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

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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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.

E-Cycle 2013
Saturday, March 23
9:00am – 2:00pm

Pleasant Garden Town Hall



It's that time again! For the fifth year, the Town of Pleasant Garden, Guilford County, and the Guilford County Prison Farm are partnering to provide county residents with a free, simple way to dispose of E-Waste. Residents can drop off broken or unused electronic items in the parking lot at Town Hall

without getting out of the car. This is an easy way to get rid of unwanted items and protect our environment by keeping them out of the landfill.

Document shredding is again being offered at this event. Residents can bring up to five (5) file boxes of files, papers and documents to be shredded on-site. Protect yourself from identity theft by safely destroying old documents that contain personal or sensitive information.

The following items will be accepted and recycled for metals and other parts:

- ✚ Computers, monitors, printers, scanners and keyboards
- ✚ TVs including consoles, large screen and projection TVs
- ✚ Cell phones, chargers and cables
- ✚ Electronic toys and games
- ✚ Cameras and video cameras
- ✚ CD and DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment, tape players
- ✚ Any other household items with a cord or electronic chip



*Bring old electronics to Town Hall on March 23.
Help yourself and the environment at the same time!*

Town News and Updates

Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year to all! As always, I will try to capture all new projects and update you on those in progress. Here are those updates:

- The restrooms behind the picnic shelter should be completed sometime in March.
- The Council awarded the contract to Built-Rite Well Drilling Inc. for the installation of a well and water lines at the soccer fields. In addition we have received the “travelling sprinkler” to be used to irrigate the soccer fields as well as the lawn at Town Hall.
- The Council renewed our grounds maintenance contract with Stills Lawn Service for another year.
- The Council awarded a contract to Southeast Land Company to repair the erosion at the soccer fields. We need a “seal of approval” from NCDENR (*North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources*) in order to close out the sedimentation and erosion control permit and complete the athletic fields parking lot project;
- The Council appointed two new members to the Zoning Board: David Goltare and Chris Johnson. Thanks to both of you for stepping up for the betterment of your Town!
- The Council approved a motion to participate in the joint action program offered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities to lobby the NC Utilities Commission and oppose the proposed rate increases by Duke Energy and Progress Energy.
- The Council is considering the placement of a “Welcome to Pleasant Garden” sign at the Hunt/Kearns Hackett/Branson Mill Road interchange. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated!

On a personal note, I was called on the evening of our heavy snow storm and informed that a dog was lying in a ditch at Davis Mill Road and Pleasant Garden Road. When the animal control officer arrived at the scene, he could not lift the dog without the animal whimpering in pain. I politely asked the officer to sit in my car and get warm while I called for help. I called our own Pleasant Garden Fire Department whose crew arrived within seconds to help. Tim and Aaron gently picked up the dog and placed him in the officer’s truck. I wish to commend these two young gentlemen for their help when it was most needed.

Mayor Carla Strickland

Business Directory Opportunity

The town maintains a directory of local businesses on the town website at <http://www.pleasantgarden.net/directory.asp> This listing currently features businesses that have a retail location for customers to visit. The Business Forum working to promote our local businesses better has suggested that the numerous businesses operating out of homes in Pleasant Garden also be added to the directory.

If you want your home business to be listed in the directory on the town website, please contact Assistant Clerk Kim Vazquez at 674-3002 or at astclerk@pleasantgarden.net and give her the following information:

- ✓ Business name and owner
- ✓ Street address
- ✓ Phone number and fax number
- ✓ Email address and website



One more way for the town to support our local businesses!

Volunteer Award

The Town Council honored longtime resident Phil Way with the 2012 Volunteer Citizen Award at the Board Appreciation Dinner held on November 8. The council created this annual award to



recognize extraordinary service to the Town of Pleasant Garden. In presentation remarks, Mayor Strickland noted that NCDOT officials refer to Mr. Way as “PGDOT1” for his service in removing dead animals, trimming overgrown bushes and trees, picking up trash, and handling any crisis that comes along. Mr. Way was awarded a personal plaque and his name is engraved on a permanent plaque in Town Hall to which future winners’ names will be added.

Talk of the Town

Timber Harvest on Town Hall Property



There is a 12-acre stand of loblolly pines approximately 50-years-old that was planted for future harvest before the land was donated to the town. In 2012, the Town Council contracted with Brandon Price of

Wildland Forestry & Environmental Inc. to do an assessment for the best management of the timber. Upon Mr. Price's recommendation, the council contracted with T&D Logging for a 40-60% thinning of the trees. That work began in early January and is almost complete.



Councilmembers have directed that the profits from the sale of this timber be used to restore the existing nature trail that runs through this area and pay for other possible recreational improvements identified in the *Town Hall Site Plan*. (Photos provided by Anne Hice)

Picnic Shelter Improvements



Construction of the restrooms for the picnic shelter behind Town Hall should be finished by the end of the month. With the addition of the new facility, the two outdoor grills that were added a couple of years ago, and the nearby gazebo, we expect the use of the picnic shelter for family gatherings, group meetings, birthday parties, etc. to increase significantly this year.

There is no charge to Pleasant Garden residents for using the picnic shelter. To reserve it for your next event, please contact Assistant Clerk Kim Vazquez at 674-3002.

Volunteer Park Upgrade

Water will soon be accessible at Volunteer Park with the installation of a pump and water lines. Water lines are being extended to the upper and lower athletic fields with lockable yard hydrants to restrict access and conserve water when the facility is not in use. The town will be able to irrigate the fields with a recently-purchased traveling sprinkler to keep them in good playing condition for soccer games and other events at that location.

