

The

TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



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

February 2018

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Tracy Cooper.....Assistant Clerk
Jason Petersen....Parks & Recreation

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 or visit the town website.

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 must be given for special meetings.

Town Council Planning Retreat

The Town Council held its annual planning retreat on January 13th where numerous issues affecting the town were reviewed and discussed. The session concluded with councilmembers setting goals and creating a work plan for the coming year.

The main issues addressed at the planning retreat include the following:

- ✓ Next steps for the Pleasant Garden Community Center: increasing rental fees for the Nowlan Building once improvements are completed; possible price breaks for usage by local civic groups; replacement of worn equipment in the kitchen (ice maker, stove, refrigerator, sink, etc.)
- ✓ Online registration for soccer and baseball/softball beginning in fall 2018 with the capability to accept credit cards
- ✓ Appoint a “Bark Committee” and “Disc Golf Committee” to draft user guidelines and serve as ambassadors for the dog park and disc golf course; hold a grand opening event after the completion of 2016 PARTF grant projects
- ✓ Review of the timeline and steps to be completed for the submittal of the 2018 PARTF grant application no later than May 1, 2018
- ✓ Scheduling of an informational meeting for property owners interested in voluntary annexation into the Town of Pleasant Garden.
- ✓ Review of the 2018-19 budget process
- ✓ Decided against combining the Long-Range Planning Board and Zoning Board into one board; encouraged cooperation on overlapping issues
- ✓ Assigned the Long-Range Planning Board to begin an update of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Zoning Board to start the required 5-year review of the Development Ordinance
- ✓ Consolidating multiple town recreation event pages (Christmas Parade, Independence Day event, etc.) into one FaceBook page with possible assistance from high school interns
- ✓ Creating a marketing plan to better promote town events and facilities with possible assistance of a college recreation studies intern
- ✓ Working with the NC Department of Transportation for addition of paved shoulders for pedestrians and bicyclists during routine repaving of Pleasant Garden roads
- ✓ Following up on a suggestion by a town resident to add a flea market or craft fair to the Farmers Market
- ✓ Researching the feasibility of adding a Maintenance II position to town staff to replace the current multiple contracts for grounds maintenance at Town Hall, Volunteer Park, and the Pleasant Garden Community Center.



Report Those Potholes!



This winter has been extra rough on our roads and lots of potholes are popping up. To request repairs, please report them online at www.NCDOT.gov/contact/report/pothole or by phone at 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4698).

TALK OF THE TOWN

New Senior Programs!

In addition to the monthly Senior Luncheons held at the Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church, the Town of Pleasant Garden and Senior Resources of Guilford have partnered to expand the level of senior programming within Pleasant Garden with the goal of offering quality programs to senior residents. The Town took over operation of the Pleasant Garden Community Center in February 2017, and since then, the staff has taken crucial steps to provide a needed resource for the senior community.

In November 2017, the Town Council voted to accept an October 2017 plan developed by Senior Resources of Guilford to offer three stand-alone activities to benefit town residents. Below outlines the mission of Senior Resources of Guilford:

“The mission of Senior Resources of Guilford is to serve the diverse community of seniors and their families by advocating and providing supportive services that enhance the independence, health and quality of life for seniors, 55 and up.”

As a result of a survey conducted by Pleasant Garden Parks and Recreation Director Jason Petersen, as well as discussions conducted by the Senior Resource staff, a quarterly program schedule for the Town of Pleasant Garden was developed which we believe meets many requests from the community for more social engagement activities. To engage peak participation, all agreed to host the special community events on Mondays or Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This allows older adults who are still in the workforce or in care-giving roles the opportunity to participate after normal business hours. We also encourage community volunteers to assist in the process of planning and executing special programs for community presence and buy-in.

Here are the dates and details of the new quarterly activities Senior Resources of Guilford and the town have scheduled so far. If you plan to attend, please contact Town Hall at 336-674-3002 no later than the Thursday before the event so we can know how much food and drink to prepare.

- **Monday, February 26th: 3:30-6:30pm: BINGO and movie night.** Participants will have the opportunity to play BINGO for about 45 minutes, followed by the movie, “Something’s Got to Give.” BINGO prizes will be available. Drinks will be provided, and participants are invited to bring their favorite movie snack to share with everyone (movie snack potluck).
- **Monday, March 26th: 5:00-7:00pm: Irish Jig.** The town will provide drinks and a main entrée and participants can provide potluck side items. There will be a DJ to play music and take requests.
- **Monday, May 14th: 5:00-7:00pm: Hawaiian Luau.** The town will provide light refreshments (snacks and drinks) and a DJ will be present to play music and take requests. Participants will be encouraged to dress for the occasion!

Along with the activities listed above, the town also partnered with the NC A&T Cooperative Extension Program to provide the SNAP-Ed Eat Smart, Live Strong Program. This program is funded through the US Department of Agriculture to teach behaviors related to nutrition and exercise. Instructors provide knowledge and skills to help make healthy living a lifestyle choice. Their efforts will benefit both individuals and their communities by lowering rates of obesity and chronic disease, as well as improving quality of life. The goal of SNAP-Ed is to provide tactics to “eat smart and move more.” SNAP-Ed works to help participants make healthy choices with a limited budget and choose a physically active lifestyle consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate. We will look to offering more of these programs in the spring and summer months.

