

The

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

Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

Carla Strickland.....Mayor
Ron Surgeon.....Mayor Pro Tem
Jamie Lockhart.....Councilmember
Dean Maddox.....Councilmember
Alan Marshall.....Councilmember

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.



Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 30; 6:00-10:00PM Pleasant Garden Community Center



The town's annual Independence Day Celebration begins at 6:00PM on Saturday, June 30 at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. Children can romp on inflatables and receive free face-painting and balloon art. A popular deejay will entertain with family-friendly music and local dance groups are providing entertainment. There will be fun contests for the entire family and food vendors will offer a wide variety of delicious food and drinks for sale. A completely new **AMERIFEST** returns for a fourth year of patriotic music featuring the Pleasant Garden Community Chorus, Mount Zion Baptist Church and local veterans groups. Pyro Engineering/Bay Fireworks will top off the event with a **spectacular fireworks show** starting around 9:30PM, providing a grand finale to a fun-filled evening of patriotic celebration.

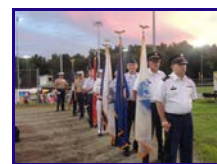
There is no parking onsite! Attendees should use the overflow parking lots at Volunteer Park and Town Hall or take advantage of the free shuttle vans leaving from parking lots at area churches and the elementary school. You are welcome to carry your lawn chairs and blankets on these vans. Please check the town website for the shuttle schedules and maps.



Remember no pets are allowed at this event.

Please leave them at home where they will be safe and unafraid.

Come celebrate America's birthday with us!



2018-19 Town Budget Adopted



The Town Council held a public hearing and adopted the 2018-19 town budget at its June 5th meeting. The budget proposes a total of \$678,690 in revenue and expenses and includes a fund balance allocation of \$101,828 to balance the budget. The 11% increase in operating expenses over this year's budget is driven by operating costs for the Pleasant Garden Community Center and its baseball/softball program, maintenance of new PARTF grant recreational amenities, increased personnel costs with the addition of a grounds maintenance staff position, and one-time costs for equipment purchases. The property tax rate remains at 5-cents per \$100 valuation. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details about the projected revenues and expenses.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Message from the Mayor

According to the 2010 census, approximately 20% of the Town's population is over 65 years of age. When I would attend the monthly Senior Luncheons, sponsored by the Town, I would continuously hear "we need more activities for seniors." As reported in the last issue of this newsletter, we had several programs planned at the community center for our senior residents.

The first event, held on Monday, February 26, was a BINGO/movie night with potluck snacks. Participants played BINGO for approximately 45 minutes followed by the viewing of "Something's Gotta Give." We had 32 participants for this event and it helped to gain momentum for our two additional programs.



On Monday, March 26, the Town, in conjunction with Senior Resources, hosted an "Irish Jig." This themed social/dance featured DJ Nick Peluso. Nick is a lively fellow who kept the crowd on their feet the entire time. Activities included dancing, karaoke, a "What's Your Leprechaun Name?" activity, two games of "Hot Potato" to win the prize of a \$10 Walmart Gift Card and time to socialize and share light refreshments. The refreshments included drinks, fruits and vegetables, nuts and cheese, ham and turkey sandwich sliders, chips and dip, as well as cookies and brownies.



Our final event for the year was held on Monday, May 14 and featured a Hawaiian Luau themed dance and social gathering for residents. Music was again provided by DJ Nick Peluso who led participants in a variety of line dancing. The Community Center was decorated in a Hawaiian theme and all attendees received a lei necklace. A "Pass the Pineapple" game, in addition to eating and dancing, was held with the top prizes being \$10 Walmart gift cards. Everyone feasted on barbeque sliders, chips and dip, fruits and vegetables, cupcakes and drinks. There were 45 seniors for this event.



We are pleased with the outcome of the events and have already received inquiries as to when we will be hosting another dance/social event.

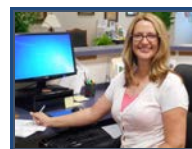
Pleasant Garden is best-known for its recreational activities and events. With the rehab of the Community Center, the Council's goal was to host more activities for seniors there. It's a start but we hope to make it bigger and better for the seniors.

