

The

# TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building  
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*"Remembering the Past,  
While Moving Towards the Future"*

December 2012

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## Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

### TOWN OFFICIALS

Carla Strickland.....Mayor  
Alan Marshall .....Mayor Pro Tem  
Bill Greene.....Councilmember  
Nancy Jo Smith.....Councilmember  
Ron Surgeon.....Councilmember

### TOWN STAFF

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](mailto: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

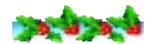
Fourth Tuesday of each month

All regular meetings begin at 7:00PM.

Special meetings may be called as needed. 48-hours public notice will be given for such meetings.



## 2012 Christmas Parade



Hundreds of excited children and their families enjoyed the Town of Pleasant Garden's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas parade on Sunday, December 2 and welcomed in the holiday season. Every participant – Grand Marshal Ed Matthews of WFMY News2, special guest Susie the dog, local dignitaries, marching bands from Greensboro College and Southeast Guilford High School, dance groups, fun



floats, NJROTC, Girl and Boy Scouts, impressive cars, Oasis Shriners NasCarts and Scooter Patrol, and of course, Santa Claus – helped to make this one of our best parades yet. The warm sunny day was perfect and the bands, floats and other performers created a fun and festive atmosphere.

Parade judges selected Vinmark International Dance Academy for the Best Performance and Cub Scout Pack 426 for the Best Float. The Chairman's Trophy was awarded to the Greensboro College Marching Band. Pleasant Garden Elementary School fifth graders Leah Fields and Noah Martin won the Snowball King and Queen essay contest.



An event like this would not be possible without volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure everything goes smoothly. Here's a big "thank you" to the members of the Recreation Board, town staff, Pleasant Garden Fire Department, parade judges and other volunteers who donated their valuable time!



*Many thanks to all who helped to make this parade a success!*

# Town News and Updates

## Message from the Mayor

Happy Holidays to all! During the last two months, your Town Council has been working hard on a number of issues, including the approval of a well at the athletic fields. Several years ago the town spent the money to make improvements to the athletic fields such as adding a parking lot, reseeding the grass and installing solar lights. We reseed the fields each year, but our efforts do not always pay off due to the lack of rain and irrigation. Duke Energy will extend electric lines to the site at no cost to the town; the contract for drilling the well is in the Town Attorney's hands for final approval. In addition, the council approved an above-ground irrigation system to provide water to the fields. Hopefully we will have plenty of luscious grass by next spring!

At the November and December meetings, the council took the following actions:

- ✓ Adopted the town's Continuity of Operations Plan and Continuity of Government Plan
- ✓ Amended the Blackboard Connect Policy (*This is our telephone notification system; if you would like to be removed from the call list, please contact Town Hall at 674-3002 and ask that your number be removed.*)
- ✓ Adopted the 2012 Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Schedule
- ✓ Approved the Guilford County Interlocal Agreement for Tax Collection
- ✓ Approved the purchase of a traveling sprinkler system for the athletic fields
- ✓ Accepted a bid to correct the erosion problems at the athletic fields

I am very pleased to report that we have submitted a grant application to the NC Department of Transportation for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Initiative. If approved, the Town will receive \$40,000 to hire a consultant to create a comprehensive plan for pedestrian and bicycle facilities inside the town. The Town will be required to contribute \$10,000. Several local businesses, churches and bicycle enthusiasts submitted letters of support for the application. We will keep you posted on the progress.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

*Mayor Carla Strickland*

## Thank you, J. Morgan Signs and Maxx



Maxx Morgan, son of J. Morgan Signs owner Jeff Morgan, donated his time and labor to design, build and install the Volunteer Park sign at the town's athletic fields as his senior project at no expense to the town. He installed it at the athletic fields in early November and it is serving as

an ongoing "thank you" to the town's many great volunteers. The Town Council adopted a Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Maxx and Jeff at the December 4 council meeting.



## Mayor Pro Tem

Alan Marshall was elected by the Town Council as the Mayor Pro Tem and was sworn in to serve for 2013. Per the provisions in the Town Ordinances, the



role of the Mayor Pro Tem is to temporarily assume the powers and duties of the mayor if she is unable to perform her duties. The Mayor Pro Tem is also one of the authorized signers on the town's banking accounts.

## New Board Members Appointed

The Town Council reappointed Steve Riley to the Long-Range Planning Board, Les Dula and Jordan Nelson to the Recreation Board, and James Sealey to the Zoning Board for 2013-14. Chris Johnson was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board. If you are interested in serving, please contact Town Hall or a member of the Town Council.

