

The

TOWN

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

TOWN OFFICIALS

Dean Maddox.....Mayor
Ron Surgeon.....Mayor Pro Tem
Jamie Lockhart.....Councilmember
Alan Marshall.....Councilmember
Kim Rayle.....Councilmember

TOWN STAFF

Bobbie Hatley.....Town Clerk
Holly Pacheco.....Asst Clerk/Events
David Martin.....Maintenance
David Robinette Jr.....Parks,
Recreation, & Facilities Director

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday.....9:00am-5:00pm
(We often close at 12:00 noon 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 Monday of each month

All regular meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Special meetings may be called as needed. 48 hours public notice must be given for special meetings.



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

February 2021

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Time to Reevaluate: Not Cancelling or Eliminating the Senior Programs!

The Pleasant Garden Town Council has evaluated the senior luncheon program administered by the Guilford County Senior Resource Center. Over an 18 month period, ending December 2020, less than 45% of funds spent went to the senior lunch program with close to 40% of funds going to the payroll and travel of Senior Resource Center personnel.

With the objective of focusing available funds to the direct benefit of Pleasant Garden seniors, the Town Council reached a unanimous decision to have administration of the senior luncheons done by town staff effective January 2021. As we head into the spring, the town will also look to add a monthly senior breakfast of coffee, tea and a biscuit.

To register for the monthly senior luncheon please contact Town Hall:

Holly Pacheco, Assistant Clerk/Events Coordinator
(336) 674- 3002 ext.5 or astclerk@pleasantgarden.net



Purple Heart Community

In December 2020, the Town Council adopted a proclamation to declare the Town of Pleasant Garden a Purple Heart Community to honor the sacrifices of military personnel wounded or killed in combat. The Purple Heart is our nation's oldest military medal first created by General George Washington in 1782.

The town continues its long tradition of recognizing all military service members of the community, North Carolina and the United States. Recently added to the display of American Flags on Pleasant Garden road are banners recognizing each branch of the military and an individual banner remembering Prisoners of War.

Town Council, Town Attorney, & Town Staff



Town Council – Following North Carolina General Statute 160A-63 and UNC School of Government direction the Town Council on July 7, 2020 appointed then Mayor Pro Tem Dean Maddox to fill the Mayor position for the term concluding December 2021. With this appointment a seat became vacant on the Council. After applications were received and candidate interviews were completed, Kim Rayle was appointed on September 1, 2020 to fill the vacant Council seat for the term concluding December 2021. On December 1, 2020 the Council unanimously appointed Ron Surgeon to fill the position of Mayor Pro Tem for the 2021 term.

David Robinette – The Town Council is pleased to announce David Robinette as the new Parks, Recreation & Facilities Director effective February 1, 2021. With long term ties to the southeast community, David brings 8 years of park and recreation management with the City of Greensboro and a comprehensive range of certifications that are directly applicable to Pleasant Garden.

Bobbie Hatley – With a strong track record from the City of Asheboro and Town of Ramseur, Bobbie joined Pleasant Garden in July 2019 as Town Clerk. Since then her tenure has been noted for multiple accomplishments in performance that benefits the citizens of Pleasant Garden. In May 2020, Bobbie's responsibilities were expanded to include being the town's Finance Officer. Kim Payne will serve as Deputy Finance Officer on an as needed contracted basis.

Michael Thomas – On a contractual basis Michael serves as the attorney for Pleasant Garden and also serves as the attorney for the Town of Oak Ridge. As already recognized in his tenure with Pleasant Garden, Michael delivers a wealth of experience in municipal government, ordinances and land use which are all critical as we continue to develop as a town.

TOWN PROPERTY UPDATES

Pleasant Garden Community Center

With the long awaited completion of bathrooms, ADA parking, ADA walkways, field improvements, parking additions, roofing replacements and upgrades to the concession stand, PGCC is quickly becoming a destination recreation facility. Remaining amenity projects from the PARTF Grant are the renovation of the picnic shelter and addition of beach volleyball courts.



Special Thanks!

The Town Council gives a special Thank You to Councilman Jamie Lockhart for his oversight and leadership in working with town staff to upgrade maintenance and appearance of all Town properties. Jamie and the team are taking the right steps to make a positive difference for citizens.

Volunteer Park

With the COVID-19 guidelines/restrictions there has been a significant increase in the use of trails and greenway. To encourage use and recreation the Town Council approved addition of a paved trail connecting access points to the existing greenway. Completed in September 2020 citizens now have an extensive range of hard surface and natural trails on which to walk & run.



Town Hall Disc Golf

As anyone who has recently visited Town Hall can attest, the popularity of the 18 hole disc golf course has exponentially grown. Many thanks to Dave Allen and the Garden Grove Disc Golf Club for their continued work to make the course a destination place in the Triad and throughout the state. Future plans include addition of red tees which will further expand use of the course for skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced.



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TOWN NEWS

- **Financial Policy**

In December 2020, the Town Council approved updates to the Town Financial Policy reflecting: staff structure, updates to NC Statutes, extension of contract requirements for vendors and enhanced financial controls for incoming revenue.

- **Grant Closeout**

In November and December 2020, the Town Council successfully closed out the 2016 PARTF and 2019 Rural Town Development Grant with the state of North Carolina.

- **E-Cycle**

Subject to possible cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 E-Cycle event is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2021 at Pleasant Garden Community Center. Last year's event collected 44 tons of waste which is a huge plus for the environment.

- **No Public Dumping**

In recent months there have been several incidents of public garbage being placed in the dumpsters at Pleasant Garden Community Center and Town Hall. These dumpsters are not for private use. Please contact a private garbage service for your personal needs.

- **Youth Recreation Programs**

Meetings are being held this month to determine the feasibility of a late spring start for youth athletic programs given the COVID-19 guidelines.

- **Adult Softball**

Following COVID-19 protocol per NC Executive Order and Guilford County guidelines, Adult Softball (Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed) spring season is scheduled to start April 1. For registration information, please contact:

Men's - Contact Amanda Shaw at 336-451-5010

Co-ed – Contact Debra Hufschmitt at 336-580-1806

Women's – Contact Jacob Maness at 336-314-9866

Veteran's Appreciation Day

Following COVID-19 guideline protocol on November 8, 2020, NC House Representative Jon Hardister led North Carolina and Town of Pleasant Garden recognition of the following veterans.

- Wilbur Clinton Berry, *Corporal, US Army*
- Marvin Bowers, *Sergeant, US Marine Corp*
- Bobby Curtis, *Staff Sergeant, US Marine Corp*
- Robert L. Forbis, *Lieutenant Colonel, US Army*
- David Goltare, *Airman 1st Class, US Air Force*
- Richard N. Grubb, *SP4 E4, US Army*
- Joe Bill Holland, *US Gunner, US Navy Armed Guard*
- Randall E. Jobe, *Corporal, US Army*
- Jack R. Langley, *Private 1st Class, US Army*
- Bill Reddick, *Sergeant, US Marine Corp*
- Frederick Mark Smith, *Private, US Marine Corp*
- D.C. Thompson, *Aviation Boatswain Mate 3rd Class, US Navy*
- Richard Whittlemore, *Airman 1st Class E4, US Air Force*
- John Younts, *Private, US Army*

