

Pleasant Garden

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/Finance
Holly Pacheco.....Events Coordinator
David Martin.....Maintenance
David Robinette.....Parks & Recreation
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.



September 2021

**“Remembering the Past,
While Moving Towards the Future”**

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Once In A Lifetime Funding

American Rescue Plan of 2021:

In spring 2021 the U.S. Congress passed the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan which allocated funds to 19,000 municipalities nationwide on a per capita (population) basis. Pleasant Garden was included pending final definition of budget allowance and how funds could be spent.

Over the past 4 months members of Town Council and Town Clerk/Finance Officer Bobbie Hatley have worked with state and federal representatives to increase the fund amount released to the town. As a result of the effort the town will now receive a non-matching grant of \$1,265,357 which is a significant gain over the original \$521,849 allocation.

This one time grant will be received in two successive annual disbursements of \$632,678.50 that must be held in a separate account from town funds and spent in 5 years. Any remaining grant amount after 5 years is to be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

Allowed categories of expenditures for a town with a structure like Pleasant Garden is restricted to storm water management, IT upgrades and outdoor recreation amenities on town owned properties. Future town newsletters will summarize public input on expenditures within these categories which is already being received and evaluated.

Save Energy. Save Money:

With PG Town Hall nearing 20 years since original construction the town was facing mounting cost associated with failing fixtures, ballast and escalating monthly bills due to the high percentage of non-LED lighting. As a preemptive move David Robinette, Bobbie Hatley and members of Town Council negotiated a 51% match by Duke Energy for an energy savings solution.

As you may have noticed when visiting town hall all fixtures and ballast are fully functional with LED upgrades. As a result the town will realize a projected savings of 23,312 kWh and \$11,891 over 5 years.

Got Broadband?

Evaluating the multiple recurrences of connection interruptions, speed/capacity deficiencies hampering operating system efficiency and citizen request for internet accessibility at all town owned properties, Town Council initiated dialog with providers to find a solution. The result was a 5% match from the town to Spectrum's \$10,000 investment to; upgrade broadband service to town hall, provide broadband to Volunteer Park and upgrade broadband coverage at PGCC.

Aside from already realized gains in operating system efficiency at town hall, the upgrades will be able to support future expansion/offering of Senior Programs at PGCC's Nowlan Building.

The Latest and Greatest in PG:

Showcasing Pleasant Garden



In the fall of 2020 the Town Council initiated a campaign to meet with local, state and federal representatives to share how Pleasant Garden is successfully serving a diverse population and discuss what we hope to accomplish over the upcoming years. Topics covered focus on economic development through recreation, expanding programs for active adults and growth opportunities through business development.

Through a combination of in-person and virtual venues, members of Town Council, Bobbie Hatley and David Robinette have met with; Guilford County Commissioner Coleman, Cashion, Conrad, Purdue, Guilford County Commissioner Chairman Alston, Guilford County Vice-Chair Foster, Guilford County Manager Halford, NC House Representative Hardister, U.S. Congresswoman Manning and U.S. Congressman Budd. Meetings have been expanded to include representatives from the NC Pandemic Relief Office (NCPRO) and NC League of Municipalities (NCLM).

Feedback and interaction within the meetings have been positive and constructive. Dialog continues with county, state and federal representatives to mutually identify paths to uncover resources that could benefit Pleasant Garden's and Southeast Guilford's future development.

Ordinance Updates:

The town is nearing the date for the 25th anniversary of incorporation in 1997. Town Council, Town Attorney Michael Thomas, Guilford County Planner Matt Talbot and the Pleasant Garden Zoning Board took this milestone as an opportunity to review possible upgrades to the format of General Ordinances that will facilitate reference by citizens. Added to this mix of work was mandate issued by Guilford County to adopt Unified Development Ordinance 160-D by July 1, 2021 in order to be in compliance with direction from the state of North Carolina.

