

The

TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



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

June 2015

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
(vacant).....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

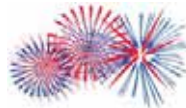
Third Tuesday of each month

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.



Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 27; 6:00-10:00PM Pleasant Garden Community Center



The town's annual Independence Day Celebration begins at 6:00PM on Saturday, June 28 at the Pleasant Garden Community Center. Children can enjoy the inflatables, participate in fun games, and receive free face-painting and balloon art. The Groovin' Band will entertain with family-friendly music and a variety of food vendors will offer yummy food and drinks for sale.



An added attraction this year is **AMERIFEST**. Under the creative leadership of David Loftis, the program features the Pleasant Garden Community Chorus singing patriotic songs, an honor guard from the Freedom Bikers Church, and a 21-gun salute to honor God, America, and our heroes. Special seating will be reserved up front for veterans and handicapped attendees.



A spectacular fireworks show at 9:30PM (*Pleasant Garden's biggest ever!*) will provide a grand finale to a rousing celebration of America's birthday.

For safety reasons, no parking will be allowed along Alliance Church Road. Overflow parking is available at Volunteer Park just up the road from the Community Center. Area churches are providing free shuttle service from the parking lots at Pleasant Garden Elementary School, Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church, and Volunteer Park. Park at one of these off-site locations and avoid the traffic hassle and congestion.

Members of the Recreation Board, Town Council, town staff, and the Pleasant Garden Fire Department will be working hard to make sure everyone has a safe and fun time. The rain date is Sunday, June 28 if needed. **No pets allowed at this event; please leave them at home where they will be safe!**

Please join us for a grand kick-off to our national holiday!



Farmers' Market

June 13 – September 19, 2015

7AM-noon on Saturdays; 4-6PM on Wednesdays

The 2015 Farmers' Market opened on Saturday, June 13 in the picnic shelter behind Town Hall. Our area farmers are offering a wide selection of locally-grown produce. Local crafters will also have plenty of handmade items for sale. Please join your friends and neighbors at the Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market to buy fresh local vegetables and crafts!

Town News

Message from the Mayor

On May 18, a Special Meeting and Budget Work Session was held. In addition to finalizing details to the 2015-2016 budget, the Council discussed the 13 non-state maintained roads in our town. A previous motion to fund monies for 10 years with those signing the agreement being responsible for repayment was reconsidered and taken off the table. After the Town Attorney and our Town Auditor explained that monies would have to be used from the General Fund vs. the Capital Reserve Fund, the Council voted to only consider petitions submitted for repairs under State Statute 160A-216. The only way for repairs to be made with monies from the Capital Reserve Fund, the Town must take ownership of those roads.

At the June 2 council meeting, several important issues were discussed and resolved. These items included the following:

- The 2015-2016 Town Budget was adopted. The Council has held three special work sessions to discuss and critique the income and expenses for the next year. By state law, the Town budget must be adopted by June 30 each year. At the beginning of the 2014-2015 budget year, we had allocated \$50,000+ from our general fund to balance the budget. Because of good fiscal responsibility, we are project to use only approximately \$7,000 this year to balance our budget. There is more detail within this newsletter.
- The Long-Range Planning Committee made a recommendation to the Council of a “Welcome to Pleasant Garden” sign design at the corner of Ritter’s Lake Road and Pleasant Garden Road. In addition, the Long-Range Planning Chair, David Seel met with Mike Mills of NCDOT for placement of a “Welcome to Pleasant Garden” sign near the US421 and Neelley Road interchange when completed. Their recommendations were approved by the Council.
- There was more discussion about the Town acquiring the Pleasant Garden Community Center. The Council will be holding a special meeting with the board members from the community center to make a proposal.

Lastly, the Recreation Board, along with the area churches, has planned a special presentation during the Independence Day celebration which will be in addition to the Groovin Band and our outstanding fireworks. There will be also be shuttle busses from the PG Baptist Church, the PG Methodist Church and from Volunteer Park to the Community Center. Please plan to attend and enjoy the events beginning at 6:00PM. Please note, no dogs are allowed. There are more details within this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at Town Hall or email me at carlastrickland29@gmail.com.

