

The

TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



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

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

Carla Strickland.....Mayor
Alan Marshall.....Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Brandt.....Councilmember
Ron Surgeon.....Councilmember
Rick Wallace.....Councilmember

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Tracy Cooper.....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.



Pleasant Garden Pet Day

Saturday, September 24, 2016

9:00AM-12:00PM

Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall



Rabies vaccines and microchips will be available at the 13th annual Pet Day at Town Hall on Saturday, September 24th. Guilford County will provide one-year rabies vaccines for \$5 and Southwoods Animal Hospital will offer 3-year rabies vaccines for \$10 and microchips for \$26. In order to qualify for the 3-year vaccine, you must bring proof that your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date. For your convenience, staff will vaccinate your pet inside your car if it does not do well in crowds or get along with other animals. No appointment is necessary -- just come anytime between 9:00AM and noon.

*** For the safety of everyone, all pets must be on a leash or inside a cage. ***

Pleasant Garden is pleased to partner with the Guilford County Health Department and Southwoods Animal Hospital to provide these services for our furry friends. Many thanks also go to the Recreation Board members who are volunteering their time for this event!

Town Hall to be an Early Voting Site

Pleasant Garden Town Hall will be an Early Voting Site for the fall 2016 elections. Anyone registered to vote in Guilford County will be able to cast a ballot early at this location. Town Hall will be open for voting on the following days:

- ✓ Thursday, October 27 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Friday, October 28 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Saturday, October 29 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Sunday, October 30 from 11:00AM – 5:00PM
- ✓ Monday, October 31 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Tuesday, November 1 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Wednesday, November 2 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Thursday, November 3 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Friday, November 4 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Saturday, November 5 from 8:00AM – 1:00PM



In addition, early voting will be available in the Blue Room in the Old Guilford County Courthouse between October 20 and November 5. Please check with the Board of Elections at 336-641-3836 for the operating hours.

On Election Day, November 8th, only those voters who are registered in the PG1 precinct will be able to vote at Town Hall. All other voters should vote at their regular polling place that day.

Town News

Message from the Mayor

The acquisition of the Pleasant Garden Community Center is moving forward. In January 2014, then-president of the Community Center, Mark Couch, approached the Council asking us to consider accepting a donation of the facility and its management. From that time forward, a fact-finding committee was formed, committee meetings have been held, information has been published in the Town newsletter and two public meetings were advertised and took place all in order to gain public opinion about the acquisition. At the October 6, 2015 Council meeting, a motion was made and unanimously approved "to accept the donation of the Pleasant Garden Community Center contingent upon the terms and conditions being mutually acceptable."

At the April 2016 Council meeting, we approved the firm of McKim & Creed for a total assessment and approximate costs to refit the entire Community Center property. That report was presented at the July 2016 meeting. The report contained a facelift for each ball field with new fence, backstop, bleachers, dugouts, scorer's box, in-field mix and outfield renovation. In addition, the reported detailed general improvements including ADA parking compliance, a new restroom/concession building as well as renovation of the existing Community Center building for a multi-purpose room. The report also contained proposed future expansion items in order to provide a vision of investment for the long view of the facility.

Since receiving this report and based on our attorney's advice, we are in the process of having the property surveyed, obtaining an appraisal of the property and buildings and conducting an environment assessment of the property.

The Council is moving slowly but cautiously with this acquisition. Once the acquisition has been completed, we will leverage the value of the Community Center as the Town's portion in applying for a PARTF Grant. If you have any comments, please feel free to email me at carlastrickland29@gmail.com.

Speaking of a PARTF Grant, as you may recall, for the past two years the Town has submitted an application for obtaining a PARTF Grant for improvements and additional recreational activities to the Town Hall property and Volunteer Park. The deciding committee will meet on Thursday, August 25 to make the awards. We are hoping that "third time is a charm" and the Town will be awarded the funds. In the meantime, we are contacting our state representatives to send letters of support for our Town receiving the grant. I will keep you posted.

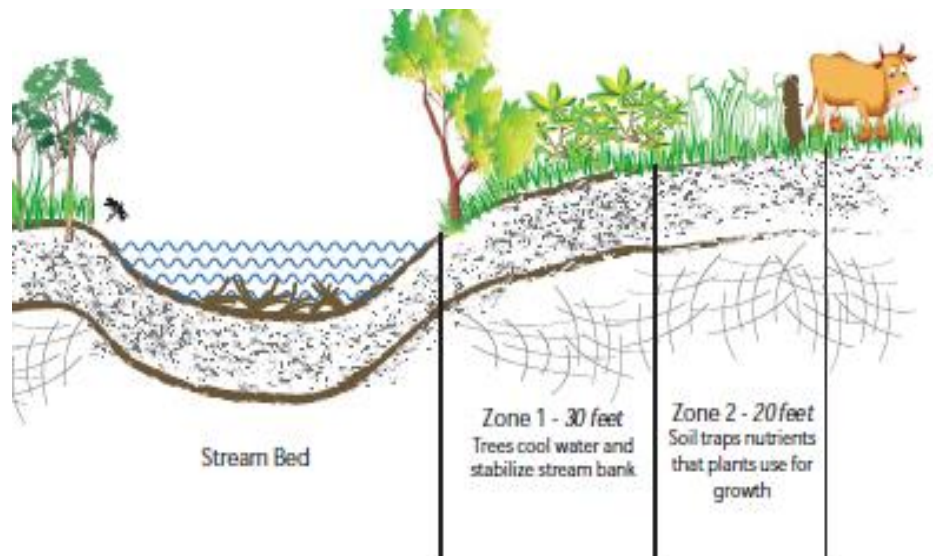
Finally, I would be remiss if not mentioning the wonderful Independence Day Celebration held June 25. I cannot begin to stress the many numbers of volunteers who made this event possible all coordinated by our Recreation Board Chair Dean Maddox along with Recreation Board Members Lisa Marion, Cyndi Rice, Cheryl Pillow and Sharon Evans. With their diligent work and commitment, our events just keep getting bigger and better. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for upcoming events and dates.

