

Seat Pleasant News

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CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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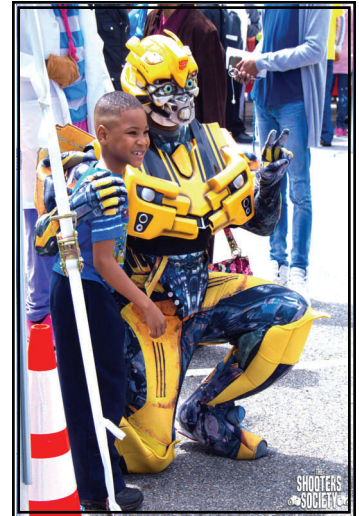
Dashaun N. Lanham

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tiffani Darby

SEAT PLEASANT DAY CELEBRATION

Seat Pleasant Day was a great success. The previous days of terrible weather did not dampen our celebration. The event was filled with entertainment, information and fun. There were musical performances given by Voices of Hope Choir, The Brian Cunningham Project, Dutch Capital and The Fixx. Several vendors including TAMO Smoothies, Phillie's Famous Cheesesteaks and Princess Planet books joined the festivities. A huge thank you goes to the University of Maryland for helping to sponsor our Health Fair and making sure that our residents were provided with free services and vital information. Thank you to everyone that came to the event and we hope for an even better Seat Pleasant Day next year.





SEAT PLEASANT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday, May 13th, the Seat Pleasant Basketball Tournament was held. There were over 15 players that participated in the competition that was organized by Mr. Brian Shivers. At the ceremony Mayor Eugene W. Grant and Community Services Administrative Assistant Tiffani Q. Darby attended the event to assist with presenting the awards and medals that were given to each participant. We would like to thank each player who attended the event.



The Green team won first place.



The Blue team won second place.

COMMUNITY CLEAN SWEEP

The City will hold it's Annual City Wide clean sweep starting next month. The Public Works Department will pick up trash and debris, large household items, bulk trash, and furniture. Derelict vehicles will be removed, vacant buildings will be boarded up and any criminal elements will be identified and removed. Public Works WILL NOT pick up the following items: building materials, yard clippings, grass or leaves, vehicle parts or tools. Please set any items to be disposed of out on the curb in front of your residence the night before. The dates are: **May 28, 2016** for Ward I & II, **June 11, 2016** for Wards III & IV, **June 18, 2016** for Ward V.



A SEAT PLEASANT SUMMER

Seat Pleasant Heights Neighborhood Mini- Park Zooptopia

June 17th @ 7:30 pm

Goodwin Park Kung Fu Panda 3

July 8th @ 7:30 pm

Seat Pleasant Activity Center Ant Man

August 5th @ 7:30 pm



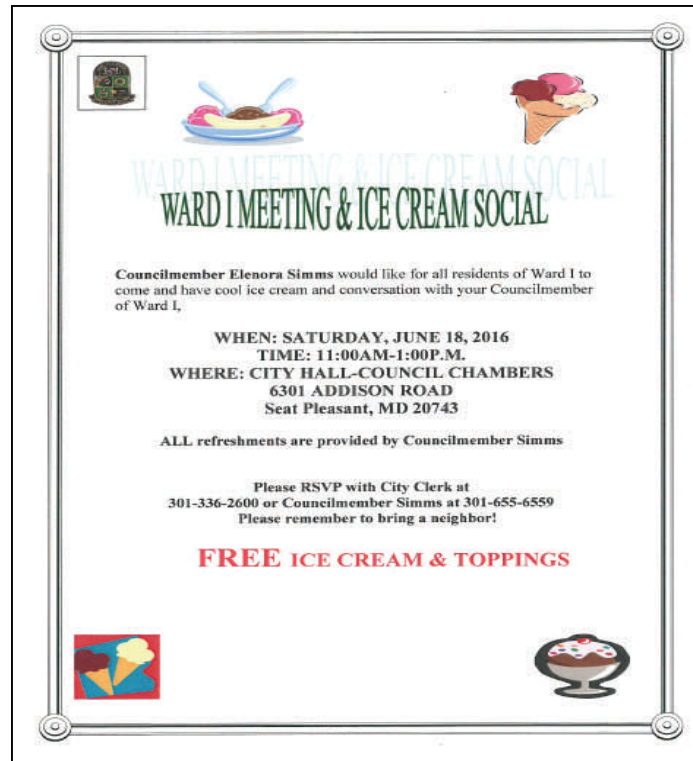
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016
6 PM TO 8 PM

Join us for our annual celebration of police and resident camaraderie .
Enjoy a night of fun for the entire family.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Community Affairs



The Seat Pleasant Police Department was honored to receive the Heroes Award from the City of Praise Family Ministries on Sunday, May 15th.