Mayor Carla Strickland



Pleasant Garden 5K

Approximately 100 runners and/or walkers participated in the Pleasant Garden 5K Volunteer Park on Saturday, April 14. Due to hard-working volunteers, the generosity sponsors, citizen fundraising efforts, and tight cost control, the event generated net proceeds to Pleasant Garden Elementary School of just over \$11,300, greatly exceeding the original goal. This event capped a cooperative Get Fit PG fundraising effort over the school year which netted \$33,208. With these funds, 12 classrooms will be outfitted with digital technology prior to the upcoming school year. What was originally targeted as a three year project was accomplished in one year. This is a huge step towards putting kids from our community on technology par with students in other Guilford County schools. This is another great example of how our community rallies together to solve needs in our community! Thank you to everyone for your generous support.



Town Staffing Changes

Assistant Clerk Tracy Cooper submitted notice that she is leaving her position as of June 30. Her pleasant voice greeting callers and visitors to Town Hall and her bubbly personality while providing staff support to the Recreation Board and the town's numerous special events will be greatly missed. Councilmembers are in the process of interviewing applicants for the revamped Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator position and hope to have someone on board by July 1. We wish Tracy well and thank her for her dedication!

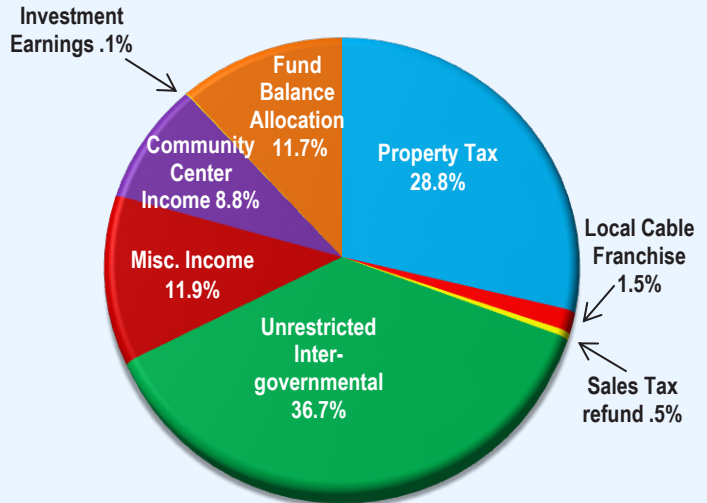
The Town Council created a new position to perform the grounds maintenance duties at Town Hall, Volunteer Park and the Pleasant Garden Community Center previously handled with outside contracts. The council hopes to hire a qualified person to begin work around July 1. Bringing this work in-house addresses the ever-growing needs for maintenance of the new PARTF grant facilities and Community Center.

Town of Pleasant Garden 2018-19 General Fund Budget

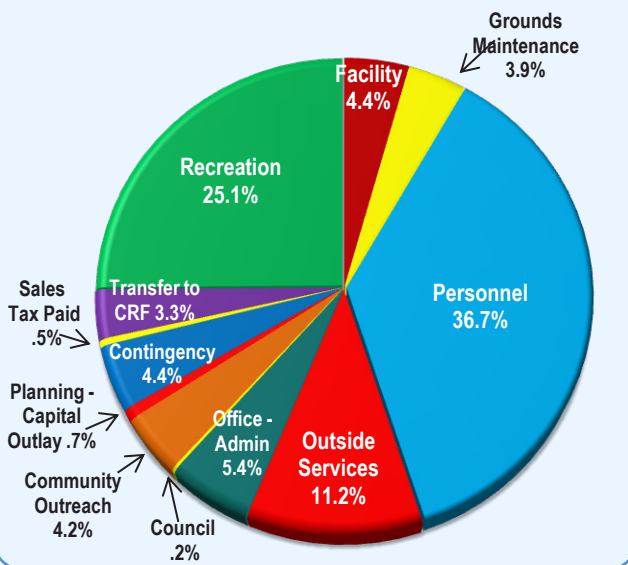
Adopted on June 5, 2018

Revenues

Property Tax @ 5 cents/100	\$195,237
Local Cable Franchise Tax	10,000
Sales & Use Tax refund	3,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental (<i>Sales & Use Tax, Greensboro ABC, Franchise & Utilities, NC Beer & Wine</i>)	250,000
Miscellaneous Income (<i>event revenue, soccer registrations/sponsorships, grants</i>)	80,700
Community Center Income	59,500
Investment Earnings	425
Fund Balance Allocation	79,828
Total Revenues	\$678,690



