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OCTOBER 2016



MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016



The City held it's election on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall:

ELECTED OFFICIAL TERMS OF OFFICE 2016-2020

BALLOT QUESTION #1 Ordinance O-16-13 To Increase the Annual Salary of the City Council from \$4,875.00 to \$6,329.00. Shall the Annual Salary of the City Council be increased from \$4,875 per Councilperson to \$6,329 per Councilperson effective October 3, 2016?

**YES-240
NO-104**

BALLOT QUESTION #2 Ordinance O-16-13 To Increase the Annual Salary of the Mayor from \$7,664.00 to \$9,118.00. Shall the Annual Salary of the Mayor be increased from \$7,664 to \$9,118 effective October 3, 2016?

**YES-236
NO-96**

Mayor

Eugene Grant -318

Councilmember-At-Large

Shireka McCarthy-221

Kelly Porter-249

Mable Charlina Watson-107

Councilmember Ward I

Lamar Maxwell -46

Elenora Simms-27

Councilmember Ward II

Hope Love-19

Aretha Stephenson-22

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

MAYOR

Eugene W. Grant

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

WARD I

Lamar Maxwell

WARD II COUNCILMEMBER

Aretha A. Stephenson

WARD III COUNCILMEMBER

Reveral L. Yeargin

WARD IV COUNCILMEMBER

Charl Jones

WARD V COUNCILMEMBER

Gloria Sistrunk

AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER

Shireka McCarthy

AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER

Kelly Porter

ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Jeannelle Wallace

TREASURER

Robert L. Ashton

CHIEF OF POLICE

Christopher Cotillo

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Johnny Thompson

CITY CLERK

Dashaun N. Lanham

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tiffani Darby

Councilmember Ward III

Michael Wright-15

Reveral Yeargin-21

Councilmember Ward IV

Charl Jones-52

Gerald Raynor, Sr.-26

Councilmember Ward V

Barbara Kennedy-55

Gloria Sistrunk-83

The newly elected Mayor and City Council will be sworn in on Monday, October 3, 2016. Please join us for the Regular Work Session scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:00p.m.

*** 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.

**The City of Seat Pleasant****ANNUAL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET****OCTOBER 1, 2016****10 am- 4 pm****Seat Pleasant Activity Center****5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant MD, 20743**

Vendors can sell their crafts, collectibles, antiques, treasures, and much more!! Vendor spots are \$15.00. To reserve a spot at the market please fill out a permit form at Seat Pleasant City Hall, 6301 Addison Rd. Seat Pleasant MD, 20743. If you have any question regarding the Community Flea Market please call Tiffani Darby at 301-336-2600.

**HEALTH
ENTERPRISE
ZONE**

20743
New Medical Practices in the 20743 Zip Code

The Prince George's County Health Enterprise Zone (HEZ) is bringing quality, affordable healthcare to residents in 20743. By 2016, HEZ will expand and establish five new practices that will serve more than 10,000 residents in the Zone. Currently residents in 20743 have limited access to medical providers in their neighborhood, but the goal of the Prince George's County Health Department is to improve the health of all its residents. A joint commitment between the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC), the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), and the Prince George's County Health Department will bring more doctors, nurses, and medical care to residents in 20743. Find out which providers are coming to the 20743 community.

New Medical Providers in the Health Enterprise Zone

Family and Medical Counseling Service Inc.

5936 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Phone: (202) 889-7901

Hours Of Operation:

Starting Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Building up to: Monday –Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Insurance: All insurances accepted, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Services:

- General Primary Care
- Same Day Appointments
- Lab Services
- Referral for support services
- Infectious disease testing and treatment



Thanksgiving Dinner

If you are a resident of Seat Pleasant and are in need of assistance for the upcoming Holiday, The City of Seat Pleasant is here to help.

Residents who are low income may enter a lottery to receive a gift card or a Thanksgiving basket.

Registration will begin October 19th
and ends

November 16, 2016.

