

The

TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



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

October 2012

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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Bill Greene.....Councilmember
Alan Marshall.....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

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.

Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11 @ 2:00PM
Pleasant Garden Fire Department

Pleasant Garden's annual Veterans Appreciation Day event will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, November 11 at the Pleasant Garden Fire Department. The Recreation Board and committee chair Mary Ann Yow are planning a memorable ceremony to honor our community's servicemen and women. Program highlights include



memorial displays, musical entertainment by the Gate City Youth Singers, an address by Col. (Ret.) Ron Gallimore, and recognition of the branches of the military and a flag folding ceremony by the Southeast Guilford High School NJROTC. The Pleasant Garden Lions Club will provide refreshments after the program.

Veterans may receive a free flu shot provided by nurses from the Veterans Administration. Please bring your Veterans ID card or a copy of your DD-14 form with you to get your free shot.

**** * * Please join us in honoring our veterans! * * ****

Local Business Donates Sign to Town

The Town Council greatly appreciates the generous donation of materials from J. Morgan Signs to build the sign for the recently-named Volunteer Park. Maxwell Morgan, son of the owner and a senior at Southeast High School, is donating his time and labor to produce and install this sign at the town's athletic fields as his senior project. This sign will serve as an active tribute to the numerous Pleasant Garden citizens whose volunteerism makes so many town projects and programs possible. Here's a big "thank you" to the Morgans and to all who share their time and talents with the community!



Materials and installation donated to the Town of Pleasant Garden by J. Morgan Signs and Maxwell Morgan

Town News and Updates

Message from the Mayor

Your Town Council held a public hearing on September 4 on a proposed amendment to the Town and Development Ordinances to impose an annual privilege license tax on electronic gaming/video sweepstakes businesses and an annual excise tax on the video machines in these businesses. After the public hearing, the Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment. We don't have any of these businesses in Pleasant Garden at this time but the council felt we should be more proactive than reactive. As a result of the vote and according to the ordinance, "... any establishment in which an electronic gaming and/or video sweepstakes machine or device is operated shall pay to the Town an annual privilege license tax in the amount of \$1,000." In addition, "... any establishment in which an electronic gaming and/or video sweepstakes machine or device is operated, shall pay to the Town an annual excise tax in the amount of \$500 per machine or device."

At the October 2 meeting, Girl Scout Troop 40240 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Items discussed at this meeting include the following:

- A Memorial Resolution honoring the late Charles Robert "Bob" Fuller who served as the chairman of the Town's first Zoning Board;
- A presentation of the 2011-12 Audit Report (*We received a clean report*);
- Update from the Recreation Board concerning Pet Day and the upcoming events of the Veteran's Day Celebration and the Christmas parade;
- An amendment to the personnel policy which states that staff performance reviews will be conducted one-two months prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year;
- Creation of a Volunteer Citizen Award;
- Signage to be placed at both the athletic fields and at Town Hall listing the rules and regulations and "no trespassing" to be enforced by the Guilford County Sheriff's Office from dusk to dawn.

In addition, the Long-Range Planning Board and town staff are in the process of pursuing several federal and state grants including an initiative to plan for a bicycle and pedestrian project. We will keep you posted as these applications take shape.

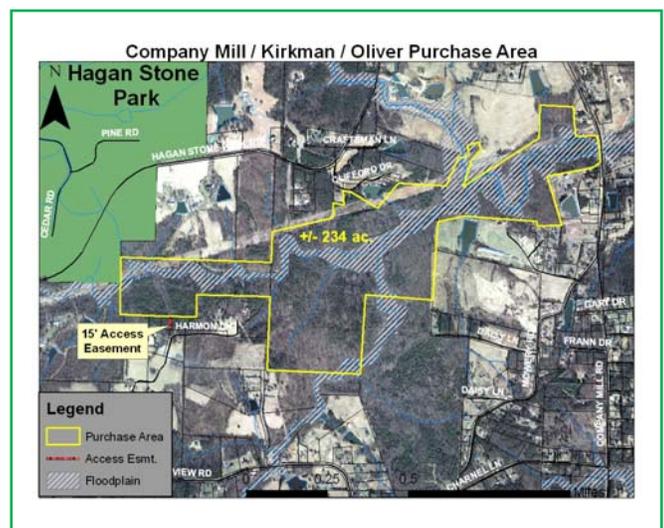
In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Pleasant Garden Historical Society for taking the time to provide and arrange the exhibits displayed at Town Hall. These exhibits feature not only the past of Pleasant Garden but also current events. The current fall exhibit features our own local football heroes – Joey and Dino Hackett. If you wish to donate or loan items to the Society, please contact Town Hall for information.

Mayor Carla Strickland

County Adding Open Space Adjacent to Hagan Stone Park

While our town limits almost totally encircle Hagan Stone Park, this county-owned and operated facility is not officially within the Town of Pleasant Garden. However, many residents enjoy the park frequently and consider it to be "ours."

