

The

TOWN

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

Winter 2012

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

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

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Kim Vazquez.....Assistant Clerk

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday.....9:00am-5:00pm
(We 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.

E-Cycle 2012

Saturday, March 24

9:00am – 2:00pm

Pleasant Garden Town Hall

Looking at that old TV or VHS player and asking yourself, what am I going to do with this stuff? Feeling green and want to do something good for the environment? For the fourth year in a row, the Town of Pleasant Garden, Guilford County, and the Guilford County Prison Farm are partnering to provide county residents with a free, easy way to dispose of your E-Waste. Without getting out of your car, you can drive through the parking lot and drop off your old, broken or unused electronic stuff.



The following items can be recycled for metals and other parts to keep them out of the landfill:



- Computers, monitors, printers, scanners and keyboards
- TVs including consoles, large screen and projection TVs
- Cell phones, chargers and cables
- Electronic toys and games
- CD and DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment
- Any other household items with an electronic chip

Document shredding is being offered for the first time at this event! Residents can bring up to five file boxes of files, papers and documents to be shredded on-site. You can protect yourself from identity theft by safely destroying old documents that contain personal or sensitive information.

Join us on March 24 and get your spring cleaning done while protecting yourself and the environment at the same time!

MEET YOUR 2012 TOWN BOARDS

Here are the outstanding volunteers who share their time and talents to make Pleasant Garden a great place to live. If you are interested in being a part of one of these boards, please contact Town Hall at 674-3002 for more information.

Citizens can click on the [Minutes](#) link on the left side of the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net for detailed reports and current information about the boards' meetings and activities.

Zoning Board

Meets at 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month
Council Liaison Ron Surgeon

The Zoning Board hears zoning and subdivision cases and approves site plans. The board also has the responsibility to review ordinances pertaining to Jordan Lake watershed requirements and make recommendations to the Town Council. Members are currently working with Town Attorney Hill to draft a Nuisance Ordinance for the Town Council's consideration.

From left to right: John Carroll, Ron Robertson, Jamie Sealey, Anne Hice and Alan Carroll ➡



Long-Range Planning Board

Meets at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Council Liaison Bill Greene

The Long-Range Planning Board is reviewing the Town Hall Site Plan to prioritize projects and/or recommend changes to the plan. Members will also be working on a town branding and signage campaign, exploring options for the installation of sidewalks along Pleasant Garden Road and working with the Recreation Board and Town Council on an application for a PARTF grant for a possible park or other recreational project.

➡ *From left to right: Dick Winn, Ellen Maddox, David Seel, Pam Lemieux and Stephen Riley*



Recreation Board

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month
Council Liaison Alan Marshall

The Recreation Board produces the Independence Day celebration, Pet Day, Veterans Appreciation Day and Christmas Parade and oversees the town's youth soccer program. Members will be planning another Community Concert, exploring options for additional senior programs and working with the Long-Range Planning Board and Town Council on an application for a PARTF grant for a possible park or other recreational project.

From left to right: Les Dula, Tina Chilton Lee, Kelly Evans, Ethel Hood, and Dean Maddox ➡



TOWN NEWS AND UPDATES

2011-13 Town Council

Members of the new Town Council took their oaths of office on December 6, 2011. They are deeply committed to serving the citizens of Pleasant Garden and providing responsible leadership. Your new councilmembers are:

- Mayor Carla Strickland 674-7220
- Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith 674-2514
- Councilman Bill Greene 674-5903
- Councilman Alan Marshall 674-2450
- Councilman Ron Surgeon 674-7071

Message from the Mayor

Your new council met on December 17 for an orientation and planning session to plan projects and/or events for the next two years. The public was invited to attend and share their thoughts and ideas with the council.

In response to concerns expressed by two residents about speeding on Neelley Road and the new interchange to be constructed at US421/Neelley Road, we are working with the NC Department of Transportation to schedule a citizens' update meeting on those plans in late February. Another resident stressed the need for additional services for seniors and possible construction of the multi-purpose building proposed in the Town Hall Site Plan. As a result, the council has asked the Long-Range Planning Board to revisit the plan and make a recommendation to the council.

