

The

TOWN

Kirkman Municipal Building
PO Box 307
4920 Alliance Church Road
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

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

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Tracy Cooper.....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.



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

October 2016

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Phone: 336-674-3002

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Website: www.pleasantgarden.net

Town Blood Drive

Saturday, October 15, 2016

9:00AM – 1:30PM at Town Hall

The town has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at Town Hall on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Donors are encouraged to visit the Red Cross website or call Town Hall at 336-674-3002

to make a convenient appointment so you don't have a long wait to donate. The goal is 25 pints of blood. Citizens can also drop off unused/discarded prescription drugs for safe disposal. Please join us on October 15th to support your neighbors and provide the gift of life!



Public Discussion of Possible Town Services

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:00PM at Town Hall



The Long-Range Planning Board will discuss the responses to the citizen survey printed in the August newsletter and seek additional citizens' input at their regular monthly meeting on October 18th. There is still time to turn in your survey to Town Hall if you have not already done so.

There are no specific plans or proposals under consideration by the board or the Town Council at this time; the survey and this public meeting are being conducted to gather information and public opinion as required periodically by the town ordinances. Citizens are encouraged to attend and voice opinions and share ideas. Please take advantage of this opportunity to tell the Town what you think should be done -- or not done -- for the future in Pleasant Garden.

Veterans Appreciation Day

2:00PM on Sunday, November 6, 2016

Pleasant Garden Elementary School Auditorium

Pleasant Garden's 18th annual Veterans Appreciation event will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, November 6 in the auditorium at Pleasant Garden Elementary School.



The town hosts this annual tribute to thank the many men and women in our community who have given of themselves and served our nation with pride and valor. This year's program highlights include an inspiring video, musical entertainment, memorial displays, recognition of the branches of the military by the Southeast High School NJROTC, and presentation of the Missing Man Table Ceremony by members of the Pleasant Garden Fire Department and the Pleasant Garden Baptist Church Honor Guard. Light refreshments will be provided by the Pleasant Garden Lions Club after the event. For further information or questions, please contact town staff at 336-674-3002.

Town News

Message from the Mayor

On Thursday, August 25th, I travelled once again to Raleigh to hear the Parks and Recreation Authority ask questions about the grants submitted from across the State of North Carolina for a PARTF Grant (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund). There were 67 applications requesting \$18.3 million. It was reported that the Authority had \$8.4 million to award. The meeting began at 9:30AM and only authority members were allowed to ask questions and speak. Those of us in the audience had to remain silent. At 12:00PM we broke for lunch and returned at 2:00PM. At that time, the decisions had been made and those being awarded a grant were announced. As they say, "Third time's the charm" -- I am pleased to report that Pleasant Garden was one of the 31 applicants who were awarded a PARTF Grant! This grant will enable us to construct the following per our submitted plan to the Authority:

- A 4,000 linear foot system of ADA accessible nature trails populated by 10 fitness stations adjacent to the Howard Coble Memorial Greenway;
- An 18-hole tournament level disc golf course designed in compliance with the Professional Golf Disc Association guidelines;
- Two dog parks (one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs);
- Fully ADA accessible court games (bocce ball, shuffleboard and a horseshoe court);
- Two playgrounds (one at Volunteer Park for younger children and a second near the picnic shelter behind Town Hall);
- 1,320 linear feet of extensions of the existing asphalt trail at the lower end of Volunteer Park;
- Upgrades to the existing soccer fields at Volunteer Park.

These additions will serve both the younger and the older residents of our Town as well as creating a safe environment for all to enjoy recreational activities. Construction can begin once the contract is received and approved from the State sometime this fall. The estimated start date for the projects is January 1, 2017.

This PARTF Grant application would not have been possible if not for our Town Clerk, Sandy Carmany with her meticulous gathering of documents and attention to detail and Recreation Board chairman Dean Maddox for revamping our Justification Page and reviewing the application. At this point, the Council's plan is to also submit an application for the Pleasant Garden Community Center in 2018.

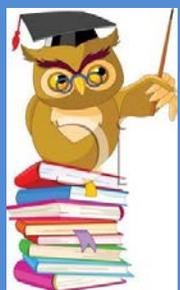
In the meantime, thanks to Representative Jon Hardister, the Town was also given \$94,340 in the State budget. This money is being administered by the Rural Economic Development Division of the NC Department of Commerce. The Council unanimously voted to allocate this money toward ADA accessibility at the Pleasant Garden Community Center.

