

Seat Pleasant News

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CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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2016 HAPPY NEW YEAR

We made it through 2015. So, many of our neighbors here in A City of Excellence had many trials and tribulations. There were gains and losses; ups and downs; new homeownership and foreclosures; we saw births and sadly some deaths. Yet, through it all we have endured. We have been given another opportunity to see another year to fulfill our hopes and dreams.

Likewise, as a city we too, have hopes, dreams and aspirations. We want to see our elected officials work better for the people whom they were sworn to serve. We want our government to be more responsive, and courteous in service. We want to live in a vibrant city where our children can learn and play, our working class can feel a sense of community and our seniors can age in place gracefully.

As your Mayor, I continue to work for the betterment of our beloved city. While it has not been easy over the past couple of years as a result of difficult political storms; I still feel confident that the storm is passing over and the sun is shining bright. Our federal, state and county partners continue to receive me and are willing to work with me for you, our wonderful residents.

Seat Pleasant is a bedroom community filled with great families. Therefore, our government will continue to find ways to maintain the safety of our community, the cleanliness of our neighborhoods and find creative ways to build our local economy. We invite you to find ways to be involved in some way to move our city forward. Others see our community as a city of value and thus new people (whom we welcome) are moving into our city. However, as we grow we want to ensure that we maintain the culture, values and ethics of our community. Your involvement will help to make that happen.

To that end, let's make 2016 the best year ever since our incorporation in 1931. Let us spread love, peace and kindness. Let's find ways to Stop The Violence that is besieging our world. If we all do our part no matter how small we will become A City of Excellence.

Yours in Excellent Service,
Eugene W. Grant, Mayor



Maryland Sustainable Program

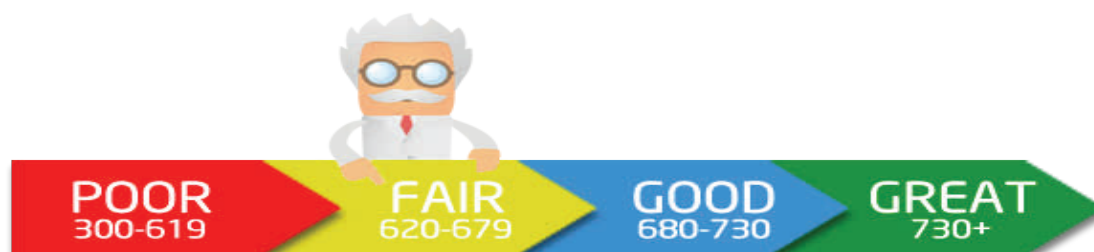
Seat Pleasant's Community Services Department is looking for committed individuals to join our Sustainable City planning group. We want to make Seat Pleasant a Certified Sustainable City and we need your help. The group will assist in helping to make decisions that will maintain the benefits of clean air, fresh water, clean energy options, and healthy places to live and work. The program also helps communities improve efficiency, cut waste and stimulate the local economy. The committee will meet once per month and will also receive training to help implement the program. If you are interested please call Tiffani Darby at 301-336-2600.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Would you like to start off 2016 in the right direction financially?

Do you want to know how to set-up a budget, pay down debt or improve your credit score.? We invite you to our upcoming financial seminar hosted by the **University of Maryland**. They will help to guide you to a better start in the new year. The event will be January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. Please call 301-336-2600 to sign up.



It's that time of the year again... Tax Season

AARP will be assisting seniors who need assistance filing their taxes. Registration will begin on Monday, January 18th, 2016. Only taxes from 2015 will be filed. Taxes will be prepared every Wednesday starting February 3, 2016. You must have an appointment in order to file your taxes. Please call Seat Pleasant City Hall at 301-336-2600 to schedule your session.

City Code 304.2 Protective Treatment

The painting of fences, porches, exterior walls, window frames
Etc.... is to be completed by March 1, 2016 due to the weather.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



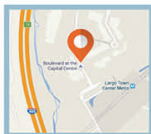
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We Can Help You Get Covered

Certified navigators and brokers are available to enroll you in health coverage at the MHC Center, authorized by the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange (MHBE)

MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION (MHC) ENROLLMENT CENTER

800 - J Shoppers Way
Capital Center Boulevard
Largo, MD 20774
Tele: (301) 324-3748



Hours of Enrollment

Sunday - Closed	Tuesday – Saturday	Thursday
Monday – Closed	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Don't delay. Enroll today!

New Location for Enrolling in Health Coverage!



What To Bring To Enroll

- » Social Security Numbers (SSN) (or document numbers for any legal immigrants who need insurance)
- » Birthdates and general information about you and family members applying
- » Employer & Income Information for you and family members (i.e. paystubs; W-2 forms; wage or tax statements)
- » Policy numbers for any current health insurance; information about job-related health insurance available to your family members

For more information, go to www.capitalhealthconnection.org or call (301)-324-3748.



