

The

# TOWN

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

Spring 2010

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## Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

### TOWN OFFICIALS

Bill Greene.....Mayor  
Nancy Jo Smith.....Mayor Pro Tem  
Chris Johnson.....Councilmember  
Carla Strickland.....Councilmember  
Bob Wyrick.....Councilmember

### TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk  
Linda Baker.....Assistant Clerk

### TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday.....9:00am-1:00pm

### 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.

## Blackboard Connect-CTY

The Town of Pleasant Garden is pleased to announce the launch of the Blackboard Connect-CTY service, our new town-to-resident notification system. We can now send personalized voice messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local community matters. This will provide a better way to keep everyone informed about things that are important to the town and you.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*What is Connect-CTY Service?*

Authorized town officials can record and send voice messages quickly to every telephone number stored in our database.

*What types of messages will be sent?*

- \* Messages regarding the safety or welfare of our residents such as severe weather warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the town.
- \* Alerts about missing children or senior citizens
- \* Announcements about upcoming town events such as the Independence Day celebration or the Christmas Parade
- \* Notifications or reminders to specific boards or groups, for example, cancellation of a meeting or event due to bad weather
- \* Political or campaign messages will not be allowed.

*Is my telephone number included in the notification database?*

- \* Your public home or business number is automatically included. Residents have the option of entering email addresses, work numbers, and cell phone numbers into the database as well. Visit the town website at [www.pleasantgarden.net](http://www.pleasantgarden.net) and click on the Blackboard link or call 674-3002 for help from town staff if you do not have Internet access. Your information will be kept secure and confidential.



*Keeping Pleasant Garden citizens informed!*

**CLICK HERE  
FOR ONE-STEP  
NOTIFICATION**

Receive timely  
notifications by  
phone, e-mail, text  
messages and more.

**SIGN UP NOW**

SERVICES BY

**Blackboard  
connect**

# Talk of the Town

## Successful E-Cycle 2010 Event

A record number of Guilford County residents turned out on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of convenient disposal of their unwanted electronics for free! This was the second time for this event at the Pleasant Garden Town Hall and residents dropped off 340 carloads of their unwanted electronics for recycling, keeping almost 40,000 pounds of old, outdated electronics out of the landfill. This weight represents a huge **86% increase over the 2009 event.**



Guilford County Planning and Development, the Guilford County Sheriff's Prison Farm and volunteers from the Town of Pleasant Garden, Explorers, and Volunteers in Police Service partnered to provide this safe, and environmentally

sound way for residents to dispose of the many types of electronics waste found in their homes.

The annual E-Cycle event is part of an environmental awareness campaign: **"For PETE's Sake Recycle!"** By participating in E-Cycle 2010, residents have kept both valuable commodities and toxic materials out of our landfills, ensuring they will be reused or recycled instead.



*Many thanks to those Pleasant Garden residents who participated in this event!*

## Spring Soccer 2010

Spring soccer games are being played on Saturdays between April 10 and June 5. This year there are 582 youths on 43 teams, 37 of which are sponsored by area businesses or individuals. This popular youth sports program would not be possible without the hundreds of hours donated by volunteers who coach, prepare the fields, and oversee the games. Thank you for your work and dedication!



## How Does Jordan Lake Affect You?

The water in many of Pleasant Garden's creeks and streams eventually ends up in Jordan Lake. New state laws require the town to reduce the pollution running into our streams. If we aren't successful now, the town will have to spend tax money on expensive projects in the future to correct the problems. Here are some easy things everyone can do to help the town meet our nutrient reduction goals.



### 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

**EPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency  
For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps) or [www.epa.gov/npsdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npsdes/stormwater)

# MEET YOUR 2010 TOWN BOARDS

*Here are the Pleasant Garden citizens who volunteer their time to serve the town and its citizens.*

## Zoning Board

*Meets at 7:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month  
Council Liaison Chris Johnson*

This board hears zoning and subdivision cases and approves site plans. Members are working on an update of the Development Ordinance, particularly the process for becoming a state-maintained road, and will be working with the Long-Range Planning Board to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

*From left to right:* Ron Surgeon, Chairman Peter Rojeski, Nancy Martin, James Sealey, Jr., John Carroll, Alan Carroll, and Vice Chairman Ron Robertson ➔



## Long-Range Planning Board

*Meets at 7:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Council Liaison Bob Wyrick*

This board is planning improvements to the Town Hall landscaping and the placement of US flags and Christmas banners on power poles along Pleasant Garden Road. Members will be involved in public education activities for the protection of the Jordan Lake watershed and will be working with the Zoning Board to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

*From left to right:* Chairman David Seel, Vice Chairman Pam Lemieux, Dick Winn, Ellen Maddox, Mark Wilcox, Melvin Hinshaw, and Wayne Kirkman ➔



## Recreation Board

*Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Council Liaison Carla Strickland*

This board plans and carries out the Independence Day celebration, Pet Day, Veterans Appreciation, and the Christmas Parade. Members are working on two new events for this year – the 5K Run, Walk and Roll scheduled for September 25 and one or more Community Concerts in late summer or early fall. The Recreation Board will be responsible for the oversight of the town's youth soccer program beginning July 1.

*From left to right:* Leslie Dula, Paul Hernandez, DJ Martin, Ethel Hood, Chairman Steve Brandt, Vice Chair Beth Moore, and Jack Cox ➔



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?



## Dates to Remember

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Please join us for lots of free family-friendly fun at the Pleasant Garden Community Center on Saturday, June 26. The festivities start at

6:00pm and include great music by StreetFeet, food, games, and fireworks.

*Come out and celebrate America's birthday!*

### FARMER'S MARKET

June 19 – September 18, 2010  
7:00am-12:00pm



The 2010 Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market will be open every Saturday beginning on June 19 through September 11 in the Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall

### SENIOR LUNCHEON



The Town of Pleasant Garden and Senior Resources of Guilford work together to provide fun activities and delicious meal for citizens 60-years-old and older at Pleasant Garden

United Methodist Church from 10:00am – 1:00pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Call Town Hall at 674-3002 no later than the Friday before the following dates to make a reservation.

May 18  
August 17

June 15  
September 21

July 20  
October 19

### SAVE THE DATES FOR FUTURE EVENTS

*(details will be provided later)*

September 12: Community Concert  
September 18: Blood Drive and Health Fair  
September 25: 5K Run, Walk and Roll  
October 9: Pet Day  
November 7: Veterans Appreciation  
December 5 (Sunday): Christmas Parade



## 2010-11 Town Budget



The budget proposal for the town's 2010-11 fiscal year will be formally presented at the May 11 meeting of the Town Council. Councilmembers must make decisions on several key issues before the proposal is finalized, and they will be scheduling several work sessions in May and June before it is ready for adoption. A public hearing will be held in June to receive public comment on the proposed budget before the final vote. The new budget must be adopted by June 30 and will take effect on July 1, 2010. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public review at Town Hall.



## Calling All Volunteers!

The Recreation Board is planning a 5K Run, Walk and Roll on Saturday, September 25 with any profits going to the Fun for All playground for handicapped children at Hagan Stone Park. Approximately 20-22 volunteers are needed to assist with registration, hand out water to runners, and keep records of runners' time. If you are willing to help with this worthy event, please give us a call at 674-3002.



## CENSUS 2010

If you haven't already returned your census form, a census worker will be visiting your home within the next two months to help you complete it. It is very important to the town that everyone complete their form – thanks in advance for your cooperation!