



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2025



OUR NEWS. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR GOVERNMENT.

As the days grow longer and flowers begin to bloom, Seat Pleasant is embracing the fresh energy of spring! This month, we celebrate new beginnings, community engagement, and enriching experiences that bring us together.

In this issue, we highlight the success of the Education, Everywhere, Everyday (E3) Initiative, which is expanding learning beyond the classroom, and we reflect on a special trip where Seat Pleasant seniors explored the beauty of the Philadelphia Flower Show. We also celebrate the achievements of local leaders who continue to make a difference in our community.




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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS


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MONTHLY MEETINGS




REGULAR WORK SESSION

 **DATE**
07 APRIL 2025
 **TIME**
AT 6 PM
 **LOCATION**
IN PERSON & ZOOM

PUBLIC SESSION & FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING


 **DATE**
14 APRIL 2025
 **TIME**
AT 6 PM
 **LOCATION**
ZOOM ONLY

FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

 **DATE**
19 APRIL 2025
 **TIME**
AT 10 AM
 **LOCATION**
IN PERSON & ZOOM

Please submit your comments by e-mail to CitizenComment.PublicSession@seatpleasantmd.gov

Residents are always welcomed and encouraged to attend both sessions. All sessions are located at 6301 Addison Rd in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.



Visit seatpleasantmd.gov for more information.

Steps for **Attending** Council Meetings and **Reviewing the Agenda**

ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETING

- Visit the city's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov.
- Scroll to the calendar at the bottom of the Home Page.
- Click on the date of the meeting to join the session

****Email dball@seatpleasantmd.gov for any questions.****

VIEWING MEETING AGENDA

- Visit the city's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov.
- Go to the "Departments" drop-down menu and select "City Clerk."
- On the City Clerk's page, click on "BoardDocs" to review the meeting agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

MARCH 2025

The City Council approved the February 2025 Meeting Minutes on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Legislation: The City Council approved the following legislation:

Ordinance O-25-09 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to amend Ordinance O-25-06 to provide the cost center that reflects the Funding Deduction was introduced on Monday, March 10, 2025.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

WE'RE CURRENTLY HIRING FOR KEY POSITIONS, INCLUDING:

- ✓ **CITY MANAGER**
- ✓ **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**
- ✓ **ACCOUNTING MANAGER**
- ✓ **AND MORE!**

The City of Seat Pleasant is looking for passionate and dedicated professionals to join our team!

If you're ready to be a part of a dynamic team committed to innovation, growth, and community engagement, we encourage you to apply.

Visit seatpleasantmd.gov/jobs to view job descriptions and submit your application today!

SEAT PLEASANT BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

We are seeking residents that have a desire to serve their community on these boards. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk if you are interested in serving on one of the Boards, Commission and Committee. Please complete your electronic application on <https://seatpleasantmd.onboardgov.com>. We encourage our bilingual residents to apply.

- Personnel Appeals Board
- Board of Supervisors of Election
- Ethics Commission
- Economic, Planning and Growth Advisory Committee
- Charter Review Committee



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

As the weather warms up and more people head outdoors, we want to remind everyone to stay safe this spring! Cyclists, always wear a properly fitted helmet, use hand signals, and follow traffic laws to stay visible and protected. Pedestrians, be sure to use crosswalks, stay alert, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing streets. Drivers, watch for increased foot and bike traffic, slow down in neighborhoods, and never drive distracted. As you enjoy the season, remember that safety is a shared responsibility!



MAKE THE #9PM ROUTINE A LIFESTYLE

Remove valuables from your vehicle and lock it up!



- ✓ Phone
- ✓ Wallet
- ✓ Keys
- ✓ Bags or Purses
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Credit Cards
- ✓ Jewelery

9PM ROUTINE

Every night at 9 PM, we encourage you to take a few simple steps to protect your belongings: roll up all windows, remove valuables, and lock your vehicle.

Criminals often look for easy targets, and an unlocked car or visible valuables can make your vehicle a target for theft. By making this routine a daily habit, we can work together to reduce crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. Set a reminder, spread the word, and let's make security second nature!

Scam Alert

There continue to be an increasing number of spam calls and phishing attempts targeting citizens in our community. Scammers use deceptive tactics to steal personal information, often posing as government agencies, financial institutions, or well-known businesses. Common scam tactics include IRS tax scams, impersonation scams, prize & lottery scams, bank & credit card fraud calls, tech support scams, and phishing emails & texts.

To protect yourself, avoid answering unknown calls and let them go to voicemail. If the call is legitimate, you can return it. Never share personal information, as government agencies, including the IRS, will never request sensitive details over the phone or via email.



POLICE OFFICER
**WE'RE
HIRING**

Apply to pdcandidate@seatpleasantmd.gov
with your resume. Entry level and lateral
applications are currently being accepted.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



STREET SWEEPING RESUMES THIS SPRING

Please be advised that street sweeping will commence on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 3pm. To ensure effective cleaning we kindly request your cooperation with the following parking regulations. Signs are posted on your street with all the parking instructions.

- Tuesdays: No parking on the left side of the street
- Fridays: No parking on the right side of the street

Additionally, curb painting of city curbs will resume April 1st. Notice for each street will be posted 48 hours prior. Vehicles in violation of these parking rules will be towed.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS

Bulk Trash pick-up is every Wednesday for Seat Pleasant residents. You may only request up to 3 items to submit for bulk trash pick-up. Schedule your bulk trash pick-up by Tuesday no later than 2:00 PM for Wednesday pick-up.

Mattresses must be covered in mattress plastic. Rugs must be rolled up. All nails must be removed from cabinets, wood panels, etc. No construction materials will be collected.

As a reminder, each resident is allotted **1 City-Issued trash can**. For any inquiries regarding broken or damaged city cans, or to request replacement, please contact City Hall at 301-336-2600.

Thank you for helping to keep our streets clean.



AROUND THE CITY



Council President, Monica Higgs addressing an audience at the 2024 Swearing in Ceremony.



Council Member Hope Love joined by County Council Member Krystal Oriadha at Imagine Seat Pleasant.



Ashley Drakeford takes a picture at the Back to School Festival.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTEND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

Seat Pleasant continues to shine as a community of dedicated leaders, and we are proud to celebrate three individuals whose impact extends beyond our city. Two of our elected officials and a key member of our government staff have been recognized for their exceptional service and commitment.

Monica Higgs has been selected to receive the Outstanding Community Partner Award from BEAUTIFUL I AM, INC. in recognition of her dedication to empowering women and girls to reach their full potential. Her leadership and advocacy have played a crucial role in fostering opportunities for growth and success within the community.

Both Hope Love and Ashley Drakeford have been named recipients of the District 7 Women Who Lead 2025 award, an honor sponsored by County Council Member Krystal Oriadha (District 7). This award highlights women who exemplify leadership, service, and dedication to their communities.

Their achievements reflect the commitment of Seat Pleasant's leaders to creating a stronger, more engaged, and empowered community. We congratulate them on these well-deserved honors and look forward to their continued contributions.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTEND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

Seat Pleasant Mayor, Kelly Porter, and City Councilmembers Monica Higgs and Garry Jones attended the National League of Cities – Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC.

This annual conference is for elected officials and appointed local leaders to focus on federal policy issues that are important to local governments nationally, as well as engage in networking and advocacy opportunities.

As part of the conference, first-time elected official, Garry Jones, Ward V participated in Advocacy Day where conference attendees engaged in discussions with federal legislative representatives on Capitol Hill. Councilmember Jones joined the District 7 group who immersed in discussions with Congressman Glen Ivey and U.S. Senator Van Hollen's Chief of Staffs and Maryland Senator Angela Alsobrooks.

AROUND THE CITY



EXPANDING LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: SEAT PLEASANT LAUNCHES THE E3 INITIATIVE

Seat Pleasant is taking bold steps to enhance educational opportunities for its residents through the Education, Everywhere, Everyday (E3) Initiative. On March 1st, Council Member Ashley Kearney shared insights on the initiative's goals, which include:

- Expanding out-of-school time programming
- Strengthening partnerships between families, schools, and the local community
- Increasing access to local libraries and learning centers
- Ensuring students have access to technology
- Addressing basic needs such as nutrition and well-being to support student learning



The event featured inspiring remarks from Aniyah Bynum, a 12-year-old Seat Pleasant resident, author, avid reader, and scholar. As the Inaugural Steward of Seat Pleasant's Free Little Library, Aniyah has demonstrated a passion for literacy and community engagement. Her mother, Angele Bynum, also spoke about the importance of nurturing a love for reading and lifelong learning.