Spring Event Postponed

The spring event to showcase the town and area businesses mentioned in the previous newsletter has been postponed to the spring of 2014. This rescheduling will allow for better organization, planning and preparation. Please stay tuned for future announcements!

2013-14 Budget Process Beginning



The Town Council kicked off its work on the budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year with a planning retreat at Town Hall on Saturday, February 16. Citizens are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions for programs and/or projects to include in the budget at council meetings in March, April and May. After a series of budget workshops to be held in March thru June, the council will hold a public hearing before adopting the final budget before the June 30 deadline. The new budget will take effect on July 1, 2013.

2013 Town Council Election



Pleasant Garden voters will elect a mayor and two councilmembers in the November 5, 2013 election. The filing period for these seats will open at noon on July 5 and close at noon on July 19. If needed, the primary election will be held on October 8.

Town Boards

The Town of Pleasant Garden has three boards composed of citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Town Council for two-year terms.

➤ **Long-Range Planning Board:** David Seel is chairman, Pam Lemieux is vice chairman, members are Ellen Maddox, Steve Riley and Dick Winn.

This board meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Its primary charge is to make recommendations on overall planning of town government and community development after careful research as to major changes of municipal services and town development.

➤ **Recreation Board:** Dean Maddox is chairman, Jordan Nelson is vice chairman, and the members are Les Dula, Kelly Evans and Tina Chilton-Lee.

This board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Its primary charge is to provide a variety of recreational and educational activities for the residents of the Pleasant Garden community. It is responsible for the Independence Day celebration, Pet Day, Veterans Appreciation Day and the Christmas Parade.

➤ **Zoning Board:** Members of this board are Alan Carroll, Dave Goltare, Anne Hice, Chris Johnson and James Sealey. This board has not met in 2013 so the chairman and vice chairman have not been selected.

This board meets on the third Monday. It is charged with acting upon all requests for changes and other matters involving the town zoning ordinance and with overseeing the development ordinance.

If you are interested in serving on any of these boards (or volunteering with the town in other ways), please contact a councilmember or Town Hall.



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TOWN EVENTS



Dates to Remember

Spring Soccer Registration

Registration begins February 1
 On-site sign-ups at Town Hall
 9:00AM – 2:00PM on Saturdays
 February 23, March 2 and March 9



Last day of registration is March 11. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The playing season begins April 6 and ends on May 18.



Senior Luncheon

February 19 March 19 April 16

10:00AM – 1:00PM

Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church

This monthly program is sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden. It 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.

2013 E-cycle Event

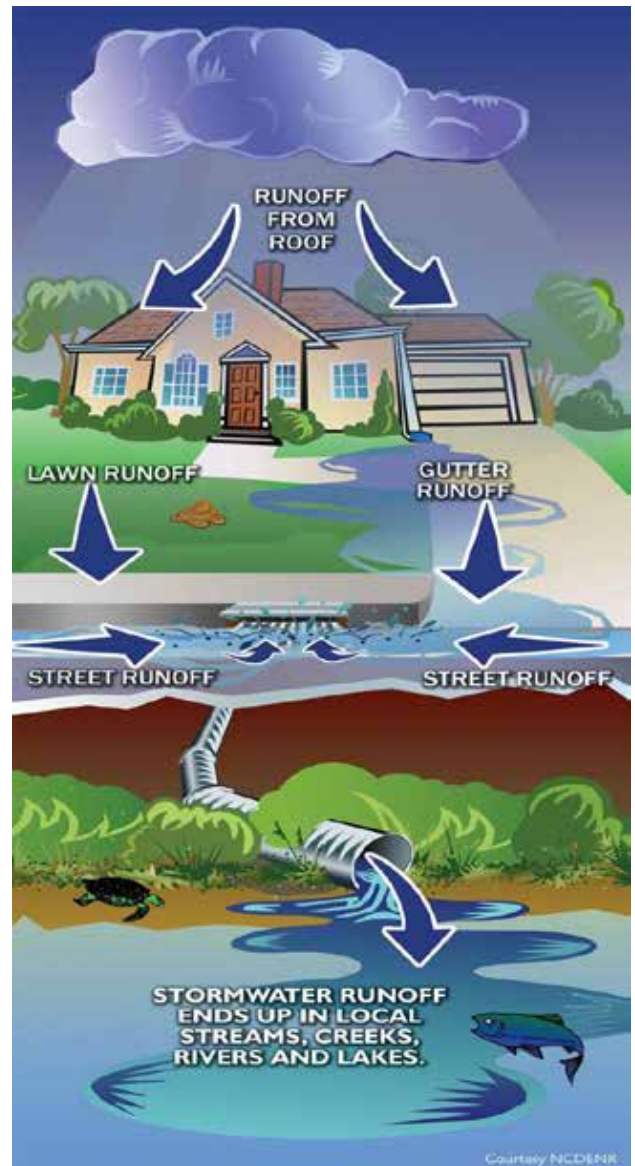
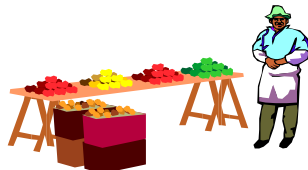
Saturday, March 23, 9:00am – 2:00pm
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Farmers' Market Opening in June

The 2013 Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market will officially open for business on Saturday, June 8 in the picnic shelter behind Town Hall. Area farmers will have home-grown produce for sale from June 8 to September 14.

If you would like to be a vendor this season, please call Town Hall at 674-3002 for a vendor application and liability waiver form.



STORMWATER AND YOU: Anything that lands on our lawns or driveways – fertilizers, pesticides, car oil, pet waste, etc. – eventually flows into our water. Learn more at www.ncstormwater.org to protect our environment now and avoid tougher Jordan Lake watershed restrictions in the future. It's up to YOU!