Princess Anne, III
County Executive



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LEFTOVER COOKING OIL

Large holiday meals may generate cooking grease from turkey fryers, along with other cooking byproducts like fats and oils. These products should never be disposed of down your kitchen or other drains. Here are some tips for disposing or recycling leftover cooking oil or grease.

- Scrape food and grease from dishes and pans prior to washing, rather than using a garbage disposal for greasy scraps;
- Let the oil cool down and filter using a cheese cloth over a funnel or food strainers to remove food particles;
- Pour cool, filtered cooking oil and grease into a sealable container and store in a dry and dark place or freeze and then dispose with your household garbage;
- Before reusing cooking oil or grease, check to make sure it hasn't separated or smells bad. If so, then you'll need to start with a new batch; or
- Dispose large quantities of cooking oil and grease at the Prince George's County Household Hazardous Waste Facility; 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro. The Facility is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is FREE for County residents.

Courtesy of ashgreen.org/fats-oils-grease-disposal/



Richard L. Baker, III
County Executive



Prince George's County Second Nature is an initiative of the Department of the Environment, Redevelopment Authority, and Office of Central Services to promote cost savings and sustainability in our everyday behavior.

City News

The Kids Holiday Party was a great success. On December 18th, Seat Pleasant Council members put together a wonderful event at Seat Pleasant City Hall. At the event there was a wonderful puppet show given by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. The residents also enjoyed refreshments and special treats. The City of Seat Pleasant would like to thank all of the residents that participated in the event.



HOLIDAY CHEER



Corporal Matthews and Officer Jones participating in the annual Shop with a Cop program. Thank you to Cpl. Mathews and Officer Jones, for representing the City of Seat Pleasant in making these wonderful kids holiday a little more special.

Congratulations

2015 8U Football Champions

"KNIGHTS"

Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys & Girls Club, Inc.



Bottom row (left to right): DaShaun Lee #87, DeAngelo Bryant #22, Tyd Anderson #21, Nathaniel Toboku-Metzger #55, King Douglas #19, Amante' Watson #57, Daryl Price #6, Khalid Abdus-Salaam #35 and Alonso Murray #53. Middle row (left to right): Trevon Rucker #11, Elijah Harris #29, Oscar Rubio #41, Tar'El Barnes #31, DeMarcus White #20, Amari Whitmire #85, Dylan Sydney #52, Jaden Johnson #46, Jaden Streeter #42 and Paris Odemus #14 (not in photo). Top row (left to right): Assistant Coach Carl Hubb, Head Coach Kevin Little, Assistant Coach Calvin Barnes, Commissioner Darrell Miller and Team Mom Monica Higgs-Barnes.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

The City Council actions in the months of December:

ORDINANCE O-16-01

AN Ordinance for the purpose of amending the City of Seat Pleasant Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

ORDINANCE O-16-02

An Ordinance the purpose of adopting a new Chapter 148 for the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant, entitled "Vacant Property Registration," providing for the registration of vacant buildings and lots in the City of Seat Pleasant and penalties for the failure to properly register such properties and pay the fees associated therewith; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to the registration of vacant properties in the City

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The City Council meetings for the following days in the months of **January, February and March 2016:**

Monday, January 4, 2016

Regular Work Session

Time: 6:00p.m.

Monday, January 11, 2016

Public Session

Time: 7:00p.m.

Monday, February 1, 2016

Regular Work Session

Time: 6:00p.m.

Monday, February 8, 2016

Public Session

Time: 7:00p.m.

Monday, March 7, 2016

Regular Work Session

Time: 6:00p.m.

Monday, March 14, 2016

Public Session

Time: 7:00p.m.

The meetings will be held at:

Seat Pleasant City Hall
Council Chambers
6301 Addison Road
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743-2125



**Honorable Elenora Simms,
Council President**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CORNER

The City Council actions in the months of December:

Happy New Year from the Seat Pleasant City Council! We wish every resident a safe and joyous occasion for the holiday season.

The City of Seat Pleasant FY2017 Budget review process will begin in April. The City Council would like to have your input regarding the budget. Please contact your Ward representative or one of the At-Large Councilmember to give them your input for the budget. The budget hearing will be held in April 2016.

The elected officials meeting attendance for the month of December:

Mayor & Councilmember	Public	Work Session	Special	Closed
Eugene Grant	A	P	N	P
Johnie Higgs, Sr.	P	P	N	P
Kelly Porter	P	P	N	P
Elenora Simms, Ward I	P	P	N	P
Aretha Stephenson, Ward II	A	A	N	A
Reveral Yeargin, Ward III	A	P	N	P
Gerald Raynor, Sr., Ward IV	P	P	N	P
Eugene Kennedy, Ward V	E	E	N	A
P-Present				
C-Cancelled				
N-None				
A-Absent				
E-Excused				
L-Late				
U-Unexcused				

Seat Pleasant City Council Holiday for Kids was held on Saturday, December 19, 2015.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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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