# Talk of the Town



## Volunteers Needed!

A number of residents and business owners have suggested the Town sponsor a Spring Event for the community similar to the street festival held in the past. This event may include music, crafts, local businesses, food, children's activities, fun and fellowship. However, this must be a joint venture which would require participation by residents, business owners and the Town of Pleasant Garden.

Since time is running short, we need to know how many residents are willing to share their time and talents to make this project a reality. If you are interested in helping, please call Town Hall at 674-3002.

## Picnic Shelter Restrooms



Construction crews from Wright & Wray of Reidsville, NC are making steady progress on the new restrooms behind the picnic shelter at Town Hall. Once the building is finished, people who come to the

Farmers' Market and other special events, hike on the nature trail, or use the picnic shelter and/or gazebo will have access to the new facilities. The building should be completed by the end of January.

## 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

Are you interested in upcoming highway, pedestrian, bicycle or transit projects that could affect the Town of Pleasant Garden? The Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has placed a copy of the draft *Long Range Transportation Plan* and *Air Quality Determination Document* at Town Hall for public review and comment. Citizens are welcome to come in and examine these documents during regular business hours at Town Hall. The MPO will accept your comments through January 11, 2013. Councilman Bill Greene represents the town on the MPO.

On a related note, we are hoping to receive funding from NCCDOT to construct a paved greenway connecting the parking lot at Town Hall with the one at the athletic fields. This project will provide safe pedestrian access between the two facilities and will allow for overflow parking accommodations for events in both locations.

## Veterans Honored



Veterans Appreciation Day was held on November 11 to honor the many men and women from our community who have served our country in the armed forces. The Recreation Board assisted

Mary Ann Yow with the moving tribute held at the Pleasant Garden Fire Department. Colonel (Ret.) Ronald Gallimore, the Southeast Guilford NJROTC, the Gate City Young Singers, the Pleasant Garden Lions Club, and Boy Scout Troop 368 also contributed to the event's success.



## Soccer Registration to Begin

Sign-ups for the spring soccer season will open on February 1. The registration fee is \$45 and accident insurance is available for an additional \$10. Players who are between the ages of four and seventeen as of May 18, 2013 are eligible. The first games are on April 6 and the last games on May 18. Join the fun!

## Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

### Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.



- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.

### Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.



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# TOWN EVENTS



## Dates to Remember

### Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed for Christmas:  
**Monday, December 24**  
**Tuesday, December 25**



Town Hall will be closed for New Year's Day:  
**Tuesday, January 1**  
 The Town Council will meet on  
**Tuesday, January 8.**



### Senior Luncheon **December 18**

Special holiday celebration  
 11:00AM at Hodgin Valley Farm  
 561 Hodgin Valley Road

**January 17 and February 20**  
 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church



**Sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden.** 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.

### Urban Archery Season

The 2013 urban archery season in Pleasant Garden runs from January 12 to February 16. Deer hunting is allowed only on properties where the owners have granted permission.



### Spring Soccer Registration Registration begins February 1

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



**Last day of registration is March 11. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## GET INVOLVED!

Earlier this year, your Town Council voted to pursue a PARTF grant. The PARTF program provides grants to local governments with a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$500,000 to acquire land and/or to develop parks and recreation projects that serve the general public. In Pleasant Garden's case, we already have the land for further development of more athletic and recreational activities. As a result, an ad hoc committee comprised of members of the Long-Range Planning Board, the Recreation Board and the respective liaisons to those boards, was formed to gather the necessary information and pursue this opportunity for the town. The goal for this committee is to have a competitive bid package ready to submit by January of 2014.

A major part of this package requires participation in the form of input from you, the citizens of Pleasant Garden. Committee members went to local churches and town-sponsored events and obtained a total of 231 survey responses. The committee will be meeting in February with Nancy Gladwell, Associate Professor and Director of the Community and Therapeutic Recreation Undergraduate Program at UNCG, and Vonda Martin, Recreation Resources Services of the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, to prepare for our next steps. Public meetings will be held in 2013

The Council would like to take this time to urge you to become more active in what happens in Pleasant Garden. Please take the time to attend council and board meetings. Bring your ideas, suggestions and desires to us. Get more involved in what happens in **YOUR** town. What does and doesn't happen in Pleasant Garden can be a direct result of your input and participation. Get involved and help guide what happens in **OUR** community.

*Alan Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem*