

# The TOWN SQUARE



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News from the Town of Pleasant Garden

Dear Citizens of Pleasant Garden:

**A**s a result of recent changes to the Town Ordinances, the Council will play a much more active role in planning for the future. The planning of capital projects is now the responsibility of the Capital Projects Sub-committee, which includes Wilbur Berry (Chairman), Mike Axsom, and Ron Surgeon. This sub-committee will also include three citizens, and applications are being accepted.

The day-to-day operation of the Town is the responsibility of the Operations Sub-committee, which includes Mayor Eddy Patterson and Mayor Pro tem Peter Rojeski. This sub-committee will also include three citizens, and applications are being accepted. The Recreation Board will remain unchanged, but we plan to merge Zoning and Long Range Planning into a single

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## Pleasant Garden Town Hall

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## Ring in a Welcome for the New Town Hall

**A**s of this writing, the Town offices will soon be moving to the Kirkman Municipal Complex. This new structure is located at 4920 Alliance Church Road and office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00. This site consists of office space for the Guilford County Sheriff's Department, a small conference room, Council Chambers, and various other offices earmarked for growth.

Located directly behind the Town Hall is the new Farmer's Market/Picnic Shelter. When not in use by vendors (Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, seasonally), anyone may use the facility for a picnic.

Hopes for the complex also include a southeastern YMCA, multi-use athletic fields, and possibly walking trails or an amphitheatre.

An Open House is being planned for the public in early January of 2005 - date to be announced. If you would be interested in serving on a committee to assist Staff, please call the Town office at 674-3002. Areas needing assistance are serving as host(s), running errands for supplies, preparing food, serving food, and providing tours of the site.

**"Come One, Come All . . . To the Town Hall"**

## Veterans Appreciation Day

**T**he sixth annual Veterans Appreciation Day will be held Sunday, November 7, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Pleasant Garden Elementary School. The address is 4833 Pleasant Garden Road. Guilford County resident, war veteran, and journalist, Ned Harrison, will be the keynote speaker. Performances will also be given by Southeast High School's choral ensemble and JROTC. Anyone wishing to submit photographs and memorabilia are asked to drop it by the Town office, located at 5024 Alliance Church Road or Patterson Carpets, located at 4824 Pleasant Garden Road. Please mark it with your name and it will be returned. This event is a great way to honor both past veterans as well as those currently serving our country.



# The *Talk of the Town*



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board called Zoning and Land Use Planning. These are citizen boards, and applications for next year are being accepted.

The Council has recently approved a Mission Statement and a Strategic Plan. These two statements reflect the Council's vision for the Town over the next few years. We want Pleasant Garden to retain the small town, progressive atmosphere that we now enjoy. We support locally-owned businesses and would like to attract a few more so that citizens will have additional services without having to drive to Greensboro. Our goal also includes the continued development of the municipal complex, which we hope will include a YMCA, soccer fields, walking trails and an amphitheatre. Our plan for water and sewer service is described in the Strategic Plan.

While the Council has defined its general vision for the future of the Town, citizen input will be an important factor in defining the specific details of that vision. We encourage citizens to serve on Boards and to attend Town meetings so that their voices can be heard.

Pleasant Garden Town Council

## **PLEASANT GARDEN TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **Town Council**

Eddy Patterson/Mayor  
Peter Rojas/Mayor Pro tem  
Mike Axsom  
Wilbur Berry  
Ron Surgeon

## **From the Desk of the Mayor ...**

**D**o you remember the saying, "The only thing constant is change?" This year certainly has been a year of change for all of us. In town government, we have restructured some of our boards and their responsibilities. The council has shuffled; new committees have been created to share the duties of running our town council, with the help of citizen volunteers.

Also, the scenery is changing around the town. The Kirkman property is home to our new Town Hall building soon to be completed. Plans are coming together to build a full service YMCA in the future on the same complex. Watch for our new "Welcome to Pleasant Garden" sign being built at the corner of Nesbit Road and Pleasant Garden Road. What a wonderful facility Clapp's Nursing Center has just opened! Pleasant Garden Baptist Church is building a gigantic Family Life Center. At least two new subdivisions for upscale housing are in the works. Our town is very much alive and has great potential.

As we grow and invest in Pleasant Garden's future, we are facing the duty to provide services to our citizens. We already sponsor more programs than most other newly incorporated towns around us. Providing such services means that we must explore all available sources of revenue including the implementation of property taxes, probably in 2005. This would also allow us to regain a portion of sales tax revenues that the county commissioners took away last year. A property tax would only be used to supplement other revenues already available to us.

Pleasant Garden is still a great place to live, work, and raise a family. So, let me encourage you to get involved; know what is going on; attend town meetings. Help us plan our future together-the rewards are virtually endless!