Councilmembers were asked to bring their own ideas for possible projects in the next two years. The following are some of those suggestions:

- ✓ Complete the walkway at the soccer fields to include the upper fields
- ✓ Make minor repairs at Town Hall
- ✓ Mail the town newsletter every other month
- ✓ Invite state officials to attend a citizens' forum
- ✓ Revisit the building of restrooms at the picnic shelter
- ✓ Work with the Pleasant Garden Historical Society to investigate national or state markers for areas of downtown such as the site of Pleasant Garden's first post office

These are just a sampling of the ideas that were shared. We welcome your ideas and presence at Town meetings. My fellow councilmembers and I look forward to serving you!



From left to right: Councilman Greene, Councilman Surgeon, Mayor Strickland, Councilman Marshall and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

New Assistant Clerk

Kim Vazquez was hired as the new Assistant Clerk on November 30, 2011. She previously worked in municipal government in Florida for 20 years and was able to jump right into her new assignments. Her experience in working with community development and planning special events will be a great asset to the Long-Range Planning Board and Recreation Board which she is staffing in addition to her other duties. Please join us in welcoming Kim to our team!

Ordinance Updates

Town Ordinances: Provisions identical to Guilford County's about the discharge of firearms near occupied buildings were adopted so the Sheriff's Department could continue to enforce those regulations inside the Pleasant Garden town limits. A "clean-up" amendment authorizing Voluntary Agricultural Districts within the town limits will be considered for adoption at the February 7, 2012 council meeting.

Development Ordinance: Controversial provisions for cluster development and multi-family housing were removed from the final draft of the revised ordinance. The completed ordinance which sets development standards for the town is ready for final adoption at the February 7 council meeting. Amendments regulating new development in the Jordan Lake watershed will be added after the state approves them in May 2012.

Nuisance Ordinance: The Zoning Board is working with Town Attorney Hill to draft measures to deal with unsightly problems such as accumulation of refuse, abandonment of vehicles, overgrown vegetation, etc. for the council's future consideration.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates to Remember



Spring 2012 Soccer

Soccer registration February 1 -- March 5

Register by mail or at Town Hall during normal business hours; forms can be downloaded from the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net and mailed.

⇒ On-site registration will be held on the following dates from 9:00am -2:00pm:

Saturday, February 18

Saturday, February 25

Saturday, March 3

⇒ \$45 per player; accident insurance for \$10

⇒ Players must be at least 4-years-old but no older than 17-years-old as of May 19, 2012.

⇒ Practices are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Games are played every Saturday March 31 -- May 19 (except for April 8, Easter weekend.)

2012 E-cycling Event



Saturday, March 24 from 9:00am-2:00pm

Guilford County residents can drop off computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, TVs, cell phones, electronic toys and games, DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment, and any other household items with an electronic chip. Paper-shredding is also available.

Residential only -- no business waste will be accepted!

Senior Luncheon

February 21

March 20

April 17

10:00am – 1:00pm at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church; sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden.

Call 674-3002 no later than the Friday before each event to make reservations.

Citizens Project Update Meeting on the US421/Neelley Road Interchange Monday, February 27 @ 6:00-8:00pm Pleasant Garden Town Hall

Officials from the NC Department of Transportation will give an update on the soon-to-be-constructed interchange between US421 and Neelley Road (*Project 2612B*). Neelley Road will be realigned southward and connected to Williams Dairy Road at this new interchange with a bridge over US421. NCDOT will provide a PowerPoint presentation, a large map showing the construction details, and individual handouts for interested citizens. These officials will be prepared to respond to your questions about the project. Citizens are encouraged to attend and learn about this coming project.

Let's work together to reduce the pollution from Pleasant Garden going into Jordan Lake!

- ▶ Limit the amount of fertilizer you apply to gardens and lawns.
- ▶ Dispose of hazardous chemicals and oil properly.
- ▶ Clean up after your pet.
- ▶ Keep your septic system in good working order.
- ▶ Do not place leaves and grass clippings in ditches or streams.
- ▶ Leave an undisturbed 50-foot buffer on both sides of streams and creeks.