PROOF OF INCOME IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
301-336-2600

HONORING ALL VETERANS

We would like to invite all Veterans who live in
Seat Pleasant to our

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

Friday, November 11, 2016

10 am

Seat Pleasant Activity Center

If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran
please call 301-336-2600 to RSVP.



Regular medical screenings are among the best ways to prevent some forms of cancer or detect them early – when they are most treatable. Doctors Community Hospital has two programs that provide life-saving cancer screenings at no cost to you.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program

Requirements:

- + Maryland residents
- + Women ages 40 or older
- + Uninsured, underinsured or insured but not screened
- + Limited income

Location:

Center for Comprehensive Breast Care at
Doctors Community Hospital
8116 Good Luck Road
Professional Office Building, Suite 110
Lanham, Maryland 20706

Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

Requirements:

- + Prince George's County residents
- + Women and men ages 50 or older
- + Those younger than age 50 with family histories of colorectal cancer
- + Uninsured or underinsured

Location:

Surgical Services at
Doctors Community Hospital
8118 Good Luck Road
Main Building
Lanham, Maryland 20706

For more information or to schedule an appointment,
call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968) or visit DCHweb.org.

STAY CONNECTED!



This program is funded by Cigarette Restitution Fund and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene grants.



WSSC Complaint Form

With winter quickly approaching we want to make sure that we are prepared to handle any emergencies that may arise. On the Seat Pleasant website there is now a form that any resident can fill out that helps us keep track of emergencies dealing with WSSC. For more information please call Seat Pleasant City Hall at 301-336-2600.



City of Seat Pleasant

Department of Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS WSSC CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM

WSSC Ticket No. (if provided) _____

DATE OF INCIDENT: _____

TIME OF INCIDENT (approx): _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY:(If not Seat Pleasant) _____

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL: _____

1. SPECIFIC ISSUES(attach photo if possible):

Complaint received by: _____
Printed Name Date

Attention All Homebuyers

Coming up with the money for a down payment and other upfront costs is often the largest hurdle facing first-time homebuyers. Even with certain mortgages that require low down payments, these expenses will still usually total **several thousand dollars**.

The Maryland Mortgage Program provides help in the form of Down Payment Assistance, as well as a range of Partner Match programs from employers, developers and community organizations that can help you cover these down payment and closing costs. These programs may make it possible for first-time homebuyers to afford a mortgage when they would not be able to do so the conventional way.

How Down Payment Assistance & Partner Match Programs Help You

Down Payment Assistance and Partner Match Programs may be used for things like down payment, closing costs, and prepaid/escrow expenses, and may be available in the form of zero-interest deferred loans, forgivable loans, or outright cash grants:

- Zero-interest deferred loans are due upon sale or transfer of the property or if the first mortgage is refinanced or paid in full, and do not accrue interest over time (if you borrow \$5,000 now to help with your down payment, you would repay \$5,000 when due – perhaps as far away as 30 years if that is how long you are making payments on the primary mortgage);
- Forgivable loans are (in most cases) loans that diminish over time, based on you continuing to make payments on your primary mortgage and staying in your home for a pre-determined period. In a typical case, a loan of \$2,500 would drop \$500 each year for five years, so that if you lived in your home for this period, you would not have to pay it back at all. However, if you had decided to move after 2 years, you would be required to pay back \$1,500 (the original \$2,500 loan less \$500 for each year you stayed).

A cash grant is provided by some Partner Organizations, and does not require you to ever pay back the money.

Maryland Mortgage Program's Down Payment Assistance Program

The Maryland Mortgage Program features **Down Payment Assistance**, which is an additional loan available to anyone who is eligible for a Maryland Mortgage Program mortgage, helps borrowers put together a suitable down payment on their home. This loan, which can be up to \$5,000, is a zero percent deferred loan, which means that you only ever pay back the principal (there's no interest) after you complete all payments on the main Maryland Mortgage Program mortgage, or if you refinance, sell or otherwise vacate the home.

Further Assistance from Local Governments

In addition to the Department's Down Payment Assistance and Partner Match programs, many local governments throughout Maryland offer additional support to purchase a home in their community. These local governments often work with employers and community organizations to provide local partner assistance beyond state programs already described above. This assistance can be combined with the Department's Down Payment Assistance and Partner Match Programs to help you with upfront homeownership costs.

