

The

TOWN

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

June 2013

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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Alan Marshall.....Mayor Pro Tem
Bill Greene.....Councilmember
Nancy Jo Smith.....Councilmember
Ron Surgeon.....Councilmember

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Kim Vazquez.....Assistant Clerk

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday...9:00AM - 5:00PM
(We often 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.

Town of Pleasant Garden Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 29, 2013 6:00-9:00PM

The town's annual Independence Day Celebration event begins at 6:00PM on Saturday, June 30 at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. Children of all ages can romp on inflatables, participate in a variety of games and receive a free balloon sculpture. The Groovin' Band will entertain with family-friendly music and you can check out beautifully-restored cars in the Classic Car Show on the upper ball field from 5:00-8:00PM. The spectacular Zambelli fireworks show begins around 9:30PM as the finale of a fun evening.

Hard-working members of the Recreation Board and other volunteers will be joined by Town Council members, town staff, and Pleasant Garden Fire Department to make sure everyone has a safe and fun time. The rain date is Sunday, June 30 if needed.

Join us and help celebrate America's birthday!

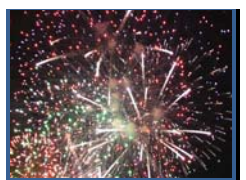
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Upcoming Planning Opportunities

NCDOT Grant: The town has won a \$32,000 planning grant from the NC Department of Transportation, our first major grant! Along with our \$8,000 required match, the funds will be used for a consultant to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the town. Possible improvement projects could be greenways, crosswalks and/or sidewalks in the downtown area, trail connections to existing trails in Hagan Stone Park, and paved shoulders or other safety enhancements to our roads to better accommodate bicyclists.

Recreation Master Plan: The Town Council hired WK Dickson to prepare a recreation master plan that will serve as the basis for a future PARTF grant application. This consultant will assess existing programs and facilities and help identify possible new recreational offerings for town residents.

Citizen's wants, needs and ideas are critical parts of both planning processes! Please participate in planned meetings and surveys this summer – speak up and share your suggestions on how to improve recreational programs and pedestrian/bicycle opportunities. It is important that both plans include what Pleasant Garden residents want for Pleasant Garden – make sure your voice is heard as we plan for the future.



Town News and Updates

Message from the Mayor

Your Town Council has been very busy in the last several months. As is reported elsewhere in this issue, we approved the 2013-2014 Budget at our June 4 meeting. Included in this budget is an allocation for "NCDOT Bi-Ped Plan Consultant" for \$40,000. Last fall, the Town of Pleasant Garden made a formal request to the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to endorse a Resolution of Support for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant. Our resolution was approved by the MPO and submitted to NCDOT as part of an application prepared with the assistance of Roger Bardsley, Guilford County's recreation planner. We will use this money to hire a consultant to design a bicycle/pedestrian plan for the Town. The NC Board of Transportation voted at its June 6 meeting to award the requested amount for the planning grant to the Town of Pleasant Garden. The Town's portion is 20% or \$8,000 with NCDOT providing \$32,000. According to a NCDOT report, "For the 2013 grant cycle, a total of 12 applications were received. New to the grant program this year, five applications were for joint bicycle and pedestrian plans; two applications were for bicycle plans and the remaining five were for pedestrian plans. The Division has recommended 10 plans for award for the 2013 cycle." Pleasant Garden was one of those! Other than a \$500 grant from WalMart for the soccer program, this is the first major grant award for the Town.

Also at the June 4 meeting, the council approved the construction of a restroom building which will also include a small concession space at Volunteer Park. By the next soccer season, we should have permanent facilities for the players and their parents. The council has asked the Recreation Board to seek other athletic activities which would be suitable to our facilities. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with us during the recreation master plan process that will be starting later this month and continuing through October.

The walking trails behind Town Hall have been newly mulched after completion of the thinning of the loblolly pines. The mulching was a "volunteer" effort done by inmates from the Guilford County Prison Farm. Wildflowers will be planted in one section as part of the restoration of the harvested area. Please take the time to explore the trails -- they provide a great place for our seniors and our families to enjoy the fresh air and go bird-watching.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about town issues, please contact me at carlastrickland@pleasantgarden.net or call Town Hall at 674-3002 and leave a message for me to call you. It's my pleasure to serve as your Mayor!