Mayor Carla Strickland

Project Updates

The current status of various town projects is as follows:

- ✓ **Greenway Connector:** Construction bids will be advertised on June 16 and opened at 2:00PM on July 14 at Town Hall. The construction timeline calls for the project to be completed by December 31, 2015.
- ✓ **Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan:** The Town Council adopted the plan and accepted the Long-Range Planning Board’s recommendations for prioritizing the projects in the plan. Funding will be sought from the MPO, grants, and other sources to implement this plan.
- ✓ **Restroom/concessions building at Volunteer Park:** Construction is complete and the facility is in use. “Town of Pleasant Garden – Volunteer Park” will be added to the outside of the building later this month.
- ✓ **PARTF grant:** The Town is waiting for the state Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Authority to meet. The authority will award grants later this summer after the General Assembly finalizes the state budget.
- ✓ **Timber harvest/nature trails:** Final clean-up of the harvest area and spraying of the poison ivy beside the trails should be completed later this month.

Discover Good Living Expo and 5K



The May 2, 2015 Discover Good Living Expo and 5K Race/Fun Walk exceeded everyone’s expectations! Approximately 175 adults and children escorted by riders from the Freedom Bikers Church raced. Local performers entertained hundreds of attendees with music, dance and jump-roping. Kids romped in a bounce house and constructed bird houses courtesy of Home Depot. JDRF provided information about Type 1 Diabetes and exhibitors distributed information about area businesses, healthy living, and recreational offerings. This event highlighted what our community has to offer and raised approximately \$5,800 for juvenile diabetes research. Many thanks to the volunteers from the Recreation Board, Pleasant Garden Fire Department, Southeast High School JROTC and JDRF who made this successful event possible!

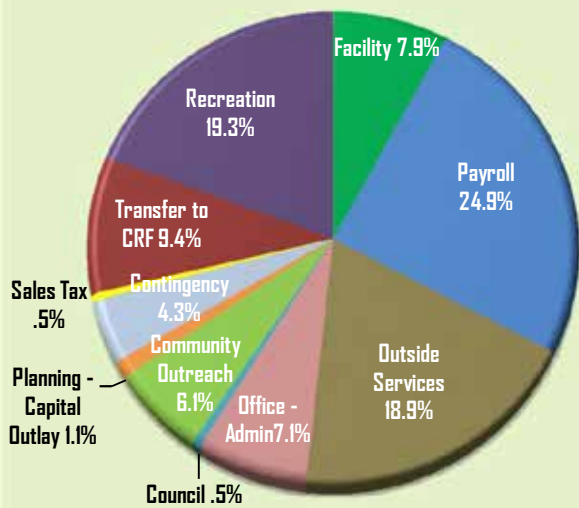
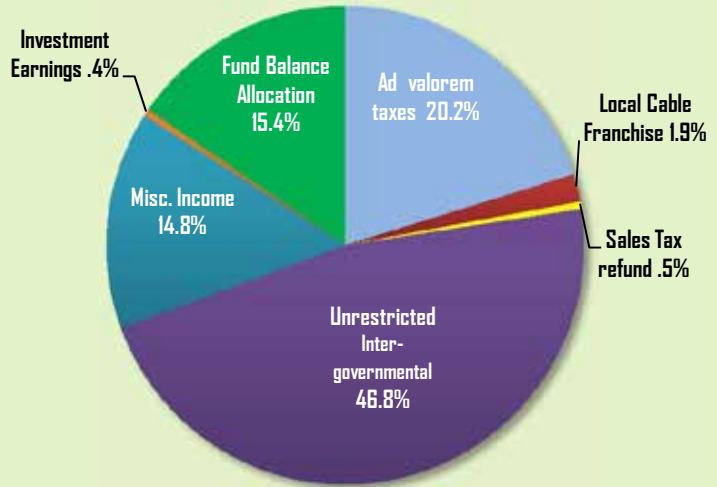
Town of Pleasant Garden 2015-16 General Fund Budget