Expenditures



Facility/Town Hall	\$29,750
Grounds Maintenance	26,550
Personnel	248,972
Outside Services	76,350
Office & Administrative	36,400
Council	1,150
Community Outreach	28,078
Planning & Capital Outlay	5,000
GF Contingency/disaster	30,150
Sales Tax Expense	3,000
Transfers to Capital Reserve	22,780
Recreation	170,510
Total Expenditures	\$678,690

Comparison between the current and proposed budgets

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Estimated Revenues	\$581,495	\$576,862
Allocated Fund Balance/CRF transfer	89,508	101,828
Total	\$671,003	\$678,690
Estimated Expenses		
Operations	440,313	485,400
Recreation	208,110	170,510
10% transfer to Capital Reserve	22,580	22,780
Total	\$671,003	\$678,690

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 \$50.



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TOWN EVENTS

Senior Luncheon

June 19 July 17 August 21
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.



Town Council meetings
Regular monthly meetings
 June 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
 July 3, 2018 at 7:00PM

2018 Farmers Market

June 9 – September 15, 2018
Picnic shelter behind Town Hall

Open on Saturdays, 7:00AM – noon
 Open on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 6:00PM



Summer Soccer Camp

June 25-29, 2018 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Volunteer Park
 Ages 5-14.; minimum of 20 players required
 Registration fee is \$75/player.

Fall 2018 Soccer and Baseball/Softball

Registration opens: July 1, 2018
Registration closes: July 30, 2018
 Saturday onsite registration at Town Hall on
 July 21, 9:00AM - 2:00PM
 July 28, 9:00AM - 2:00PM



Soccer

Ages 4 -17
 Registration fee is \$70/player
 Includes accident insurance



T-Ball/Baseball/Softball

Ages 3-17
 Registration fee \$65-85/player
 depending on the age group

PARTF Grant Updates

2016 grant implementation: Significant progress is being made in construction of the projects included in the town's first PARTF grant (\$234,387 matched by the town's \$234,388). Completion of these recreational improvements must be completed by October 2019.

- ◆ New playgrounds at Volunteer Park and Town Hall were completed in the fall of 2018 and are being enjoyed by many children and families.
- ◆ Numerous people are getting exercise on the fitness stations along the Howard Coble Greenway.
- ◆ Construction of the disc golf course and improvements to the nature trail are underway. These should be ready for your use by the fall.
- ◆ Construction of the dog park, court games and extension of the asphalt walking trail at Volunteer Park will begin shortly and should be complete by the fall.

2018 grant application: The town applied for another PARTF grant in the 2018 funding cycle to make improvements totaling \$349,650 at the Pleasant Garden Community Center. The value of the community center will serve as the required 50% funding match. Proposed grant projects include the following:

- ◆ Modification of ball fields 1 and 4 for better playability and installation of movable fences to provide adjustable field sizes
- ◆ Upgrades to the infields on ball fields 2, 3, 5 and 6 with a sand/clay mixture.
- ◆ Addition of another batting cage
- ◆ Renovation of the "turkey shoot building" to add ADA-accessible restrooms
- ◆ Improvements to the existing picnic shelter and playground to improve safety and ADA-compliance
- ◆ Installation of two sand volleyball courts
- ◆ Construction of paved access to all ball fields and facilities to enhance pedestrian safety improve and accessibility

Approximately \$20.2 million in funding is set aside for PARTF grants in the current state budget so Pleasant Garden has a good chance of receiving a second grant. The state Parks and Recreation Authority will announce their decisions and award new grants on August 24.