Speaking of the Pleasant Garden Community Center, we are still moving forward with the acquisition. At this time, here is our progress:

- We have conducted an appraisal of the entire property;
- We have conducted an environmental assessment of the property;
- We have received an inspection report on all buildings to include the grounds and drainage;
- The Council approved McKim & Creed to provide a property master plan (also needed for a PARTF Grant in 2018);
- We have retained the services of Stutts Surveyors to provide a property survey combining the three land parcels into one for platting at the register of deeds; and finally,
- We have retained the services of Ken Lucas, as recommended by our Town Attorney, to provide all documents for the closing.

As you can tell, these are exciting times for the Town of Pleasant Garden!

Mayor Carla Strickland



Fun Facts about Our Town

First settled in 1786; incorporated on November 7, 1997

We celebrate our 19th birthday is next month!

Estimated population = 4,616. Median age = 45.5 years.

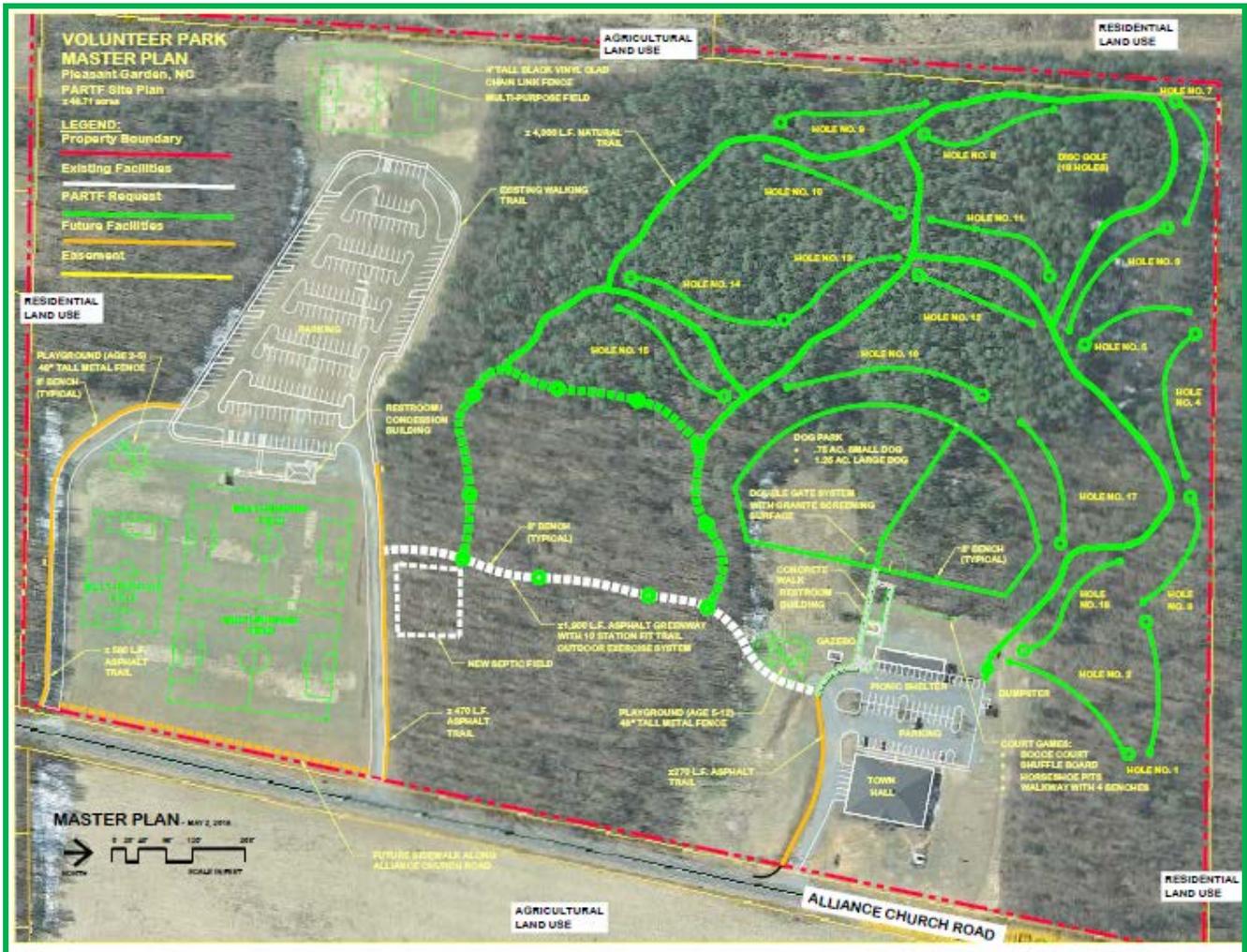
Area = 15.5 square miles Population density = 297.8 people/square mile

Form of government is Mayor/Council (a mayor + four councilmembers)

2016-17 operating budget = \$453,151.