After much focus by the team, citizens will now find on the town website a stand-alone Town Charter document, General Ordinances now organized by an updated/upgraded table of contents and the recently adopted Unified Development Ordinance 160-D which has the minor changes highlighted in yellow for ease of citizen reference.

Many thanks to the Pleasant Garden Zoning Board, Town Attorney Michael Thomas and the Guilford County Planner Matt Talbot for their diligent effort to complete this project.

Senate Bill 349/House Bill 401 Resolution:

Part of council's outreach efforts is dialog with fellow municipal representatives in Guilford County on shared opportunities and challenges. An example of working together was opposition of NC SB349/HB401 which tried to mandate state involvement in local development ordinances.

At the May 2021 meeting Pleasant Garden Town Council unanimously passed a detailed resolution opposing the proposed bill which was forwarded to NC representatives for action. Compiling unified resolutions from other Guilford County municipalities NC House Representatives Hardister and Faircloth joined NC Senate Representatives Robinson and Garret in defeating the proposed bill.

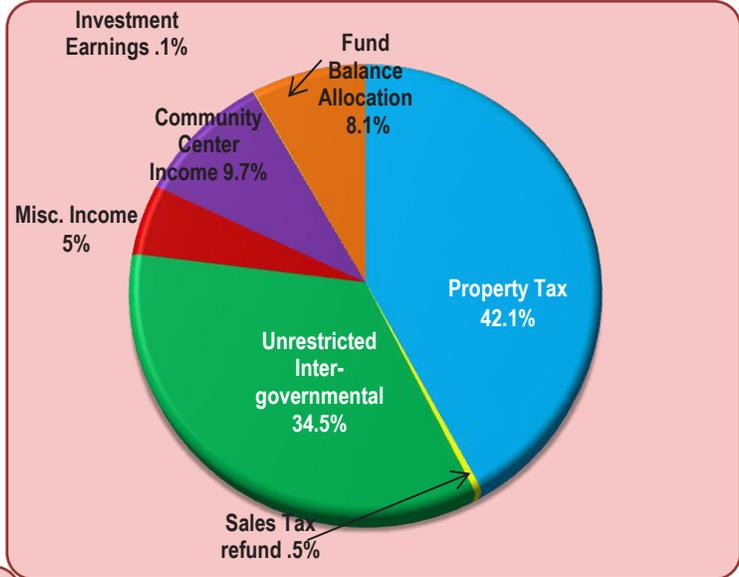
Municipalities working together with a unified and amplified voice can achieve impressive results.

Town of Pleasant Garden 2021-22 General Fund Budget

Adopted on June 1, 2021

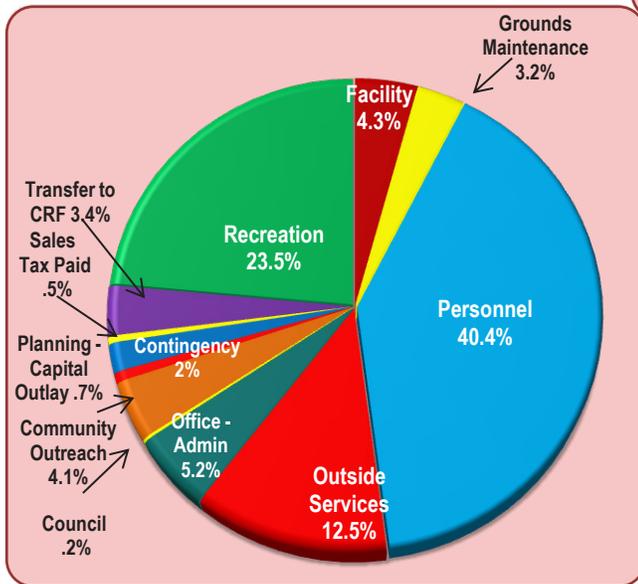
Revenues

Property Tax @ 8 cents/100	\$319,585
Sales & Use Tax refund	3,500
Unrestricted Intergovernmental (Sales & Use Tax, Greensboro ABC, Franchise & Utilities, NC Beer & Wine)	261,500
Miscellaneous Income (event revenue, soccer registrations/sponsorships, grants)	38,400
Community Center Income	73,500
Investment Earnings	400
Fund Balance Allocation	61,992
Total Revenues	\$758,877



