An inspiring video starring local veterans will be shown. Program highlights include musical entertainment, memorial displays, recognition of the branches of the military by the Southeast High School NJROTC, and presentation of the Missing Man Table Ceremony by members of the Pleasant Garden Fire Department. Please remain and enjoy light refreshments after the event provided by the Pleasant Garden Lions Club.

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“Remembering the Past, While Moving Towards the Future”

Progress Report: PARTF Grant Projects

Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director Jason Petersen is working hard to make the various recreation projects approved in 2016 PARTF grant a reality. His goal is to have most of them completed or well underway by the end of December 2017. The status of the various projects is as follows:

✦ Two playgrounds – one on the top of the hill beside Town Hall and the other at Volunteer Park beside the exit driveway – should be ready for use by late August or early September. A nature theme was selected for the designs to blend with the natural surroundings of the area. Much of the equipment will be totally accessible to children with disabilities. Examples are shown below.

✦ Six fitness stations were ordered for installation along the edges of the Howard Coble Memorial Greenway by late August or early September. These are mainly therapeutic exercise equipment designed for adults and seniors. Two of the pieces are pictured above.

✦ Work on enhancements to the nature trails and the new disc golf course will start in the fall after vegetation dies down. Foresters from Wildland Forestry and volunteer disc golf enthusiasts are working jointly to lay out a tournament-level course that fits well with the nearby trails. Safety features and a picnic area are planned. The cost for this work will be significantly less than estimated so some of the savings were shifted to the playground project to add nicer pieces of equipment.

✦ Joel Moulin of McKim & Creed is developing designs and construction documents for the court games and dog parks behind Town Hall and the paved walking trail around the upper fields at Volunteer Park. Bids will be solicited for the construction of these features.

✦ Leveling of the multi-purpose fields at Volunteer Park and converting them to Bermuda grass will begin in 2018 after the spring soccer season closes. These projects are being funded with a $234,387 grant from the NC Parks and Recreation Authority with an equal 50% match from the town.
As you may have heard, Hanson Aggregates Southeast, LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) applied on July 12, 2017 to the Guilford County Planning and Development Board for a Special Use Permit. If approved this Permit would allow for mining and blasting for granite on 352 acres of property located on the west side of McClellan approximately 1,200 feet north of Racine Road. This property is **NOT** in the Town limits of Pleasant Garden. The Town Council has **NO** jurisdiction where this property is located. However, if allowed to operate as stated in the Special Use Permit, it will negatively affect the citizens within the Town limits.

As an example, according to Hanson’s representatives, there will be in excess of 270 round trips, per day with industrial trucks and/or equipment heavily loaded with rock. One of their routes will take these industrial trucks northbound on Appomatix Road to Neelley Road and/or Pleasant Garden Road, which will deteriorate the roads in and around our Town.

In addition, this proposed truck route passes by Clapp’s Nursing Home and Pleasant Garden Elementary School. A great concern is if Clapp’s Nursing Home or the school needs immediate emergency response, will the emergency vehicles and fire equipment be able to reach this destination?

The other very important concern is the impact this mining/blasting will have on our citizens’ wells and livestock. Hanson Aggregates Southeast, LLC has given no guarantees by its experts that it will not negatively affect either.

It is because of these concerns, that the Town Council has approved a Resolution in Opposition to the proposed rock quarry on McClellan Road at its August meeting. It is our wish to make our voices heard on behalf of the citizens of Pleasant Garden and the negative effects it will have on our citizens and our Town. This Resolution will be sent to the Guilford County Planning Board and the Guilford County Commissioners.

For more information, please contact me at carlastrickland29@gmail.com or www.noquarryhere.com.

Mayor Carla Strickland

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**Survey: Interest in Natural Gas in Pleasant Garden**
The Long-Range Planning Board is checking on your interest in seeking extension of natural gas service to more areas of Pleasant Garden. Please answer the following questions and return this survey to **Town of Pleasant Garden, PO Box 307, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313** no later than September 15.

➢ If natural gas was available in your area, how likely is it you would sign up for service?

  ___ Definitely yes ___ Maybe ___ Not sure ___ Probably not ___ Definitely not

➢ For what uses or which appliances would you use natural gas? ___ Cooking/gas range ___ Heating/furnace ___ Hot water heater ___ Gas logs in fireplace ___ Outside lighting ___ Other (list) __________________

➢ On what road do you live? ________________________________________________________________________________________
**Pleasant Garden Community Center Update**
The town has made numerous improvements at the community center since accepting ownership in February 2017.

