

The **TOWN**

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



*"Remembering the Past,
While Moving Towards the Future"*

FALL 2011

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

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

TOWN STAFF

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

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday.....9:00am-5:00pm
(We close at 1:00pm on Fridays as
needed to avoid overtime hours.)

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.

Special meetings may be called as needed. 48-hours public notice will be given for such meetings.

Blood Drive/Health Fair

Please join us Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am until 2:00pm for the Pleasant Garden Blood Drive and Health Fair at Town Hall. The Town of Pleasant Garden is partnering with the Pleasant Garden Lions Club, the Pleasant Garden Drugstore, Pleasant Garden Fire Department, WalMart Vision Center, and the American Red Cross to provide these services.



Our goal this year is 50 pints! To donate blood, contact Town Hall for an appointment at 674-3002 or visit our website at www.pleasantgarden.net to register online. Walk-in donors are also welcome. All donors should bring a photo ID when they come on the 15th.

Here are some of the **FREE** services and information that will be available at the Health Fair:

- A prescription drug drop-box to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs
- Lions Low Vision Van
- Eyeglass adjustments
- Diabetes testing
- Blood pressure screenings
- Fire trucks from the Pleasant Garden Fire Department



Dr. Wilson Elkins will provide flu vaccines for \$25, payable by cash or check. Bring your medical insurance information for filing of claims.

Pleasant Garden Pet Day



Rabies vaccines and microchips will be offered at Town Hall on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00am-1:00pm along with animal rescue organizations, K-9 police dogs, and fun contests for pets and their owners. All pets must be controlled with a leash or be in a cage. Come join the fun!

Talk of the Town

Development Ordinance Update

Members of the Town Council, Zoning Board, and Long-Range Planning Board have been working with town staff, the town attorney, and Municipal Code Corporation for over a year to revise and update the town's Development Ordinance. These people volunteered many long hours on this assignment and we thank them for their service.

The development ordinance regulates such things as zoning, land use, signage, streets and parking, watershed protection, and erosion control. While it is not a particularly exciting document to read, its provisions are key in managing growth and development in Pleasant Garden and preserving the qualities that make this town special and attractive.

Most of the proposed amendments address changes in state and/or federal requirements and changes to town operating procedures through the years. The required Jordan Lake watershed protection ordinances and flood damage control ordinances are combined into this one document instead of having three separate ordinances to make it simpler by having all the regulations in one accessible place.

Optional significant changes under consideration include the following:

- Provisions to allow for the consideration of residential cluster development with stringent restrictions
- Allowing multi-family dwellings in agricultural and RS-80 zoning with development standards
- Allowing twin homes or duplexes in RS-80 zoning (*they are already allowed in agricultural zoning*)
- Regulation of allowable locations for Internet sweepstakes businesses
- Elimination of the Manufactured Housing Overlay District and allowance of manufactured homes in RS-80 and RS-40 zoning with development standards
- Required relocation or replacement of trees of 36-inches or more in diameter that are cut down during the development of property
- Clarification in surety bond requirements for new roads

The entire draft ordinance is on the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net/Development%20Ordinance.html

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the revised ordinance before final adoption later this year. Citizens will be notified of this hearing through the Blackboard Connect system, on the town website, and a legal notice in the *News & Record*. Citizens' feedback is needed and welcomed!

Parking Lot Construction Update

Construction is nearly complete on the improvements to the soccer fields driveway and parking area. There are 200 marked parking spaces that include seven concrete spaces for the handicapped. The 20-foot wide driveways are now in compliance with code requirements and trees have been planted in the parking area. A paved quarter-mile asphalt walking path circles the parking lot area to provide better pedestrian safety and exercise opportunities.



Veterans Appreciation Day

The Town's annual Veterans Appreciation Day event will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 6 at the Pleasant Garden Fire Department. Committee chair Mary Ann Yow is working with the Recreation Board to plan another moving ceremony with speakers and displays to honor the community's servicemen and women.

Seeking Members for Town Boards

The newly-elected Town Council will be making appointments to the town's three boards at their first meeting on Tuesday, December 6. Half of the board members will receive a two-year term and half will serve for a one-year term. Any Pleasant Garden resident who is interested in serving on one of these boards – Long-Range Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Recreation Board – should complete a board application form. These forms can be picked up at Town Hall and are available online at <http://www.pleasantgarden.net/Board%20Application.html>

Stormwater Ordinance for New Development

The Town Council has submitted a draft ordinance on stormwater control for approval by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources as required by the state. This ordinance will only affect new development in those parts of Pleasant Garden in the Jordan Lake watershed and will take effect in approximately May 2012.

Assistant Clerk Baker Leaving

Assistant Clerk Linda Baker has accepted a position with another employer and her last day as a staff member for the Town of Pleasant Garden will be September 28. We thank Linda for her three years of dedicated service to the town and wish her well in her new job.

First Responders Honored

The Town Council honored and thanked the town's first responders from the Pleasant Garden Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Services with a delicious dinner at Town Hall on September 15.

2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Voters elect the mayor and three members of the Pleasant Garden Town Council on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 8**. The mayor will serve a 2-year term. The two council candidates getting the most votes will receive 4-year terms and the third highest candidate receives a 2-year term. Polls will be open from 6:30am to 7:30pm. Make your voice heard and vote for the candidates of your choice!

Meet the Candidates

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NOTE: Chris Johnson originally filed to run but has since withdrawn from the race.

POLLING PLACES

Pleasant Garden 1: Town Hall at 4920 Alliance Church Road
Pleasant Garden 2: Pleasant Garden Baptist Church at 1415 Neelley Road



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Dates to Remember

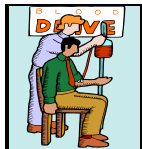
Fall 2010 Soccer Season

**Saturdays, September 10 - October 15
 and some weekday evenings**

Game schedules are available on the town website.

Pet Day

**Saturday, October 1, 9:00am-1:00pm
 at Town Hall:** Rabies vaccinations,
 micro-chipping, contests, Sheriff's
 Department K-9 unit, and pet-friendly fun!



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*Vote on the Pleasant Garden mayor and
 three members of the Town Council*

Senior Luncheon

September 20 October 18 November 15
 10:00am – 1:00pm at Pleasant Garden United Methodist
 Church; sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden.
 Call 674-3002 no later than the Friday before each event
 to make reservations.

Pleasant Garden Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 4 at 3:00pm
 Pleasant Garden Road
 Floats, bands, cars and family fun



10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency
 For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/nps/dea/stormwater

A helpful reminder for Pleasant Garden residents on what we can do to help the town meet the Jordan Lake watershed protection requirements and protect our local environment without spending your tax dollars.