Check with your **local city or county housing agency** for more information, or ask your Lender to help you identify what assistance may be available to you.

CPAC News

Hello Seat Pleasant! We are Seat Pleasant's Citizens for Public Safety Advisory Council (CPAC) and we are made of residents from each ward of the city along with representatives from the Seat Pleasant Police Department. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of our city and keep you informed about crime/safety issues affecting all of us. We meet each month and discuss concerns that we have heard from residents and problems that we see in the community.

Overall crime in Seat Pleasant and throughout the County has decreased in the last year but we still have a long way to go. A big problem in our area is with people breaking into cars and stealing valuables that we're leaving on the seat, dash, or anywhere in plain view. One major suggestion we hear from the police department is to lock your car doors whenever you get out of your car and, even more importantly, take out anything of value. They are seeing a lot of cases in which thieves are breaking into and ransacking our cars, often from 3:00 – 6:00 a.m. Believe it or not, the most sought-after things to steal are handicapped stickers and hanging cards. If you have these removable handicapped decals, please take them with you when you get out of your car. Leaving valuables in plain sight make these crimes of opportunity so easy for thieves. Get rid of their temptation and put your things away - keep them out of sight!

We are working on the creation of a Neighborhood Watch Program throughout the city. If you're interested in participating or being a block captain, please let us know. Stay tuned for more info!

If you see anything going on in your neighborhood and want the police to know, please contact the Prince George's County Police Non-Emergency Number - (301) 352-1200. And, please don't hesitate to call 911 if the activity is criminal in nature. Remember, if you see something, SAY something! If it's suspicious, REPORT it! Seat Pleasant is our home, we have a say in what happens here!

Please tell CPAC about the issues you have in your neighborhood. We will discuss your concerns with the police department and do our best to fix them or make them better. Please email your ideas, comments, concerns, and suggestions to us at cpac.seatpleasant@live.com. We look forward to hearing from you! Like us on Facebook at *Seat Pleasant CPAC*! We recently created our page and will be posting updated information and news there!

Pamela Boone, CPAC Chair

Code Enforcement

The City of Seat Pleasant takes great pride and believes in its motto “*A City of Excellence*”. It is the desire of the City’s Code Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement Officers that residents take pride in their property as well. Do not be offended if you receive a visit, letter, and/or door knocker which indicate that you are not in compliance with any of the City of Seat Pleasant Code of Ordinances.

The goal of code enforcement and nuisance abatement is not to infringe upon your rights as citizens and property owners, but to educate and enlighten you on the rules and regulations that the department is charged with enforcing, as well as to inform you about health and safety hazards that adversely affect residents and communities.

Overgrown grasses, shrubbery, and weeds, particularly during the spring and summer season, can cause problems with mosquito larvae infestation, and can provide a breeding ground for stray cats or dogs, and other vermin if vehicles are parked on grass.

Rusting on fences, branches and leaves in gutters, may not contribute to health problems but add to the deterioration of valuable property and is unsightly. Trash and other debris allowed to accumulate on property that is not in proper trash receptacles with a lid also contribute to the vermin population. Just as important, all trash, rubbish, and garbage left on the ground goes directly into our waterways which ultimately becomes our drinking water. Dog and other animal feces is a common food source for rats, raccoons, possum, and other unwanted vermin and rodents. Please use a pooper scooper and bag the animal waste!!

In other words, code enforcement regulations are established for your health and safety, and for the health and safety of the surrounding environment.

Help us to achieve a greener and healthier environment and invigorate the *City of Excellence*. Contact the Code officer Chane’e Williams at 240-603-6177 or Nuisance Abatement Officer Ukkundo ‘Oohwaka (UKK) at 240-382-7854 should you have any questions, concerns, or want to report a violation anonymously.

City of Seat Pleasant, A City of Excellence, Receives Smart City Designation

The Seat Pleasant City Council designated the City of Seat Pleasant as a “Smart City” on May 9, 2016. As a result US Department of Agriculture approved funding for renovation of City Hall and Public Works Facility in the amount of \$4.1 Million Dollars.

