



The City of Seat Pleasant

*A Smart City of Excellence*

6301 Addison Road,

Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Phone: (301) 336-2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Email: [Engage@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:Engage@seatpleasantmd.gov)



# MEET OUR NEW COUNCILMEMBER-AT- LARGE JAMES WRIGHT, JR.

My name is James Wright, Jr. and I am the new Seat Pleasant City Council member at-large. I was selected by the Seat Pleasant City Council on Monday, Oct. 10 to fill the vacancy of Council member Kelly Porter, who was picked to be the city's new mayor in June.

I have lived in Seat Pleasant since 2005 as a Ward 1 resident. Before coming to the city, I lived in Washington, D.C. in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. I am a native of Austin, Texas.

I work as a journalist for the Washington Informer Newspaper, the only and largest comprehensive weekly newspaper in Washington, D.C. The Informer is also a Black-female owned media company. I have also worked at The Washington Post, the Washington AFRO-American Newspaper and written numerous freelance articles for various publications, including the Los Angeles Times. My beat is local Washington, D.C. politics and writing business stories.

I attend Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. where I serve as the church historian and a member of the United Methodist Men. Brotherhood is a dear thing to me as I am privileged to be a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., in the Omicron Lambda Alpha chapter, serving as the Associate Editor to The Sphinx. Alpha has been a part of my life since Spring 1984.

I am a 1986 graduate of Prairie View A & M University in Texas with a bachelor's degree in business management and a concentration in communications.



In Seat Pleasant, I volunteer as the vice chairman of CPAC, a support organization for the city's police department. I am also a member of the Prince George's County branch of the NAACP.

On the council, I am the chairman of the Economic, Planning, Development & Housing committee. My committee memberships are Human Services, Health & Education chaired by Ward 5 Council member Gloria Sistrunk and Governmental Affairs & Technology led by Ward 4 Council member Gerald Raynor, Sr.

My priorities on the council include facilitating constituent services, increasing Latino involvement in local governmental and civic affairs and tackling senior hunger.

# Emergency Numbers

Seat Pleasant City Hall	(301) 336-2600
Seat Pleasant Waste Management	(301) 336-2600
Seat Pleasant Police	(301) 499-8700
Prince George's County Non-Emergency Police Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Prince George's County Animal Control	(301) 780-7200
Prince George's County Non-Emergency Services	311
Prince George's County District Court of Maryland (Upper Marlboro)	(301) 952-4000
American Red Cross	(240) 487-2100
Prince George's County-The Bus	(301) 883-5600
Prince George County Election Board	(301) 341-7300
Metro Access	(301) 562-5360
Prince George's County Social Services	(301) 919-7000
Prince George's County Child & Vulnerable Adult Unit	(301) 772-4930
Crime Solvers	1- (866) 411-8477
Homeless Hotline	1-(888) 731-0999
Pepco Pepco Emergency Line	(202) 833-7500 (877-737-2662)
WSSC	(301) 206-9272
Washington Gas	(844) 927-4427

# Community Center's

## SEAT PLEASANT ACTIVITY CENTER Home of Kevin Durant's Den

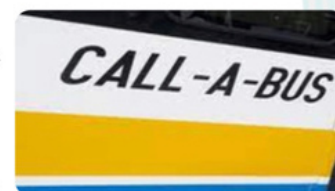
5720 Addison Rd.  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743  
(301) 773-6685



## Transportation

### Call A Bus

The City of Seat Pleasant provides senior citizens and residents with disabilities with free transportation anywhere in Prince George's County with a 5 day in advance reservation. Call City Hall to make reservations and to find out more information, (301) 336-2600.



### Addison Road-Seat Pleasant Metro Station

#### BLUE LINE

100 Addison Road S.  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743  
[www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)



**Congratulations to  
Ward I - Councilwoman  
Monica Higgs**

**&**

**Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk  
for graduating from  
The Academy for Excellence in  
Local Governance, Class 2022!**





**CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING & LEGISLATION ACTION  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022**

**LEGISLATION:**

- **ORDINANCE O-23-01 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54-ANIMAL WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 3, 2022, AND ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 10, 2022, APPROVED 6-0-0**
- **ORDINANCE O-23-02 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18-ETHICS WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 3, 2022, AND ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 10, 2022, APPROVED 6-0-0**
- **RESOLUTION R-23-04 APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH WAS INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022, APPROVED 6-1-0**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022:**