Mayor Carla Strickland



In Memory Dr. Dick Fields Town Council 1999 - 2003

The Town of Pleasant Garden lost an outstanding community leader with the passing of Dr. Richard "Dick" Fields on May 9. Dr. Fields practiced dentistry in Pleasant Garden for 43 years and was instrumental in getting the Pleasant Garden Community Center built and the town incorporated. Dr. Fields served on the first elected Town Council and was the Mayor Pro Tem from 2000-2003. Several of his paintings are displayed in Town Hall, including the one of the old high school that is featured on the town seal.

The Town Council passed a resolution honoring the memory of Dr. Fields at its June 4 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Alan Marshall accepted the framed resolution on behalf of the family.

Community Cook-out Fun

Approximately 150 people enjoyed the free Community Cookout hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Marshall and Councilman Bill Greene on May 11 in the picnic shelter behind Town Hall. Members of the Pleasant Garden Fire Department assisted with cooking and serving the hot dogs and hamburgers. Attendee Bridget Handley summed it up in a note to Mayor Strickland: "Many thanks to Alan, Bill, Sharon, yourself and the PG Firemen (and any others that were involved). The shelters are a great benefit to PG Residents and the picnic was a perfect & yummy way to spread the word. My family even walked the trails for the first time and it was great to see so many of the PG Residents."

The picnic shelter is available to Pleasant Garden residents at no charge. Call Town Hall at 674-3002 to make a reservation.



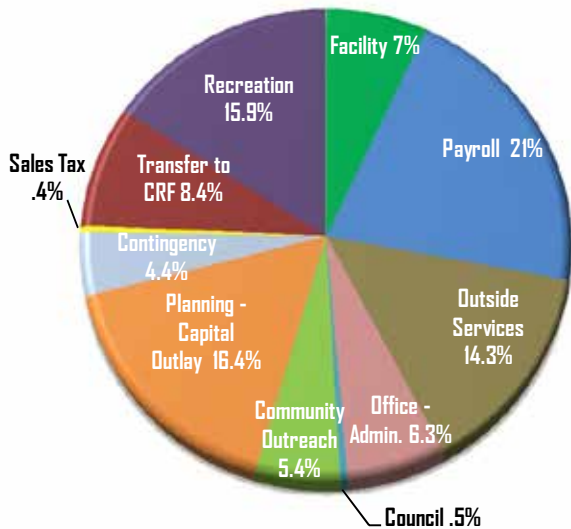
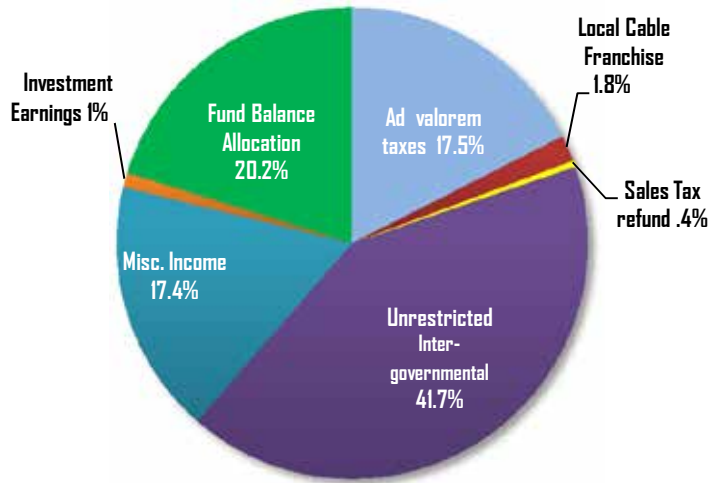
Town of Pleasant Garden 2013-14 Budget

as adopted on June 4, 2013

Revenues

Ad valorem Taxes @ 2.5 cents/100	\$87,368
Local Cable Franchise Tax	9,000
Sales & Use Tax refund	2,200
Unrestricted Intergovernmental (<i>Sales & Use Tax, Greensboro ABC, Franchise & Utilities, NC Beer & Wine</i>)	208,000
Miscellaneous Income (<i>event revenue, soccer registrations/sponsorships, grants</i>)	86,900
Investment Earnings	5,000
Fund Balance Allocation	<u>100,716</u>