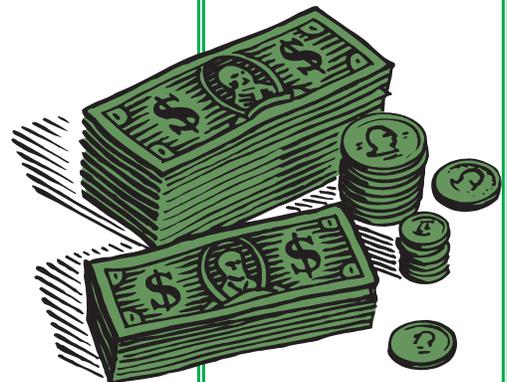
Expenditures

Facility/Town Hall	\$32,430
Grounds Maintenance	24,500
Personnel	306,779
Outside Services	95,250
Office & Administrative	39,200
Council	1,400
Community Outreach	31,003
Planning & Capital Outlay	5,000
GF Contingency/disaster	15,000
Sales Tax Expense	3,500
Transfers to Capital Reserve	26,150
Recreation	178,665
Total Expenditures	\$758,877



Comparison between the previous and current budgets

	2020-21	2020-21
Estimated Revenues	\$652,174	\$696,885
Allocated Fund Balance	47,869	61,992
Total	\$700,043	\$758,877
Estimated Expenses		
Operations	519,653	550,562
Recreation	154,340	178,665
10% transfer to Capital Reserve	26,050	29,650
Total	\$700,043	\$758,877



Full details of the budget can be viewed on the town website at www.pleasantgarden.net



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TOWN NEWS

- Fall sports are underway with close to 750 participants. We are looking forward to another successful season for 2021.
- Senior Luncheons are provided in a drive thru format the third Tuesday of each month. Please contact the Town's Events Coordinator Holly Pacheco for additional information.
- Pleasant Garden business district occupancy has increased by 28% over the past months with the addition of many great retail locations. Check it out and support our local businesses.
- As you renew your home owner's insurance policy remind your agent that the Pleasant Garden Fire Department (PGFD) has achieved a 4 rating. Enjoy your premium cost savings and be sure to thank PGFD for their hard work to place our department in the top 20% of all stations in North Carolina.
- Pleasant Garden Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10 am. Meet at Town Hall and supplies will be provided to helpers.

Pleasant Garden PET DAY
 Saturday, September 18, 2021
 9:00am - 12 noon

****CASH ONLY**
 Rabies Vaccines**
 1 year - \$5.00
 provided by: Guilford County Animal Control
 3 year - \$10.00
 provided by: Southwoods Animal Hospital
 You must furnish proof animal is current on rabies vaccination to qualify for the 3-year vaccination.
 Shots can be given in your car if requested!

Microchips
 \$25.00
 provided by: Southwoods Animal Hospital

**Guilford County
 Department of Public Health**

southwoods ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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Dogs must be leashed & Cats in Kennels

2020 Volunteer of the Year Steve Brandt



As a valued member of the Pleasant Garden community, Steve Brandt has served our Town in various areas. Steve served multiple terms as the Pleasant Garden Recreation Board Chair. Steve also served on the Town Council from 2013-2017 including the Mayor Pro Tem position. Most recently, Steve served as a member of the development team for the Town's new website. As a key part of the Town events, Steve has served as the Town emcee and master of ceremonies for the Independence Day Celebration, Christmas Parade, and the Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. Thank you Steve for your dedication to our Town and Community.