as adopted on June 2, 2015

Revenues

Ad valorem Taxes @ 2.5 cents/100	\$91,863
Local Cable Franchise Tax	8,500
Sales & Use Tax refund	2,200
Unrestricted Intergovernmental <i>(Sales & Use Tax, Greensboro ABC, Franchise & Utilities, NC Beer & Wine)</i>	212,700
Miscellaneous Income <i>(event revenue, soccer registrations/sponsorships, grants)</i>	67,100
Investment Earnings	2,000
Fund Balance Allocation	70,132

Total Revenues **\$454,495**



Expenditures

Facility	\$35,800
Payroll	113,408
Outside Services	85,750
Office & Administrative	32,350
Council	2,400
Community Outreach	27,650
Planning & Capital Outlay	5,000
GF Contingency/disaster	19,512
Sales Tax Expense	2,200
Transfers to Capital Reserve	42,540
Recreation	87,885

Total Expenditures **\$454,495**

Comparison between the current and new budgets

	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Estimated Revenues	\$411,948	\$384,363
Allocated Fund Balance	54,565	70,132
Total	\$466,513	\$454,495
Estimated Expenses		
Operations	335,983	324,070
Recreation	87,290	87,885
20% to Capital Reserve Fund	43,240	42,540
Total	\$466,513	\$454,495

Full details of the budget can be viewed on the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net

Quick Calculator



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



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TOWN EVENTS



Dates to Remember

Senior Luncheon

June 16 July 21 August 18
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.

Farmers' Market

Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall
Open Saturdays, June 13 – September 19

7:00AM – noon

Open on Wednesdays

4:00 – 6:00PM

Fresh local produce and crafts



Independence Day Celebration/Amerifest

Saturday, June 27, 6:00 – 10:00PM

Pleasant Garden Community Center

Fireworks begin around 9:30PM

Free shuttles from Pleasant Garden Elementary School and adjacent churches to the community center!



Town Council meetings

Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00PM

Regular monthly meeting

Thursday, August 6 at 7:00PM

Regular monthly meeting; date change because of National Night Out events on the usual meeting night



You can be a solution to pollution!

- ✓ Keep leaves and grass out of streets, storm drains, drainage ditches and creeks
- ✓ Compost yard clippings and leaves.
- ✓ Do not apply fertilizer before rain.
- ✓ Tune up your car and fix any leaks.
- ✓ Recycle motor oil, oil filters and other automotive fluids at vehicle service centers or parts stores.



2015 Municipal Elections

The seats for the mayor and two councilmembers are up for election this fall. The filing period opens at 8:00AM on Monday, July 6 and closes at noon on Friday, July 17. Candidates can register at the Guilford County Board of Elections office; the filing fee is \$5.

Red Cross Disaster Shelter Training

Volunteers are needed by the American Red Cross to be trained to help operate an Emergency Shelter in our community in the event of an emergency. On June 24 from 6:30 - 8:30PM, a training session will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church (4834 Pleasant Garden Road). Anyone who is willing to be trained and ready to assist in operating the shelter is invited to attend.



Assistant Clerk Position Available

The town is accepting applications for an assistant clerk/administrative assistant/events coordinator. We are seeking an energetic person with excellent written, oral, computer and organizational skills and the ability to work a flexible schedule. The main duties of this position are the following:

- To provide administrative support for the Town Council, Town Clerk, town boards and the soccer program,
- To coordinate special events such as the Independence Day celebration, Pet Day, Veterans Appreciation Day and the Christmas Parade,
- To answer the phone/respond to citizen inquiries,
- To maintain the town website and data bases.

The application is available on the town website and at Town Hall. Completed applications must be received no later than June 19.

Picnic Shelter Available for Use

Do you need a convenient outdoor place for a picnic, birthday party, or family gathering? Town residents may use the picnic shelter behind Town Hall at no charge. Please call 674-3002 to check on available dates and to make your reservation.