TALK OF THE TOWN



Master Plan for the PARTF Grant Projects

The map above shows the master plan for projects to be constructed over the next three years (*please see Mayor Strickland's message on page 2 for the complete list*). These improvements will be funded by the recent PARTF grant award of \$234,387 plus the town's match from the Capital Reserve Fund for a total of \$468,775. Once the grant contract is signed, engineering and design can hopefully begin by early 2017 to determine the logical order for the construction of the individual components.

The Long-Range Planning Board and Town Council first began developing a site plan for this town-owned property in 2008 with planning assistance from Paul Kron of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. Their original concept was presented in the January 2009 *Town Hall Site Plan*. That plan was later refined and amended in 2014 and again in 2016 using suggestions received from citizens and the Recreation Board. Eight or nine years later, the plan is finally becoming reality thanks to the vision and hard work of those boards and councils, past and present.

Helpful Tips for Property Owners in the Jordan Lake Watershed

Here are a few reminders on what Pleasant Garden residents can do to help the town meet Jordan Lake watershed stormwater control requirements and protect the local environment without spending tax dollars:

- ➡ Use fertilizer sparingly
- ➡ Compost your yard waste.
- ➡ Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- ➡ Pick up pet waste.
- ➡ Have your septic tank pumped regularly.
- ➡ Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
- ➡ Never dump anything in ditches or creeks.
- ➡ Use least toxic pesticides and follow label directions.
- ➡ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- ➡ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces, use rain barrels.





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TOWN EVENTS

Dates to Remember



Senior Luncheon

October 18 and November 15
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.

Town Council meetings

Tuesday, October 4 @ 7:00PM

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 (*changed due to Election Day*)



**Help
 save
 lives**



Blood Drive

Saturday, October 15, 2016
9:00AM – 1:30PM at Town Hall

Public Meeting on Town Services

October 18, 2016 at 7:00PM
Town Hall



Fall 2016 Soccer



Games played on Saturdays at Volunteer Park
 September 10 – October 22, 2016
 Final games and awards on October 22

Veterans Appreciation Day

Sunday, November 6 at 2:00PM
Pleasant Garden Elementary School
 Speakers, video, memorabilia and refreshments



Christmas Parade and Tree-lighting

Sunday, December 4 at 3:00PM
 Pleasant Garden Road starting at Ryegate Drive
 Bands, floats, performers and Santa; Grand
 Marshals are Liz Crawford & Grant Gilmore
 Entry deadline is November 14; forms are
 available at Town Hall, \$5 per entry



Town Hall is an Early Voting Site



Pleasant Garden Town Hall will be an Early Voting Site for the fall 2016 elections. Anyone voter registered to vote in Guilford County will be able to cast a ballot early at this location during this time. Town Hall will be open for early voting on the following dates:

- ✓ Thursday, October 27 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Friday, October 28 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Saturday, October 29 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Sunday, October 30 from 11:00AM – 5:00PM
- ✓ Monday, October 31 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Tuesday, November 1 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Wednesday, November 2 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Thursday, November 3 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Friday, November 4 from 8:00AM – 6:30PM
- ✓ Saturday, November 5 from 8:00AM – 1:00PM

In addition, early voting will be available in the Blue Room in the Old Guilford County Courthouse between October 20 and November 5. Please check with the Guilford County Board of Elections at 336-641-3836 for the operating hours.

On Election Day, November 8th, only those voters who are registered in the PG1 precinct will be able to vote at Town Hall. All other registered voters should vote at their regular polling place that day.

Town Boards/Volunteers

Do you want to be more involved in how your town is run? Do you have ideas or suggestions for programs or services? Then please consider serving on one of the town's three boards – Long-Range Planning, Recreation or Zoning. The Town Council appoints citizens to these boards at the December meeting each year. Application forms are available at Town Hall and on the website.

Can't commit the time for a monthly board meeting? Then consider volunteering to help with a specific event such as the Christmas Parade, Independence Day event or the 5K. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their service hours. Please contact Town Hall or visit the website for a volunteer form.