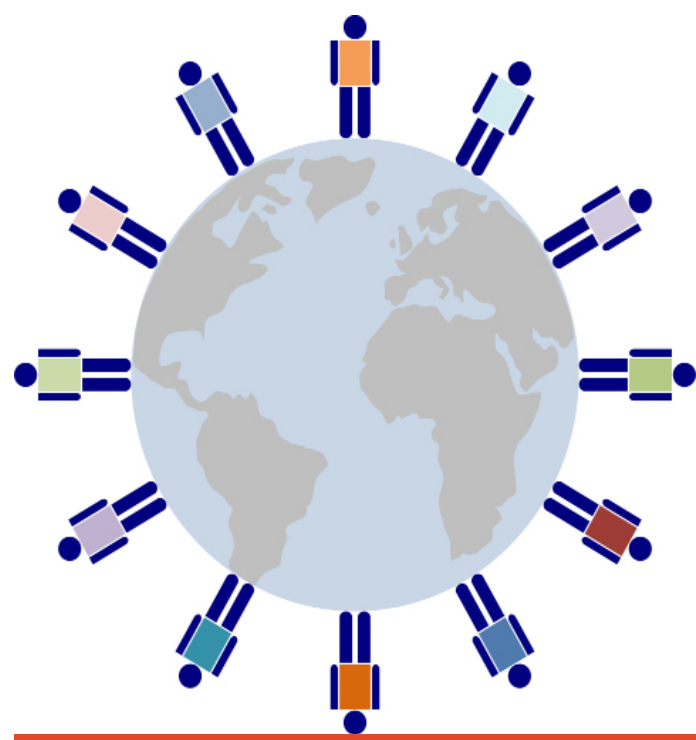
Please Use the Link <https://www.cruiselines.com/SeatPleasantRetroCruise> to register for this fun filled cruise to Bermuda!

Day	Date	Port of Call
Sat	Aug 17	Bethesda, Maryland (General Admission - There are no cabins for change)
Sun	Aug 18	At Sea
Mon	Aug 19	Falmouth, Bermuda (2019)
Tue	Aug 20	Falmouth, Bermuda (2019)
Wed	Aug 21	At Sea
Thu	Aug 22	Baltimore, Maryland (General Admission - There are no cabins for change)

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



For more information contact City Hall at 301-336-2600



2020 Census Is Around the Corner and What You Need to Know!

The country is gearing up for the 2020 U.S. Census. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once and in the right place. Getting an accurate count for the number of people who live in your area can have real consequences, from the number of seats your state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives to the amount of money allocated to fund projects like schools, hospitals, and senior centers.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMPLETING YOUR CENSUS FORM PUT SEAT PLEASANT NOT CAPITOL HEIGHTS IN THE SECTION THAT ASK FOR YOUR CITY OF RESIDENCE

2020 Census Jobs-Earn extra income while helping your community. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

To apply visit <https://2020census.gov/jobs>.



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Happy Holidays from Seat Pleasant:
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