What is a Smart City?

“A Smart City” is a developed urban area that creates sustainable economic development and high quality of life by excelling in multiple key areas; economy, mobility, environment, people, living and government. Excelling in these areas can be done through human capital, social capital and/or information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure.”



In other words, a Smart City is one that improves the quality of life for its residents and visitors by engaging in “green” initiatives that promotes healthy lifestyles. Some examples of these initiatives include but is not limited to:

- biking and walking to destinations as opposed to riding; constructing bicycle and walkway paths on city streets and in city parks;
- promoting the use of public transportation versus the use of individual passenger vehicles to reduce fossil fuel emissions in the community;
- educating the community on the importance of recycling and mulching to reduce the impact on the County’s landfill;
- enhancing the city’s information technology capability which informs residents concerning newsworthy events and activities, and timely alerts regarding traffic and environmental safety;
- dissemination of information in the community that relates to the arts green sustainability, healthcare, and technology.

To accomplish these objectives, the City of Seat Pleasant is rebranding as a designated Innovation City, with a focus on transportation, talents, and technology; and building on the City’s current infrastructure to attract strategic partners and investors to further advance the City of Seat Pleasant.

Rain Barrel Demonstration

Rain barrels are containers used to collect a portion of rainwater and helps to protect the water from pollutants. Rain water can be used to wash your car, pet or for watering plants. Installing rain barrels can also help to replenish groundwater. Seat Pleasants upcoming demonstration will show you how to apply for a rebate to receive a rain barrel and how to install one at your home.

Sunday, October 23, 2016
Seat Pleasant Activity Center
5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant MD 20743

1-3 pm

For more information please call
Councilwoman Stephenson at 240-601-1037
or
Tiffani Darby at 301-336-2600 at Seat Pleasant City Hall



Technology and Disaster Intervention



Dear citizens,

We never know when the possibility of a disaster may embark upon the doorsteps of our city. There have been recent incidents locally that proves this. In Ellicott City, Maryland, there was a hard rainfall where 6 inches of rain had fallen within a two hour time block which causes a creek to flood. In that short amount of time the downtown area was under water and 200 buildings were damaged, and two people died. Other locations such as the Silver Spring apartment explosion in Maryland or the flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana also experienced major devastation. Will we be prepared?



Well with technology like the Smart City project your city is about to implement, we will be in a better position for prevention and or quick response to many possibilities our city might encounter. Technology helps to enhance the response time to a natural disaster or emergency. For example, mobile apps assist with providing instant access to weather alerts, safety tips, and preparedness information. Also, websites can provide ways for families to reconnect after a disaster. Your city is forging ahead in its development to protect and serve you through innovation and technology. To learn more about your Smart City contact us and become an active participant in upcoming city plans and events.

Important 2016 Election Dates and Deadlines



November 8, 2016 - General Elections

Voter Registration Ends: Deadline to register to vote for the general election.	October 18, 2016
Early Voting/In Person Absentee voting starts: First day for Early Voting for the General Election (in person)	October 27, 2016
Absentee Ballot return deadline - By Mail: Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot.	November 1, 2016
Early Voting/In Person Absentee voting ends: Last day Early Voting in person for the General Election 8 am until 8 pm.	November 3, 2016
Absentee Ballot Request deadline - Electronic: Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot (delivered via internet)	November 4, 2016
Absentee Ballot Request deadline - In Person: Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board	November 8, 2016

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

September 2016

Wednesday, September 7, 2016- Regular Work Session

Ordinance O-17-04 Authorization to Borrow Money in connection with the Smart City Project for City Hall and Public Works Improvements 1st Reading

Resolution R-17-05 USDA Loan Resolution. **Approved 6-1-0**

The Meeting Minutes for the month of July and August were approved on September 14, 2016.

The City Council monthly meetings will resume as scheduled beginning October, 2016 as the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session at 5:00p.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
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	301-499-7080
FAIRMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL	301-925-1360