During the May Public Session of the City Council, Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** presented an annual contribution to the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company #8. Each year Mayor Grant proposes an annual contribution to be given to the Volunteer Fire Department for their invaluable work and service to the community. Founded in 1915, the Volunteer Fire Department celebrates this year 101 years of service to Seat Pleasant and the surrounding community. Over 10 million Firefighters risk their lives to suppress fire, rescue lives from burning buildings and so much more. City Council-member's who were present to support the Volunteer Fire Department included Council President **Elenora Simms**, At-Large Councilmember **Kelly Porter**, Ward III representative **Reveral Yeargin** and Ward IV representative **Gerald Raynor, Sr.**



In February the Seat Pleasant and Glenarden police departments collaborated to help provide water to residents in Flint, Michigan. In only one month the departments were able to collect over 5,000 cases of water that was donated by citizens in and around Prince George's County. The water was delivered to the residents of Flint by 4 trucks and one tractor trailer. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and water for the people in Flint.

(From left to right) Lt. Ivey, Seat Pleasant PD ; Sgt. Spence, Glenarden PD; Officer James, Seat Pleasant PD ; Chief Cotillo, Seat Pleasant PD; Chief O'Donnell, Glenarden PD.

MAYORS REVIEW



The City of Seat Pleasant is starting to get back on track after three protracted years of anti-democratic maneuvering. So, much has been lost over the past three years. The terminated City Center Project which would have changed the course of the city as a vibrant community resulted in the loss of 300 jobs, affordable housing for our seniors, a Health and Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art recreation center, over \$1 million dollars in new tax revenues and so much more. The interest of the citizens was betrayed for three years and caused considerable stagnation to the city.

However, God still has been faithful. He has kept our city together during these political turbulent storms and national media embarrassments. The resilience of our community is amazing. The vast majority of our residents and citizens have been positive, supportive and encouraging of me and my vision to move our city forward on the right track.

While no idea is perfect no matter who proposes it we have at least had ideas that we can work on together to make it perfect for Seat Pleasant.

As we travel through parts of this county we see communities building and changing. Look at the Port Towns (Colmar Manor, Bladensburg, Brentwood, and Edmonston) they have rebranded themselves the County's "**Eco-District**". Two other communities near us have branded themselves as the "**Gateway Arts District**" which consists of Mount Rainier and Hyattsville. And the new "**Innovation District**" in Prince George's County is mainly College Park but seems to somewhat include Riverdale Park and University Park too. But now it's our time! Seat Pleasant will be branding itself as the new "**Smart City with an Innovation Village**".

Let me thank Council President **Elenora Simms**, Councilman **Kelly Porter**, Councilman **Reverl Yeargin** and Councilman **Gerald Raynor, Sr.** for their **FULL** and unwavering support in moving forward with a major project that will greatly benefit the city. The aforementioned councilmember's passed and signed **Resolution R-16-12** approving designating Seat Pleasant as a **Smart City and the Smart City and Innovation Village Project**. Their signatures mark the beginning of a major renaissance for our beloved city that will be the foundation for economic development, revitalization, sustainability, enhanced citizen services and improved branding.

To that end, on **Wednesday, June 14, 2016, 6:00 pm** at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center 5720 Addison Road Seat Pleasant, Maryland we will hold a Smart City, City Hall and Public Works Renovation Public Hearing. We encourage as many residents and citizens to come and listen to a presentation from Global Leaders from IBM and our Smart City Team as we discuss the project and the future of Seat Pleasant.

MAYORS REVIEW



Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** was a presenter and facilitator at the annual African American Mayor's Association Conference held in Crystal City, Virginia. The workshop dealt with preparing cities on Re-entering Citizens. On the panel included **Jahi Davis** a consultant with Youth Build USA.; and **Lindsay Elin** Head of Community Engagement at Uber. Several ideas were offered on how Mayors could help returning citizens re-enter the community successfully through pre-release services, training program and employment opportunities. A serious discussion centered around "Band The Box" on employment applications and the need to push for strong legislation to prevent potential employers asking about criminal history before an interview.



Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** presents a donation from the City of Seat Pleasant to Ms. Olivia Bankole a student and the Secretary of the Student Government Association at Central High School in Capitol Heights, MD. As a school with many community service orientated programs, Central High School has a great focus on helping the community and paying forward through means of service. On April 30, 2016, Central High School hosted its second annual 5K Reason To Believe Race. The 5K Reason To Believe is a fundraiser for graduating Central High School students who plan to attend a two-year or four-year university in the Fall of 2016. We thank Councilmembers Elenora Simms, Kelly Porter, Reveral Yeargin and Gerald Raynor for their support of the students at Central High School.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016-ELECTION GUIDE

MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The City will hold a general election on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall:

The City of Seat Pleasant-City Hall
6301 Addison Rd.
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

The election will be electing a Mayor and seven (7) Councilmember's to serve four-year terms. The polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

The City strongly encourages residents to participate in their City government by seeking a seat on the Council.

Persons seeking to run for office of Council must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 21 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election
- A Councilpersons shall maintain a permanent residence in the City during their term of office.

Persons seeking to run for office of Mayor must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 18 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election

Deadline for candidate filing is Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 5:00p.m. Packets for prospective candidates are available for pickup at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

If you are a registered voter in Prince George's County, you are able to vote in the City of Seat Pleasant Elections. You must be registered by July 12, 2016, to vote in the September 12, 2016 election. If you have any questions regarding voter registration, please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016-ELECTION GUIDE September 12, 2016, General Election Calendar

Monday, May 23, 2016 Candidate Packets Available-City Hall
Absentee Ballot Application Available

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) to file to run for elected office, including: submission of nominating petition of candidates for elective office, Certificate of Candidate Form signed and notarized, the Financial Disclosure Statement (new candidates only)

Monday, September 5, 2016 DEADLINE for requesting absentee ballot

Friday, September 7, 2016 DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) for submitting absentee ballot

Friday, September 7, 2016 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE Certificate of Candidacy DEADLINE (5:00p.m.)

Monday, September 12, 2016 ELECTION DAY-7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Seat Pleasant City Hall

*** How to register to vote:**

In Person	At the 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.

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POLL WORKERS/ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

Residents of the City who desire to serve as poll workers in the upcoming City's General Election are requested to fill out an 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., Tuesday, July 12, 2016.**

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

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

Municipal Election (Monday, September 12, 2016) 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.

CANDIDATE FILING

Nomination Petition-The City's Charter requires that petition containing the valid signatures of twenty (20) registered voters who live in Seat Pleasant. It is recommended that each petition contain several signatures more than the minimum numbered required in the event that some signatures are found invalid by the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections.

Financial Disclosure Statements-Statements must be filed with the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections by the deadline for nominations. No candidate will be qualified if the required statement is not filed. The City Code Chapter 18- Ethics requires for all candidates for elected office complete a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Certificate of Candidacy Form-The City's Charter requires that a candidate for office submits the Certificate of Candidacy Form. The form is required to be signed and notarized.

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**The Honorable
Elenora Simms**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CORNER

The City Council actions in the months of May:

The City Council filled the two vacant seats on Council in a Special Session held on Monday, May 16, 2016. Please join us at the June Meetings to congratulate the following newly appointed councilmember's:

Mable Charlina Watson, Councilmember At-Large
Barbara Kennedy, Councilmember Ward V

We thank each of the residents that had expressed an interest in serving on the Council.

The elected officials meeting attendance for the month of May:

Mayor & Councilmember	Public Work Session Special				Closed	
Eugene Grant	P	L	P		N/A	
Kelly Porter		P	L	P	N	
Elenora Simms, Ward I	P		P	A	N	
Aretha Stephenson, Ward II		L		A	A	N
Reveral Yeargin, Ward III	P		P	P		N
Gerald Raynor, Sr., Ward IV		P		P	P	N

The City Council held three Special Sessions in the month of May. Please contact the office of the Clerk to verify the attendance.

P-Present

C-Cancelled

N-None

A-Absent

E-Excused

L-Late

U-Unexcused

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

May 2016

Monday, May 9, 2016, Public Session

Ordinance O-16-07 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget for the Purchase of the Recycle Bins. The ordinance died due to lack of a Motion.

Ordinance O-16-08 Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget 1st Reading.

Ordinance O-16-09 Amendment of Chapter 137-Streets and Sidewalks 1st Reading

Resolution R-16-11 Supporting the Nomination by President Obama to fill the Vacant Seat on the US Supreme Court **Approved 3-0-0**

Resolution R-16-12 Designating the City of Seat Pleasant as a Smart City and approving the Smart City Innovation Village Project **Approved 3-0-0**

The Meeting Minutes for the month of April and March Public Session Meeting Minutes was approved with amendments. **Approved 3-0-0**

The City Council meet every month on the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m., and second (2nd) Monday 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 or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

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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