The Town also installed six therapeutic exercise stations along the Howard Coble Memorial Greenway located between Town Hall and Volunteer Park. Residents can use the greenway and walking path at Volunteer Park to get cardio exercise and build muscle strength and endurance.

Lastly, implementing a state program called SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program), Senior Resources will offer counseling on Medicare, Medicaid and long-term insurance needs at Pleasant Garden Town Hall as soon as the final details are worked out. Interested seniors will be able to make an appointment to meet with a counselor who will help them review the many options, identify a plan that best suits their particular needs, and help them navigate through the complicated sign-up process. More information will be shared as soon as it is available.

For additional information about any of these programs and activities or to share your ideas and suggestions about other programs you would like to see, please call Jason Peterson at Town Hall, 336-674-3002.

Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director Jason Petersen

E-Cycle Pleasant Garden

2018

Free, Easy Way to Dispose of Your E-Waste

**Saturday
March 17th**
Recycle your
electronics & shred
your personal
documents
(Up to 5 boxes per vehicle)



Location: Pleasant Garden Town Hall
4920 Alliance Church Road
Pleasant Garden, NC

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Guilford County residents can drop off the following items:

- Computers and peripherals (including monitors, printers, scanners and keyboards)
- Televisions, cell phones, electronic toys and games
- DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment, microwaves
- Personal documents for shredding (maximum of 5 boxes per vehicle)

NO business waste accepted.

Note: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) can be taken to
ECOFLO, Inc. 2750 Patterson St. Greensboro
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
and Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

*For more information contact Guilford County Environmental Services at
336-641-3792 or the Town of Pleasant Garden at 336-674-3002.*

This event is sponsored by Guilford County and the Town of Pleasant Garden.





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TOWN EVENTS

Senior Luncheon

February 20 March 20 April 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.

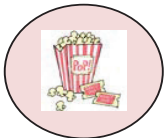
Senior Bingo and Movie Night

Monday, February 26, 3:30 – 6:30PM

Pleasant Garden Community Center

Reservations required @ 336-674-3002

Bring your favorite movie snack for sharing



Spring 2017 Soccer

Registration closes: February 28, 2018

Saturday onsite registration at Town Hall on
 February 24, 9:00AM – 2:00PM (with baseball)
 Ages 4-17. Registration fee is \$60/player.

Optional accident insurance available for \$10.



Spring 2017 Baseball/softball

Registration closes: February 28, 2018

Saturday onsite registration at Town Hall on
 February 17, 9:00AM - 2:00PM and
 February 24, 9:00AM – 2:00PM (with soccer)

Open to ages 3 -16. Birth certificate and proof of residency required. Registration fee is \$45/player for age 3, \$65/player for ages 4-6, and \$85/player ages 7-16.



Women's Adult Softball League

Ages 17 and up
 \$350/team, 15-20 players per team
 NSA's Women's Slow Pitch Rules

Town Council meetings

Regular monthly meetings

March 6, 2018 at 7:00PM

April 3, 2018 at 7:00PM



Pleasant Garden 5K & 1-mile Walk



Saturday, April 14, 2018 @ 8:00AM, Volunteer

Park. Proceeds will benefit classroom technology at Pleasant Garden Elementary School. March 23

registration deadline. \$30 for 5K, \$20 for 1-mile run



Holiday Food Drive Exceeds Goal

Congratulations, Pleasant Garden!

Together you donated more than 15,000 food items for the 2017 Holiday Food Drive to help the Food Pantry at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church feed those in need. That's really showing holiday and community spirit – thank you!!!

Bark and Disc Golf Committees

The dog park and disc golf course being constructed through the 2016 PARTF grant will be opening later this year. The Town Council is appointing committees to develop the rules and guidelines for the use of these new facilities, to serve as ambassadors to provide information and helpful tips to users, and to plan special events highlighting these latest recreational amenities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director Jason Petersen at 336-674-3002. Everyone is welcome -- you do not have to be a resident of Pleasant Garden to serve on these committees.

SHIIP Coming to Pleasant Garden



Senior Resources of Guilford County will soon be offering education and counseling services at Town Hall to assist people with their Medicare, Medicaid and long-term insurance plan options through the **Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program**. Volunteer counselors will schedule appointments with interested seniors to review what is available and help them identify which plan best meets their personal needs. Please contact SHIIP coordinator Bob Boyd at 336-373-4816 for more information about the program.

Protecting our Wells and Water Resources

Everything that hits the ground eventually ends up in our water supply – leaves, fertilizers, trash, pet waste, oils, etc. Stormwater run-off is the #1 water pollutant in North Carolina. Please drop off used oil, paint, unneeded chemicals and other hazardous materials at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 2750 Patterson Street in Greensboro on Wednesday-Fridays from 10:00AM-6:00PM or on Saturdays from 8:00AM-2:00PM. Please help keep our water clean and safe!