Total Revenues **\$499,184**



Expenditures

Facility	\$34,632
Payroll	104,960
Outside Services	71,575
Office & Administrative	31,590
Council	2,400
Community Outreach	27,028
Planning & Capital Outlay	82,000
GF Contingency/disaster	21,644
Sales Tax Expense	2,200
Transfers to Capital Reserve	41,800
Recreation	<u>79,355</u>

Total Expenditures **\$499,184**

Comparison between the current and new budgets

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Estimated Revenues	\$368,552	\$398,468
Allocated Fund Balance	25,766	100,716
Total	\$394,318	\$499,184
Estimated Expenses		
Operations	274,523	378,029
Recreation	77,995	79,355
20% to Capital Reserve Fund	41,800	41,800
Total	\$394,318	\$499,184

Quick Calculator



Town taxes on property valued at \$100,000 are \$25.

\$80,000 of the increase is for planning consultants, \$1,200 for town banners, \$7,200 for the 2013 election, \$1,000 more for electricity, \$2,500 for Town Hall lawn reseeding, and \$6,600 more for contingency/disaster.



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TOWN EVENTS

Dates to Remember



Farmers' Market

June 8 – September 7, 2013
 Saturdays, 7:00AM – noon
 Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00PM
 Picnic shelter at Town Hall



Senior Luncheon

June 18 Picnic at Hagan Stone
 10:00AM – 1:00PM, Shelter #5
July 16 August 23 September 17
 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Pleasant Garden United Methodist
 Church fellowship hall



This monthly program is free and open to citizens 60-years-old and older. Please call 674-3002 no later than the Friday before each event to make your reservation.

Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 29, 2013
6:00-10:00PM

Pleasant Garden Community Center
 Live music and dancing, children's games,
 inflatables, food, fun, and fireworks!



Fall Soccer

Registration open July 5 – August 12
 Mail-in or business hours at Town Hall
Saturday onsite registration at Town Hall
 July 27, August 3, and August 10
 9:00AM – 2:00PM
 \$45 per player, \$10 for accident insurance

*** No registrations accepted after 5:00PM, August 12 ***

2013 Election Filing

Friday, July 5 at noon – Friday, July 19 at noon
 Guilford County Board of Elections office or Town Hall



Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2013
7:00 – 9:00PM
 State senators and representatives

2013 Town Council Elections

Pleasant Garden residents elect the mayor and two members of the Town Council at the November 5, 2013 municipal election. The mayor will be elected for a two-year term and councilmembers for four-year terms. To be eligible, candidates must reside within the town limits of Pleasant Garden, be at least eighteen-years of age, and be a registered voter.

The filing period for these offices opens at noon on Friday, July 5 and closes at noon on Friday, July 19. Candidates may register either at the Guilford County Board of Elections office located at 301 West Market Street (*Old County Courthouse*) in Greensboro or at Town Hall.

If more than two candidates file for the mayor's seat or more than four candidates file for the council seats, a primary election will be conducted on October 8, 2013 to narrow the field.

Meet with the Guilford County Delegation

Senators and representatives who represent Guilford County in the NC General Assembly will hold a Town Hall Meeting from 7:00-9:00PM on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at the Kirkman Municipal Building/ Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend and share your issues and concerns with these elected officials. Come hear the latest on what's happening in Raleigh!

Restrooms at the Athletic Fields

The Town Council voted on June 4 to move forward with building a restroom/concessions building at Volunteer Park by hiring the same architect who designed the picnic shelter restrooms. This new facility will be welcomed by the many people who use the town's athletic fields and walking trails.

Friendly Reminder about Stream Buffers

When mowing grass and clearing brush this summer, don't forget that Jordan Lake watershed rules require a 50-foot undisturbed buffer to be left around natural ponds, lakes, creeks and streams. Violating these restrictions can result in hefty fines plus you will be required to repair the damage and return the disturbed area to its former undisturbed condition.