



# SEAT PLEASANT NEWS

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## CITIZEN HIGHLIGHT



Each month we will highlight a resident of Seat Pleasant. We have so many wonderful people of all ages doing amazing things and we want to highlight the positives of our community.

This month we highlight Mr. Andre Sullivan, a Ward III lifelong resident. Mr. Sullivan was born at Southern Maryland Hospital 30 years ago. He graduated from Laurel High School after transferring from Fairmount Heights High School. In June of 2019, he started his company, Legend Bookbag Co. LLC. His company designs and makes customized bags, bookbags, makeup bags, weekender bags, toiletry bags and duffel bags. His goal is to ultimately have his own store where his brand is the focal point. Additionally, his desire is to have his brand as one of the featured brands in most major clothing stores and possibly have his casual line featured in one the men's casual stores. You can visit his website at [www.legendbookbag.com](http://www.legendbookbag.com). We offer our congratulations to this young resident who chooses to do the right thing. Continued success and thank you for being a resident of Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence.

To contact Andre Sullivan and for more information:

Go to - [legnedbookbagco@icloud.com](mailto:legnedbookbagco@icloud.com) Call- 301-979-0983

Go to - Facebook Instagram Twitter - @LegendBookbagCo



THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS TO FOCUS ON GOALS, NOT OBSTACLES



Do not try to be the best. Just do your best.

# Councilmember Highlight

The Honorable Shireka McCarthy was elected on September 12, 2016 as Councilmember-At-Large becoming the youngest person elected to serve Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence. She has been a resident of Seat Pleasant for 14 years. Ms. McCarthy attended Coppin State University where she received her Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) in 2012, and Howard University where she received her Masters of Social Work (MSW) in 2015. Ms. McCarthy is a licensed graduate social worker (LGSW) in the District of Columbia, where she specializes in community mental health treatment.

Ms. McCarthy is involved in a number community and church organizations. She dutifully serves as the chair of the Public Safety Committee, and a committee member of Human Services, Health and Education and Budget and Finance Committees. Outside of Seat Pleasant Ms. McCarthy has been recognized statewide and nationally being elected to numerous boards and committees to include: The National Black Caucus for Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO)- Historian; the National League of Cities – (NLC) (Human Development Committee) – (Member); the Prince George’s County Municipal Association (PGCMA)- (Legislative Chair); and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Engagement & Outreach Committee- (Member).

Ms. McCarthy is known for her annual Vision Board Party where residents from all five Wards have participated to begin their year with clear, measurable goal oriented plans. She has and continues to be a leader with the heart of the people. Her famous line is, “I Am The People.” We applaud Councilmember McCarthy for her hard work in representing the people of Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence.



## Congratulations to our 2019 Light Up Your Holiday contest winner!



Congratulations to our first place resident winner, Mrs. Ora Battle of 70<sup>th</sup> Street.



Congratulations to our second place resident winner, Zernola Shamberger of 5942 Addison Road.



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The Public Works Department will be starting to re-implement the Street Sweeping Service! You may have seen the street sweeping signs around the City posted up, and no services being performed. This has been a service that many residents have been wanting to return to the City. The street sweeper has been down and in repair for many months.

The street sweeper vehicle and parts are very costly and to repair a machine of this caliber takes time to repair. Not only does the money to repair this machine need to be strategically budgeted for, but most of the replacement parts get shipped from overseas, mainly China. The parts for the Seat Pleasant street sweeper have been on a ship in a shipping container, which took months for it to be delivered to its destination here in Seat Pleasant. The first street sweeping service will occur on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please pass this information on to your neighbors.

## 2020 CENSUS EVENTS

Seat Pleasant will host the following 2020 Census Awareness Events:

- . **2020 Census Community Courtyard Awareness**  
Friday, March 13, 2020, 12:00 – 3:00 pm - **Eastern Avenue Apartments &** Saturday, March 14, 2020, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm - **Pleasant Homes Apartments**
- . **2020 Census Bus Tour** – Throughout the City  
Saturday, March 21, 2020, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
- . **2020 Census Community Day** at **Goodwin Park**  
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

### Other Awareness Activities:

- . **2020 Census Survey Completion Assistance** at **City Hall**, March-April, Wednesdays, 2:00 pm -4:30pm. Please **call 301-336-2600** to schedule an appointment for assistance. Come have coffee and donuts with the staff and volunteers.
- . **2020 Census Street Team** throughout the **City** March-April, Wednesdays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROMOTE 2020 CENSUS AWARENESS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! A LIMITED NUMBER OF **PAID VOLUNTEERS** ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THE EVENTS AND PROMOTE THE 2020 CENSUS.

A HISPANIC TRANSLATOR IS NEEDED AT THE EVENTS AND OTHER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO EFFECTIVELY REACH OUR INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS. VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION WILL BE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020, 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM AT THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY HALL, BUILDING A. SPACE IS LIMITED AND IS ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS. YOU MUST CALL TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT MRS. LISA SHABAZZ AT 301-336-2600 BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020, 4:00 PM.

THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF OF SEAT PLEASANT WISH TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN COMPLETING THE 2020 CENSUS SURVEY.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Good Food Markets (GFM) is here to build a store at Addison Plaza that is by, of and for Seat Pleasant and the surrounding communities. Good Food Markets would like to here from you. Call City Hall at 301 336 2600 to give your answers and feedback of the questions listed below.

1. What does Good Foods Market need to know about the needs of the community?
2. How will this grocery store and café fit into your shopping routines?
3. What products do you want to see at Good Foods Market?
4. Where should we look for qualified staff?
5. What is most important to you in a food market?

Call us **301 336 2600** to give us your answer/feedback.



The City of Seat Pleasant  
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311 68th Place  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743  
Phone 301 336 2600  
Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

### January 2020

#### **Monday, January 6, 2020 Regular Work Session**

- **Ordinance O-20-02** Amendment of Chapter 43-Voting 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- The City Council tabled this measure and therefore, the Campaign Finances Reporting will not be considered.
- **Ordinance O-20-03** Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-The City Council recommended that the Finance and Budget Committee review this matter before council consideration.

#### **Monday, January 13, 2020 Public Session**

- The Meeting Minutes for November were approved on Monday, December 9, 2019.
- **Resolution R-20-05** Approval and Support of the Prince George's County Enterprise Zone Re-Designation. **Approved 6-0-0**

The City Council monthly meetings for January will be on **Monday, February 3, 2020, Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m.** and the **Public Session will be on Monday, February 10, 2020 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 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD.**

The City of Seat Pleasant 2020 Election for the Mayor and City Council is right around the corner! Information pertaining to the election will be shared on the City's website and in the Newsletter.

**If you are a new resident within the City of Seat Pleasant, please be sure that your Voter Registration has been updated. If you have not updated or registered to vote in the State of Maryland, you may do one of the following:**

Qualified residents of the City may obtain a Maryland Voter Registration Application at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall, 311 68<sup>th</sup> Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday – Friday.

You may access voter registration information at the State Board of Elections at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or the Prince George's County Board of Elections at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov).

In order to vote in City elections, you must be a registered resident in accordance with the regulations of Prince George's County and the City's Charter. Every person who is registered with the County Board of Elections and is a resident of the City of Seat Pleasant shall be entitled to vote in all City elections.

**Seat Pleasant Election Day is Monday, September 14, 2020**

Copies of Legislation and Meeting Minutes may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.