The Guilford County Commissioners recently authorized the expenditure of \$936,000 from Open Space Bond Funds to purchase 234 acres connecting the park to Company Mill Road as outlined in yellow on the map. The property contains a significant wetland area and the historic Company Mill site and rock dam. Walking trails may be added to connect to other existing and/or proposed trails in the area, but the park itself will not be expanded into this open space area.



Talk of the Town

Video Sweepstakes Businesses

The Town Council recently adopted amendments to the Town Ordinance and the Development Ordinance to impose an annual privilege license tax of \$1,000 on electronic gaming/video sweepstakes businesses and an annual excise tax of \$500 on each gaming/video machine in the business. In Pleasant Garden, these businesses are allowed only in the Highway Business (HB) zones and cannot locate within 1,000 feet of a church, public or private school, child day care center or nursery school, public park, or residentially zoned property.

Pet Day



Pet Day on September 29th was a success despite rainy weather. 389 rabies vaccines were given by Guilford County and Southwoods Animal Hospital. County officials noted this town event is one of the

largest rabies clinics in the county. Special thanks go to Recreation Board members Les Dula and Kelly Evans and Assistant Clerk Kim Vazquez for making sure everything went smoothly.

Dedication of Magnolia Tree



Members of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club placed a brick marker noting the club's donation and planting of a magnolia tree at Town Hall as part of Lions International project to plant a million trees worldwide in 2011-12.

'No Trespassing' Signs on Town Property

Visitors to Town Hall and the town athletic fields are encouraged and most welcome. However, although a majority of our citizens are respectful of town property and make use of it appropriately, we have occasionally experienced costly vandalism and property damage at both locations. In an effort to address these problems, the Town Council authorized the placement of "No trespassing from dusk to dawn" signs at Town Hall and the athletic fields. Having the clearly-visible signage in place is a requirement of the Guilford County Sheriff's Office before deputies will enforce 'no trespassing' restriction on any property.

"No Trespassing" does not apply to meetings or events scheduled or authorized by the Town.

Signs listing rules and regulations for the use of town property that were adopted by the council in August 2010 will also be posted at the picnic shelter and athletic fields.

Board Members Needed

New members will be appointed to the 2012-13 Zoning, Long-Range Planning, and Recreation boards for two-year terms at the December 4 council meeting. Serving on a town board is a great way to have input into town projects and programs. Please contact Town Hall at 674-3002 for an application if you are willing to serve and help to make Pleasant Garden even better.

Urban Archery Season



The 2013 urban archery season in Pleasant Garden runs from January 12 - February 16. This extended hunting season is regulated and publicized by the NC Wildlife Commission. Deer hunting is allowed only on those properties where the owners have given permission. Out-of-town hunters often contact Town Hall and ask for a list of places they may legally hunt, but we do not have such a list at this time. If you are willing to allow deer hunters to bow hunt on your property during the upcoming season, please call Town Hall with your name, address, phone number and email address. Your contact information will be shared with any hunters who call; they can then get in touch with you to ask for permission to hunt on your property.

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LAWN TODAY

HERE TOMORROW

Many things you put on your yard end up in the water near you.
Stormwater runoff is North Carolina's #1 water pollutant.
Learn more at www.ncstormwater.org

Pollute Your Yard, Pollute Yourself





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TOWN EVENTS



Dates to Remember

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 3
8:00am-5:00PM

Picnic shelter behind Town Hall
 Local crafts



Early Voting at Pleasant Garden Town Hall

Thursday & Friday, October 18-19:

10:00AM-6:30PM

Saturday, October 20: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Sunday, October 21: 12:00PM-4:00PM

Monday-Friday, October 22-26:

10:00AM-6:30PM

Saturday, October 27: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Sunday, October 28: 12:00PM-4:00PM

Monday-Friday, October 29-November 2:

10:00AM-6:30PM

Saturday, November 3: 10:00AM-5:00PM



Election Day

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Polling places open 6:30AM-7:30PM

Veterans Appreciation Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 2:00PM

Pleasant Garden Fire Department
 4814 Pleasant Garden Road



Senior Luncheon

October 16 November 20 December 18

10:00AM – 1:00PM

Sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden, held at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church. 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.

Pleasant Garden Christmas Parade

Registration forms are available at Town Hall for any groups or individuals wanting to participate in the Christmas parade. The entry fee is \$5. Bands, performing groups, floats and cars are encouraged to join in the fun.

Our special guest this year is Susie, the rescued dog who inspired the passage of "Susie's Law" and a soon-to-be-released movie. Come out and welcome Susie to Pleasant Garden!

Sunday, December 2, 3:00 PM
 The 33rd Annual
Pleasant Garden Christmas Parade
 Starts at Pleasant Garden Road & Nesbitt Road
 travels South on Pleasant Garden Road.




Grand Marshal
Ed Matthews
WFMY News 2

Featuring
Special Guest
Susie
Susie's Hope

Parade Entry Deadline
 Nov. 9th
 Applications at:
 Town Hall
 4920 Alliance Church Road
 or PleasantGarden.net



Rain/Snow Date Dec. 9th
 Please no parking in the Pleasant Garden
 Elementary School parking lot.