

The TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
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*"Remembering the Past,
While Moving Towards the Future"*

Winter 2010

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

Bill Greene.....Mayor
Nancy Jo Smith.....Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Johnson.....Councilmember
Carla Strickland.....Councilmember
Bob Wyrick.....Councilmember

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Linda Baker.....Assistant Clerk

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00am-4:00pm
Friday.....9:00am-1:00pm

TOWN MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall located at 4920 Alliance Church Road and are open to the public. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

Agendas for all Town Council and board meetings are available by email in advance of the meeting. To receive meeting agendas, send an email to Townclerk@pleasantgarden.net

Town Council

First Tuesday of each month

Zoning Board

Third Monday of each month

Long-Range Planning Board

Third Tuesday of each month

Recreation Board

Fourth Tuesday of each month

All regular meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Pleasant Garden Town Council

Pleasant Garden voters elected Bill Greene as the mayor and Carla Strickland as a new member of the Town Council in the November 3, 2009 municipal election. They join the three remaining councilmembers on the Town Council – Chris Johnson, Nancy Jo Smith and Bob Wyrick whose terms run until December 2011.



This was the first time in the town's history that voters were able to directly elect the mayor. Pleasant Garden was the #1 voting town in Guilford County with a 32% voter turnout. Thank you to all the voters who performed their civic duty by voting and to all the councilmembers for their service to the citizens of Pleasant Garden.

Thanks also go to 2005-09 councilmembers Anne Hice (*mayor 2007-09, councilmember 2005-07*) and Rick Wallace (*mayor 2005-07, councilmember 2007-09*) for their service to the Town of Pleasant Garden.

Message from the Mayor



Hello, Fellow Pleasant Garden Residents! As the Mayor of Pleasant Garden, I want to assure you that your Town Council is ready and excited to serve all of its citizens. I plan to be available at Town Hall every business day from 11:00am-1:00pm to meet with you and listen to your ideas and concerns.

Your Town Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Town Hall at 7:00pm. I invite you to come out and get involved in your town government.

Want to "GO GREEN" with *The Town Square*?

Every town newsletter is available online at www.pleasantgarden.net – just click on "Newsletters" under "Town News." If you want to "go green" and no longer receive a mailed paper copy, please contact the town staff, ask to be removed from the mailing list, and provide an email address to receive the electronic version. It's that simple!

Talk of the Town

2009 Christmas Parade

Hundreds of people enjoyed the 2009 30th Annual Pleasant Garden Christmas Parade on a sunny but cold Sunday, December 6 after heavy rains forced a postponement from the original Saturday date.

Pleasant Garden Elementary School fifth graders Gabriele Jackson and Hunter Byrd were chosen as the Snowball King and Queen in an essay contest about why they wanted to be in the parade.



Pleasant Garden Lions Club president Beth Moore waves from the Lions Club float after helping with the parade line-up as a member of the 2009 Recreation Board that planned the parade.

Members of the Student Council and their teachers at Pleasant Garden Elementary school had lots of fun making their float and riding in the parade.



Mayor Bill Greene, Councilwoman Chris Johnson, and Mae Surgeon served as the judges for the parade and selected the following entries as the trophy winners:



Best Float: Snowball King and Queen
(sponsored by Picture Perfect)

Best Performance: Shriners Club Scooter Patrol

Chairman's Trophy: Boy Scout Troop 368

A big "thank you" goes to the members of the 2009 Recreation Board, councilmembers, town staff, and other volunteers who spent countless hours planning and staging another successful Christmas parade enjoyed by all. Stay tuned -- we are already planning for next year!

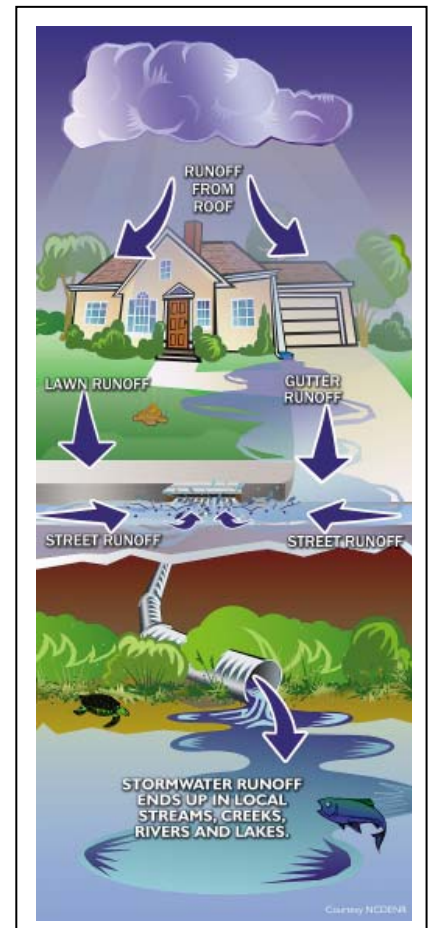
Jordan Lake Requirements

Approximately half of Pleasant Garden is in the Haw River sub-basin of the Jordan Lake watershed. Jordan Lake supplies drinking water to the Triangle area and has been classified as a "nutrient sensitive watershed." The state approved new requirements to reduce the pollution that flows into the lake from stormwater run-off. Jurisdictions in the watershed -- including Pleasant Garden -- must reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous flowing into streams by 8% by 2017 or face even tougher (and expensive) regulations.