- **REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022, APPROVED 7-0-0**
- **COUNCIL VACANCY PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022, APPROVED 7-0-0**
  - **PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022, APPROVED 7-0-0**
  - **SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022, APPROVED 7-0-0**
    - **CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 APPROVED 7-0-0**

**THE COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**REGULAR WORK SESSION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022, AT 6:00P.M. VIA ZOOM WEBINAR:  
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/WN\\_H7SXR\\_N9Q\\_QSCH906YHAPQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83414587495?pwd=TJD0UTF0WHFNCXIWSDZNQ3HUMXCYZZ09)**

**PUBLIC SESSION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022, AT 7:00P.M. VIA ZOOM WEBINAR:  
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83414587495?PWD=TJD0UTF0WHFNCXIWSDZNQ3HUMXCYZZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83414587495?pwd=TJD0UTF0WHFNCXIWSDZNQ3HUMXCYZZ09)**

**THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD HEARING ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023, AT 7:30PM VIA ZOOM WEBINAR:**

**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/WN\\_P6JQXALCSMAVXIPN1U4SAG](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83414587495?pwd=TJD0UTF0WHFNCXIWSDZNQ3HUMXCYZZ09)**

**THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE BEING PROPOSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER:**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-01 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-301, NUMBER, SELECTION, TERM BY SPECIFYING THE WARD COUNCILPERSON AND TWO AT-LARGE COUNCILPERSONS.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-02 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-302 QUALIFICATIONS OF A COUNCILPERSON BY AMENDING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA 23-03 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-309 FILLING OF VACANCIES TO INCLUDE SECTION C-401 IN THE SECTION REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-04 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-310 FORFEITURE OF OFFICE TO INCLUDE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE, AND THAT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE UNTIL NEXT ELECTION AFTER FORFEITURE.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-05 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-401 QUALIFICATION OF MAYOR BY AMENDING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY AND GENDER NEUTRAL.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-06 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-604 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO SPECIFY WHEN THE COUNCIL CAN REMOVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-07 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-607 REGISTRATION, BY ELIMINATING OUTDATED LANGUAGE REGARDING THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-08 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-615, SPECIAL ELECTIONS BY CREATING PROVISION TO ALLOW SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-09 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-617 PRESERVATION OF BALLOTS TO AMEND THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH BALLOTS ARE HELD AFTER THE CITY ELECTIONS.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-10 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER §C-619, WOMEN BY RENAMING THE SECTION AND AMENDING LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR EQUALITY**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-11 AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER BY CREATING A NEW SECTION §C-623, TERM LIMITS FOR MAYOR, COUNCIL AND AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER.**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION CA-23-12 OF THE CITY CHARTER SECTION §C-701, CITY MANAGER, TO IMPOSE AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH COMMENTS BEING TAKEN IN THE PUBLIC SESSION. DURING THE COVID-19 THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM WITH CITIZENS BEING PROVIDED ACCESS TO JOIN THE MEETING FROM THE CITY'S WEBSITE. ALL CITIZENS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM MEETINGS.**

**COPIES OF LEGISLATION AND APPROVED MEETING MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE [WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](http://WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV) OR BY CONTACTING THE CITY CLERK DASHAUN N. LANHAM, CMC DIRECTLY ON 301-336-2600.**

### **CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

**THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING ENERGETIC RESIDENTS THAT HAVE A DESIRE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND COMMISSION. THE INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BY JANUARY 3, 2023**

**PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD**

**THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL.**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK BY E-MAIL AT [DLANHAM@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](mailto:DLANHAM@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV) TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.**

### **NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER**

**THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED JAMES WRIGHT, JR., TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022. COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT WAS SWORN IN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022. PLEASE BE SURE TO CONGRATULATE COUNCILMEMBER JAMES WRIGHT JR AS THE NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER.**



## **GOOD NEIGHBORS**



**Councilwoman Monica  
Higgs  
Presents  
Good Neighbors  
Mrs. Dorsey & Ms. King  
on Foote Street**



# The City of Seat Pleasant Welcomes A New Mayor



## Mayor Kelly Porter

On August 15th,

The Honorable  
Kelly Porter was sworn  
in as the Mayor of the  
City of Seat Pleasant.  
We are looking  
forward to witnessing  
the great things he has  
in store for the City of  
Seat Pleasant!