Attendees included residents, elected officials from across Prince George's County and other community partners who participated in breakout sessions to brainstorm opportunities, key connections, and innovative ideas to help launch the E3 Initiative across Seat Pleasant. The event concluded with the ribbon-cutting of Seat Pleasant's first Free Little Library, located in Goodwin Park. Participants helped stock the library and stamped books with #SeatPleasantReads, marking the beginning of a citywide literacy movement.

With plans to install a Free Little Library in each of Seat Pleasant's five wards, this initiative is just the beginning of a community-wide effort to make education accessible everywhere, every day.

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SEAT PLEASANT SENIORS EXPERIENCE THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

As part of Seat Pleasant's commitment to enhancing cultural and recreational opportunities for residents, 26 seniors recently embarked on a memorable trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. This excursion aligns with the city's strategic plan to provide enriching experiences that promote lifelong learning, community engagement, and environmental awareness.

For many attendees, this was their first time visiting the Philadelphia Flower Show, the nation's longest-running and largest horticultural event. This year's theme, "Gardens of Tomorrow," showcased breathtaking floral designs, innovative garden displays, and sustainable landscaping concepts. In addition to the artistic exhibits featuring florists from across the country, attendees explored interactive exhibits on gardening, houseplants, sustainability, and floral design, as well as hands-on workshops and classes.

The vendor marketplace offered a wide selection of flowers, seeds, garden tools, and unique horticultural items, giving attendees an opportunity to bring a piece of the show home with them. Many also enjoyed lunch at the historic Reading Terminal Market, where they sampled a variety of delicious foods before heading back to Seat Pleasant.

This trip not only provided a fun and engaging experience but also reinforced the city's commitment to beautification, environmental sustainability, and active aging. Residents left inspired by the vibrant displays and are already looking forward to next year's visit.



CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ward 2 Meeting

AT SEAT PLEASANT
ACTIVITY CENTER

Let's Talk about
Community
Standards &
Enforcement with
Council Member
Hope Love

**FRIDAY
April 11**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Seat Pleasant Activity Center,
5720 Addison Rd.,
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743



**A 2-Hour
Discussion**

**Free &
Open to
the Public
Refreshments
Provided**

Seat Pleasant DAY 2025

**SATURDAY
MAY 3RD, 2025
11AM -4PM**

Join us for a day of celebration, innovation, and community!
Enjoy: Live Music & Entertainment Games & Family Fun Food Trucks & Vendors

Register at SPDAY2025.eventbrite.com

To inquire about vending opportunities call 301-336-2600 or email
adrakeford@seatpleasantmd.gov



URGENT RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

We love our furry friends in Seat Pleasant! Owning a pet is a joyful experience, and we encourage responsible pet ownership to keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone. Please take a moment to review our city's leash laws to ensure the safety of your pet, neighbors, and fellow animals.

Leash & Containment Requirements

- ✓ A responsible person must be in physical control of the leash at all times.
- ✓ Off-leash areas are permitted only in designated dog park
- ✓ Dogs running at large pose a public safety risk and are considered a nuisance.
- ✓ Dogs must be on a leash or in a secure enclosure when off their owner's property.



Penalties for Violation



Running at large – No incident:

1st Offense: \$50 fine

2nd Offense (within the same year): **\$100** fine

3rd or more offenses (same year): **\$500** fine & possible removal by Prince George's County

Running at large – With incident (e.g., injury, damage):

1st offense: **\$200** fine

2nd offense (same year): **\$400** fine & possible impoundment/removal

3rd or more offenses (same year): **\$1,000** fine & removal by Prince George's County

Failure to Surrender for Impoundment:

Fine: \$500 or up to 90 days in detention, or both.

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