Mayor Carla Strickland

Jordan Lake Watershed Stream Buffer Rules

Please remember the restrictions that apply to Pleasant Garden residents when you are mowing and clearing brush this summer:

- Leave a 50-foot buffer on both sides of any stream.
- Vegetation must not be disturbed in Zone 1, the first 30 feet from the top of the bank.
- Limited disturbance of vegetation such as pruning is allowed within Zone 2, the additional 20 feet next to Zone 3



TALK OF THE TOWN



Public Meeting Seeking Citizen Input on Future Town Services

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00PM at Town Hall

Section §32.04(C) of the Town Ordinances states that the Long-Range Planning Board is "charged with conducting surveys of town residents and making periodic reports to residents and the Town Council on trends and issues likely to affect the town in future years and/or opportunities to enhance the quality of life for residents in future years." In keeping with that requirement, the Long-Range Planning Board is asking you to fill out and return the survey below so members can report which new services (if any) residents want and are willing to pay for. The board will discuss the results of the survey and seek additional citizens' input at their regular monthly meeting on October 17th. Everyone is invited to attend to voice your opinions and share your comments. Please attend and take advantage of this opportunity to tell the Town what you think!



Town of Pleasant Garden 2016 Public Services Opinion Survey



While the Town would certainly seek grants and other funding sources for the services listed below, please answer these questions under the assumption that property taxes would have to be raised or other fees imposed in order to pay for the new services and/or projects.

1. Should the Town invest in the development of a public water system to serve only the business district in/near Pleasant Garden Road?
 YES NO
2. Should the Town invest in the development of a public water system to serve the entire town?
 YES NO
3. Should the Town invest in the development of a public sewer system to serve only the business district in/near Pleasant Garden Road?
 YES NO
4. Should the Town invest in the development of a public sewer system to serve the entire town?
 YES NO
5. Should the Town pursue sidewalks, street lights or other improvements to the downtown business district?
 YES NO
6. Should the Town invest in its own police department?
 YES NO
7. Should the Town provide garbage/recycling service?
 YES NO
8. Should the Town provide library services?
 YES NO
9. Should the Town be responsible for its own street maintenance, snow removal, etc.?
 YES NO
10. Should the Town offer additional recreational opportunities?
 YES NO

If yes, please list: _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: (Please attach additional sheets if you need more space.) _____

Please return to Town of Pleasant Garden, PO Box 307, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313 by October 10, 2016

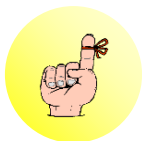


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TOWN EVENTS

Dates to Remember



Senior Luncheon
 August 16 and September 20
 10:00AM – 1:00PM



Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church fellowship hall
 This monthly program is free and open to citizens 60 years and older. Please call 674-3002 no later than the Friday before each event to make your reservation.



2016 Farmers Market
 June 11 – September 17, 2016
 Open Saturdays,
 7:00AM – noon
 Open on Wednesdays
 3:00 – 6:00PM
 In the picnic shelter behind Town Hall

Town Council meetings

Tuesday, September 6 @ 7:00PM
 Tuesday, October 4, 2016



Fall 2016 Soccer
 Games played on Saturdays at Volunteer Park
 September 10 – October 22, 2016

Pet Day

Saturday, September 24, 2016
 9:00AM – noon
 Picnic shelter behind Town Hall



Blood Drive/Health Fair

Saturday, October 15, 2016
 9:00AM – 2:00PM at Town Hall



Public Meeting on Town Services
 October 18, 2016 at 7:00PM
 Town Hall

Coming In 2017 Guilford County Reappraisal

- Guilford County currently performs reappraisals on a five year cycle.
- The most recent reappraisal in Guilford County was effective as of January 1, 2012.
- Reappraisals cover all residential and commercial land and structures, which includes homes, apartments, condominiums, office buildings, stores and warehouses.

Reappraisals do not include what is classified as individual personal property, such as vehicles, boats, airplanes, and business equipment. These property types are valued annually.

January 1, 2017 is our next effective reappraisal date.

New Value Notices will be mailed in February 2017

Goals of 2017 Reappraisal

- Ensure taxation is fair and equitable for each of our citizens.
- Appraise all properties at 100% of market value.

Until then what can I do to ensure that my value(s) will be correct?

Verify that the Tax Department has your property information correct by visiting our website:
www.myguilford.com/tax



If your information is incorrect, please notify the Tax Department by email or phone:
taxappraisal@myguilford.com
 336-641-4814