# SPPD PAL PROGRAM GIVES BACK



THE PAL PROGRAM HAS MADE A HUGE IMPACT IN 2022. THEY HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED THEIR NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SINCE THEIR RELAUNCH IN MARCH. THE PROGRAM HAS DONE A GREAT JOB MENTORING YOUTH AND TEACHING THEM SKILLS AND PRINCIPLES THAT WILL REMAIN WITH THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIME. IN NOVEMBER, THE YOUTH AT THE PAL PROGRAM MADE TOILETRY BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS. THIS ACTIVITY ALLOWED THEM TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVING THOSE IN NEED AND GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY POSITIVE ACTIVITIES THAT THE YOUTH IN THE PROGRAM HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN. SOON SPPD WANTS TO TAKE PAL PARTICIPANTS ON FIELDTRIPS AND ALLOW THEM TO EXPERIENCE DIVERSE EXPERIENCES IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS. LET'S WORK TOGETHER ALONGSIDE SPPD TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THE PAL PROGRAM!



# WEEKLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Food Distributions during the months of October and November continue to be a success in providing groceries to residents in need. We were also able to provide turkeys for families ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.



## ADVANCED VR TRAINING FOR SPPD OFFICERS

In 2022, the police department began using new technology to provide officers with advanced training. The Apex Officer training simulator is a state-of-the-art tool that utilizes virtual reality technology and offers an immersive 360-degree view and includes peripheral vision and training tools that closely match those used in the field to enhance the transferability of the training to real-life scenarios.

The simulator allows for scenarios to be customized by a certified trainer based on the officer's decisions and assists the officer in evaluating how they would make decisions.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY SEASON, THE SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A FEW REMINDERS AND TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

- DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR VEHICLE! BE SURE TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLE, CLOSE THE WINDOWS, AND HIDE SHOPPING BAGS IN THE TRUNK.
- ONLY CARRY THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF CASH NEEDED FOR YOUR SHOPPING. IF POSSIBLE, USING A CREDIT/DEBIT CARD IS SAFER.
- PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS IF SHOPPING IN THE EVENING.
- BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.
- WATCH OUT FOR CREDIT/DEBIT CARD SKIMMERS. A SKIMMER IS A DEVICE INSTALLED ON CARD READERS THAT COLLECTS CARD NUMBERS. THIEVES WILL LATER RECOVER AND USE THIS INFORMATION TO MAKE FRAUDULENT PURCHASES. SKIMMERS CAN USUALLY BE SPOTTED BY DOING QUICK VISUAL OR PHYSICAL INSPECTIONS BEFORE SWIPING OR INSERTING A CARD.





# Students Wanted!

The City of Seat Pleasant is looking for first-time business owners or start-ups to participate in a Small Business Course.

Those interested must attend an Information Session on:

**JANUARY 11, 2023  
6:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

**REGISTRATION:  
[www.alstntec.com](http://www.alstntec.com)**

This is the ultimate step-by-step course designed to teach individuals how to start and operate a business. The core learning path includes:

- Concept Business Development and Strategy Planning
- Business Plan Development
- Information from Industry Experts
- Understanding of Business Tax and Accounting Obligations
- Lead Generation & Sales Strategies
- Marketing, Branding, and Pricing Strategies
- Use of Insurance and Contracts
- Introduction to Small Business Contracting Opportunities and more

## LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY?



Employ Prince George's provides job seekers with resources and assistance with finding the best job that fits their

**Contact Employ Prince George's Headquarters**  
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 400, Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 618-8400

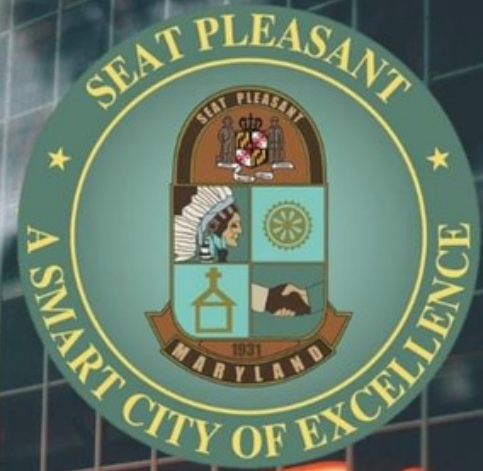
**Contact American Job Center-Largo**  
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 120, Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 618-8425

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.