Eddy Patterson  
Mayor

## **25th Annual Christmas Parade**

**T**his annual event is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. The parade route begins at Nesbit and Pleasant Garden Roads and continues 1.2 miles to East Sheraton Park and Pleasant Garden Roads. Anyone wishing to enter as a walking group, a float, a van, a car, a truck, or a Car Club, please contact the Town office at 674-3002. A registration form will be mailed and the order of entry will be as received. There is a \$5 fee per entry. Because Santa Claus is always the finale, we ask that your entry not include a Santa. No bicycles or horses are allowed due to potential injury. Please mark your calendars for this traditional event, bundle up, and come out for a great time!



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## Board Sign-ups

**W**ould you like to meet once a month and plan and develop Pleasant Garden's future? If so, consider registering for one of the Town's four Boards or Commissions. Below is a general synopsis of what each one is charged to do:

### Capital Projects Subcommittee:

- Responsible for monitoring and making adjustments to the Capital Projects Ordinance (with assistance from the Town Budget Officer).
- Responsible for the long range planning of all capital projects, including but not limited to utilities, buildings, and permanent signs.
- Responsible for development of the funding sources required for capital projects, i.e. taxes, bonds, etc.
- Responsible for monitoring construction progress, payments to the architect and contractor, and construction quality for all capital projects.
- Responsible for maintaining the financial records for all Town capital projects (with assistance from the Town Budget Officer).
- Responsible for maintaining an inventory record of all capital equipment and facilities.
- Responsible for enforcement of state statutes and town ordinances regarding bidding capital projects and for the purchasing of capital equipment and furnishings.
- Responsible for making monthly reports to the Town Council.
- The Town Clerk will be the keeper of the records and record Minutes for this subcommittee

### Operations Subcommittee:

- Responsible for preparing, monitoring, enforcing and making adjustment to the Annual Operating Budget (with assistance from the Town Budget Officer).
- Responsible for monitoring the day to day financial operations of the Town (with assistance from the Town Budget Officer).
- The Council members on the committee will be responsible for all employee reviews and for recommending salary increases to the Town Council.
- Responsible for regular maintenance and repair of Town property and equipment.
- Responsible for development and coordination of funding sources required for the operation the Town.
- Responsible for making monthly reports to the Town Council.

### Zoning and Land Use Planning Board:

- Responsible for receiving all requests for changes, variances, and other matters involving the Town zoning ordinance. The board shall also over-

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see enforcement (by Guilford County) of the zoning ordinance and shall review the ordinance and zoning map at least every five years to recommend any necessary changes to the Town Council.

- The Board is also charged with maintaining relations with the county and nearby municipal zoning boards for the purpose of reporting to the Town Council on the potential impact of other government's zoning efforts on the Town and for considering some potential coordinated land development efforts. The Board shall oversee enforcement efforts of the state building code and fire inspections within the Town, although, enforcements will be carried out through the County.
- The Board shall be responsible for developing, and recommending to the Town Council, a long range land use plan for the Town. This plan shall identify future commercial areas, industrial areas, and residential areas, which are located so as to minimize additional traffic through existing residential areas. The Board shall also maintain active representation on regional planning councils

### Recreation Commission

- The Recreation Commission is responsible for providing a variety of recreational and educational activities for residents of the Pleasant Garden community.

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- The Commission is charged with preparing proposals for new programs to include anticipated expenses and availability of space designated for proposed programs.
- The Commission ensures that provisions are made for the safety of participants in all activities.
- The Commission is responsible for the administration of Town-owned or leased buildings, properties, or facilities used for recreational purposes. This includes maintaining schedules of activities and providing for rental of such facilities to other parties.
- The Commission is responsible for advertising programs.
- This committee meets every other month

If interested in serving on a Board for the upcoming 2005 calendar year, please contact the Town office to receive a Volunteer Application. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00, and it is located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. The deadline to apply for a 2005 Board appointment is November 8, 2004.

## Senior Citizen Luncheon

Effective Tuesday, October 19, 2004, the senior luncheon held each third Tuesday of the month was moved to Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church, located at 4834 Pleasant Garden Road. These luncheons consist of voluntary blood pressure checks, a scheduled monthly Program (this year we have held health programs, safety programs, banking programs, art programs, etc.) announcements of area outings, and a delicious catered meal. Students and teachers from Southeast High School attend every luncheon and assist with setting out the food, assisting the elderly or disabled, and cleaning up the site. The luncheon is for Pleasant Garden residents, aged 60 and over. Reservations are required each month, so please notify the Town office of your attendance. You may call 674-3002 to register or to receive further information. This is a fun outing enjoyed by everyone! The town would also like to express a sincere "thank you" to Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church for their willing use of space.

## TOWN MEETINGS

Beginning mid November, future meetings will be held at the new Town Hall. **Meetings are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.**

### Town Council

7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month\*

### Capital Projects Sub Committee

To be announced

### Operations Sub Committee

To be announced

### Recreation Commission

7:00 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every other month

### Zoning and Land Use Planning Board

7:00 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

### Board of Adjustment

6:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (only when there is a case to consider)

\*Town Council agendas are available by e-mail in advance of the meeting. To receive meeting agendas, message [pg-townhall@triad.rr.com](mailto:pg-townhall@triad.rr.com) and ask to be put on the agenda list.



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