- Painting of the exterior and interior of the Nowlan Building, including the ceiling and floor
- Replacement or retrofitting of lighting to LEDs as part of Duke Energy’s energy-saving program
- New heating and air conditioning system installed by Seasonal Comfort
- Locks on doors of all buildings replaced for security
- Thorough cleaning and removal of junk

- AED (defibrillator) and first aid kit installed; fire alarm system repaired
- Upper parking lot paved and handicapped parking marked
- Shrubbery and trees trimmed or removed
- Stormwater drainage system repaired and improved
- Entrance sign to be updated

The town is partnering with Senior Resources of Guilford to offer activities for older adults in the community center. The fall baseball/softball season for players ages 3 – 18 runs from September 30 through November 4; registration closes on August 28. The ball fields are available for rental for weekend tournaments. The Nowlan Building is available for rental for parties, reunions, meetings, and other activities. A schedule of events and rental details can be found on the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net or call Town Hall at 336-674-3002 for more information.

**Community Cook-out/Master Plan Input**
**Saturday, August 26, noon – 2:00PM**
Councilman Alan Marshall is hosting a cookout at the community center on August 26. Please join us for free hot dogs and hamburgers and check out the improved facility, meet Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director Jason Petersen, review the proposed master plan for future improvements, and share your ideas and suggestions.

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**Pleasant Garden Pet Day**
**Saturday, September 23, 2017**
**9:00AM-12:00PM**
**Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall**
Rabies vaccines and microchips will be available at the 14th annual Pet Day at Town Hall on Saturday, September 23rd. 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!

**Next Step: 2018 PARTF Grant Application**
The town is applying for a second PARTF grant to upgrade the ball fields and make other recreation improvements at the Pleasant Garden Community Center. The value of the donated property counts as the 50% monetary match so no town funding is required. The Town Council appointed a citizen committee to advise and assist Park and Recreation Director Jason Petersen in developing the application which is due to the state by May 1, 2018. The process involves updates to the 2008 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as the creation of a master plan for the community center site. Over the next six months, there will be a series of surveys, presentations to various civic groups, and other public involvement activities to gather citizen input and feedback on what people want at the community center. That feedback will be used to develop the final plan on which the grant application will be based. Stay tuned!

**Seeking Board Members and Volunteers**
Citizens are always needed to serve on the town’s three boards: Long-Range Planning, Recreation and Zoning. The Town Council makes appointments at the December meeting. If you can’t commit the time for a monthly board meeting, please consider volunteering to help with a specific event. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their service hours. More information and application forms are available at Town Hall and on the website at www.pleasantgarden.net.
TOWN EVENTS

Senior Luncheon
August 15  September 19  October 17
10:00AM – 1:00PM
Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church fellowship hall
The monthly programs are free and open to citizens 60 years and older. Please call 336-674-3002 no later than the Friday before the event to make your reservation.

2017 Farmers Market
June 10 – September 16, 2017
Picnic shelter behind Town Hall
Open on Saturdays, 7:00AM – noon
Open on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 6:00PM

Town Council meetings
Regular monthly meetings
September 5, 2017 at 7:00PM
October 3, 2017 at 7:00PM
November 2, 2017 at 7:00PM

Fall 2017 Soccer
Saturdays, September 9 – October 21, 2017
September 30: Picture Day
October 21: Awards Day

Fall 2017 Baseball/softball
Registration: August 1 – 28, 2017
Sign-ups at Town Hall:
August 10 and 24, 6:00 – 8:00PM
August 19 and 26, 9:00AM – 2:00PM
Opening Day: September 30 (Picture Day)
Closing Day: November 4

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Six File for Election to the Town Council
Voters will elect a mayor and two members to the Town Council in the November 7, 2017 election. Roger Pike and Carla Strickland are running for mayor. Four persons are running for the two available council seats: Chris Johnson, Jamie Lockhart, Dean Maddox and Bettye Young-Stewart. Information about the candidates will be published in the September-October newsletter.

The election winners will be sworn into office at the December 5, 2017 council meeting. Councilmembers Alan Marshall and Ron Surgeon have two years remaining on their current terms.

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

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