## ARE YOU A SEAT PLEASANT RESIDENT AND NEED RENTAL, MORTGAGE, EVICTION, OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE?!

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, Seat Pleasant was awarded funds to assist residents that have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are in need of financial assistance to help pay for rent, mortgage, eviction, or utility payments, please email us at [SP-ARP@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](mailto:SP-ARP@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV) to see if you qualify for this great opportunity. Please include your name, phone number, and address in your email.



**BULK TRASH COLLECTION**

\*BULK TRASH IS COLLECTED ON  
WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT  
ONLY\*

**(USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE BULK  
TRASH REQUEST)**

ACCEPTABLE BULK TRASH INCLUDES,  
BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- PLASTIC-COVERED MATTRESSES
  - SOFAS
  - CHAIRS
  - TABLES
- CABINETS, ETC.
  - APPLIANCES
- LAWN FURNITURE
- BARBECUE GRILLS (DO NOT  
INCLUDE PROPANE TANKS)
  - TOYS
- LAWNMOWERS, AND OTHER  
POWER EQUIPMENT (OIL AND GAS  
MUST BE DRAINED)
- ROLLED UP CARPET & PADDING

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE BUT ARE  
NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION  
MATERIALS, CAR PARTS, LOGS/TREE  
TRUNKS & TIRES

**Waste Management Services**

*(Times are approximate)*

**Monday**

**Trash Collection**

**6:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday**

**Curbside Recycling**

**6:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

**Wednesday**

**Bulk Trash & Yard Waste**

**6:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

**Bulk Trash Collection:**

*(Bulk Trash Reservations by phone must be made  
no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday)*

**Thursday**

**Trash collection**

**6:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

[WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](http://WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV)

CITY HALL: 301-336-2600

**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

*"Not everything that is faced can be changed but nothing can be changed until it is faced."*

*-James Baldwin*

**Camera Citation Information**

After a red-light camera photograph is taken, the vehicle's registered owner will receive a citation in the mail. The citation will state when and where the violation occurred. It will include a photo of the vehicle in the intersection, a close-up of the driver, and the license plate of the vehicle.

**Citation Payment Center**

**9418 Annapolis Road  
Suite 104  
Lanham Maryland**

**Hours of Operation**

**Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-  
4:00PM  
Closed during lunch hour  
1:00 PM- 2:00PM**

**Customer Service**

**(866)979-4824**

**Online Citation Payment**

[www.onlinecitationpayment.com](http://www.onlinecitationpayment.com)



# Seat Pleasant Past Events

Councilwoman Hope Love's Prayer Breakfast Meeting on 11-5-22



## Councilmember-At-Large James Wright, Jr. 's Swearing- In Ceremony on 10-24-22





# Seat Pleasant Past Events

Councilwoman Gloria Sistrunk's Ward V Breakfast meeting

10-17-22



**SPPD Trunk or Treat 11-4-22**





Council President Shireka McCarthy  
Presents a



Please join us for an afternoon of guided goal setting through arts and crafts.

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

**12pm**



Seat Pleasant Activity Center  
5720 Addison Road  
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743



For More Information  
Visit [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov)  
Or Call 240-713-4852

## **GET TO KNOW YOUR MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**

**Mayor Kelly Porter**

**Phone: (301) 655-1725 Email: [KPorter@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:KPorter@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember President -At-Large - Shireka McCarthy**

**Phone: (240) 713-4852 Email: [SMcCarthy@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:SMcCarthy@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember- At-Large James Wright, Jr.**

**Phone: (240)300-0358 Email: [Jwright@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:Jwright@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember Monica Higgs - Ward I**

**Phone: (240) 614-3415 Email: [MHiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:MHiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember Hope Love - Ward II**

**Phone: (240) 627-2498 Email: [HLove@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:HLove@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember Kizzie Scott - Ward III**

**Phone: (240) 614-3437 Email: [KScott@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:KScott@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember Gerald Raynor - Ward IV**

**Phone: (240) 672-2294 Email: [GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov)**

**Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk - Ward V**

**Phone: (240) 713-4839 Email: [GSistrunk@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:GSistrunk@seatpleasantmd.gov)**