Pleasant Garden residents are the key to meeting our goal and we need your help! The town is starting a public awareness and education campaign to share information on how to reduce the pollution coming from your property. Please be aware that there is now a 50-foot buffer on both sides of any streams that should not be cleared or built upon.

Other tips:

- ⇒ Limit the amount of fertilizer you put on lawns and fields.
- ⇒ Plant flowers or grass on bare ground so the soil doesn't wash away when it rains. Eroded soil is the #1 pollutant in our water!
- ⇒ Don't litter!
- ⇒ Use gravel to allow rain to soak into the ground instead of running off pavement.
- ⇒ Dispose of pet waste.



For more information, visit www.ncstormwater.org and click on the "Citizen Resources" link.

TOWN COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBERS



**Mayor
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**Mayor Pro Tem
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Term: 2007-2011



**Councilmember
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Term: 2007-2011



**Councilmember
Carla Strickland**

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Term: 2009-2013



**Councilmember
Bob Wyrick**

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Term: 2007-2011

Zoning Board

Acts on zoning/development ordinance changes and enforcement

Alan Carroll
John Carroll
Dianne Kuhn
Nancy Martin
Peter Rojeski
James Sealey, Jr.
Ron Surgeon

Council Liaison – Chris Johnson

Long-Range Planning Board

Makes recommendations on overall planning of town government and community development

Melvin Hinshaw
Wayne Kirkman
Pam Lemieux
Ellen Maddox
David Seel
Mark Wilcox
Richard Winn

Council Liaison – Bob Wyrick

Recreation Board

Provides a variety of recreational and educational activities for residents of Pleasant Garden

Steven Brandt
Jack Cox
Leslie Dula
Paul Hernandez
Ethel Hood
D. J. Martin
Beth Moore

Council Liaison – Carla Strickland



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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Dates to Remember



SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

- ⇒ February 1- March 6, 2010 by mail or at Town Hall during normal business hours; form available on town website after February 1 for mail-ins.
- ⇒ On-site registration: 9:00am-2:00pm on
 - Saturday, February 20
 - Saturday, February 27
 - Saturday, March 6
- ⇒ \$45 per player; accident insurance for \$10
- ⇒ Players must be at least 4-years-old but no older than 17-years-old as of April 10, 2010. Practice nights are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Games are played every Saturday from April 10 through June 5.

2010 E-CYCLING EVENT



Saturday, March 27 from 9:00am-2:00pm

Guilford County residents can drop off computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, TVs, cell phones, electronic toys and games, DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment, and any other household items with an electronic chip. **No business waste accepted!**

SENIOR LUNCHEON



The Town of Pleasant Garden contracts with Senior Resources of Guilford to provide fun activities and a delicious meal for citizens 60-years-old and older at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church from 10:00am – 1:00pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Call Town Hall at 674-3002 no later than the Friday before to make a reservation.

January 19 **February 16** **March 16**
April 20 **May 18** **June 15**

We're Counting on YOU!

Please be sure to complete the 2010 census form you will receive around April 1, 2010. The census results are used to determine the distribution of \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. Redistricting for our US House, state house and senate, and Guilford County school board and commissioner representatives will be based on our reported population. If you aren't counted, Pleasant Garden could lose out on getting back money our citizens paid in state and federal taxes! **It's in our hands – be counted!**



Census Jobs Available

The US Census Bureau is seeking qualified people to work in our community locating households, explaining the purpose of the census, and conducting personal interviews with respondents who do not return their 2010 Census questionnaire. Workers earn good pay, work flexible hours, and receive paid training. The 30-minute basic skills test is given at Town Hall on Thursday mornings in January and February to pre-registered applicants. To apply and take the test, call 1-800-861-2010 or sign up online at www.2010censusjobs.gov

Public Budget Input Sessions



The Town Council is providing three chances for citizens to give input on the 2010-11 budget **before** it is completed. Those public sessions will begin at 6:30pm before the council meetings on February 2, March 2, and April 6. Here's a chance to voice your opinions about how YOUR tax money is spent—councilmembers want to hear from you!