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News from the Town of Pleasant Garden

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Town Slogan Contest

The Recreation Board is working up guidelines for selecting a Town slogan. Get your creative juices flowing. The public will submit their suggestions and your entry could be chosen. Look for more information after the first of 2006.

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Before you realize it, 2005 will be over and it will just be part of our memory. It has been a good year for us here in Pleasant Garden. Weather-wise, we had a mild winter and though summer was hot and dry, we escaped the wrath of severe summer storms and hurricanes like our neighbors to the South endured.

We also have lots of things to be thankful for as we approach the holiday season. I'm thankful that we have 4800 residents that live here and seem to enjoy the laid back atmosphere of small town living. Thanks also for all the people who donate their efforts to help others through church work, town volunteering, or working to assist our local schools with their programs.

Our sports programs are unequalled in participation as well as enthusiasm. We are well known for our baseball program, basketball program, and now for our thriving soccer program. We couldn't do all these things without the support of our citizens.

This year has been a good year in town government. We are enjoying our completed Town Hall building and Farmers Market. Our staff will soon be complete with the hiring of an assistant town clerk and we are in good position for next year. We are strong financially and are envied by many other small towns. Let's be glad we live in Pleasant Garden!

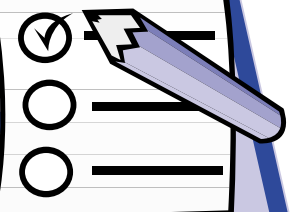
Kind regards,
Eddy Patterson
Mayor



November 8th - Election Day

There will be three seats on the town council to be filled at the November 8th election. Two of the seats are for four year terms. The remaining seat is to finish the last two years of a four year term. With three seats available your vote is more important than ever. This is your best opportunity to have YOUR candidates of choice to serve our town. Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Elections



The *Talk of the Town*

Sign Up for Boards

Just a late reminder – it is time for us to take a look at volunteers for our Recreation Board, Zoning Board, and Long Range Planning Board for next year. Though the deadline is November 18th, we still encourage you to call the Town Hall at 674-3002 or come by to pick up a volunteer application to serve for next year. Boards are appointed in December, but we encourage you to volunteer at any time in case there should be a vacancy on any board during the year. It's a good way to keep up with what's happening in town government and a good way for you to be a part of the decisions that affect us all as residents.

Hooker Furniture Announcement

As you probably know by now, Hooker Furniture has closed its manufacturing facility here in town. Throughout the years, Hooker Furniture has been a consistent supporter of our town and local projects. We have always been able to count on their donation of either money or furniture to enable projects to be successful.

Even after announcing the plant closing, arrangements were made for our Town Hall to receive the last piece of furniture that was built on their assembly line. It will be a constant reminder of Hooker's presence and the history of furniture being made here in Pleasant Garden. We continue to be honored by their presence in our community.

Veterans Appreciation Day Program

The Veterans Appreciation Day program will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 at the Pleasant Garden Elementary School. Now in its 7th year, this program continues to be a community favorite. This year's event will once again include the Southeast High School Honors Vocal Ensemble and the NJROTC. Our guest speaker is Command Sergeant Major David Henderson (Ret). He currently serves as Safety Manager of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. Rev. Marty Tobin from Pleasant Garden Baptist Church will also participate in this year's program.

We would like to invite everyone to this patriotic service and take the opportunity to say "Thank you" to our area Veterans. If you've attended in the past, you know what a moving and uplifting service it is. If you have not had a chance to attend, you can't imagine what you're missing! We encourage all to join us for this great event.

Anyone wishing to bring their memorabilia for the display is encouraged to do so. You may drop it off at the Town Hall or you can bring it to the school on Saturday morning, November 5th. Please label your items so they can be returned to you. If you have any questions, you can contact this year's chairman, Mary Ann McNabb, at 674-8800.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pleasant Garden Fire Department Appreciation Dinner

The Recreation Commission held the first Pleasant Garden Fire Department Appreciation Dinner on September 20th. This event was designed to honor our firefighters, Board of Directors and Ladies Auxiliary by serving them a nice meal. Our Town Council was on hand to serve the food and greet each honored guest with a special word of thanks. Mayor Patterson



presented Chief Tommy Cole with a plaque of appreciation. Mayor Pro tem Peter Rojeski presented each guest with a certificate of appreciation. This will be an annual event. On behalf of the residents of Pleasant Garden we want to thank our firefighters for their dedication to serve our town.





The Talk of the Town

Welcome, Brooks Lockhart

Welcome to our new Town Clerk/Administrator, Brooks Lockhart. Brooks joined our staff August 1st and has really worked to get involved with town business. Brooks has helped to establish a better line of communication with some of the county departments that we deal with on an ongoing basis, as well as having routine conversations with the North Carolina School of Government. He also has assumed the duties of Finance Officer for our town, handling all financial transactions.

Brooks grew up here in Pleasant Garden; his mom and dad, Mary and Jamie Lockhart, live in the Russwood neighborhood. Brooks is a recent graduate of Appalachian State University with an M.P.A. degree concentrating in local government in North Carolina. He also received his undergraduate degree at Appalachian State in Political Science focusing on local government.

Make sure to get to know Brooks so that he can better serve all our residents.



The 26th Annual Pleasant Garden Christmas Parade

Our traditional Christmas Parade will be held on the first Saturday in December at 10:00 a.m., December 3rd, to be exact! This year we have some special guests as our Honorary Grand Marshall. You will not want to miss them. So plan to attend to find out who they are. Shannon Smith, reporter for Fox 8 News will join us as our Grand Marshall. Also, do not forget Santa will be there, too with his "Ho, Ho, Ho and Merry Christmas." There will be something for young and old to enjoy. So, join us for our longtime Town tradition kicking off the Christmas Season and spreading Christmas joy.

If you or your group would like to be in the parade, please contact the Town Hall at 674-3002 for a registration form.

Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon continues to meet at the Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of each month. Each month our local seniors enjoy a time of fun, fellowship and good food. This is the Town's way of saying "Thank YOU" to senior citizens who have given so much in their lifetime. If you are 60 years old or older and have never been to our Senior Luncheon, we would like to extend a special invitation your way. All you have to do is call the Town Hall at 674-3002 and make a reservation. Hope to see all seniors there next month!

Two Councilmen Stepping Down

Many thanks for the service and expertise of Mike Axsom and Peter Rojeski. They have been a vital part of our council and have steered us through many challenging situations faced by the council during their tenure.



Fall Soccer Program

The Town's Fall Recreation Soccer Program has 400 children playing soccer with a total of thirty teams. What a wonderful sight to see parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors joining together to cheer for their favorite player or team. There are roughly 2,000 people on any given Saturday at the soccer fields. A big Thank You to our Soccer Commissioner, Brent Lewis for his overall supervision of our Soccer Program. Thanks to Chris Culler for scheduling the referees and line judges. A special thank you to Phil Jones, Jori Jones and Tonya Caudle for their hard work in scheduling games, ordering jerseys and trophies for all the teams. A special thanks goes out to our volunteer

coaches for their time, patience and dedication to all the children who desire to learn and play soccer. This program would not be possible without each one doing their part.

Next year, the Town's Recreation Soccer Program will be playing on temporary soccer fields on the Town property located on Alliance Church Road. This is due to the construction at the Pleasant Garden Elementary School. For the safety of our children and to continue playing soccer without missing a season, the 2006 Spring and Fall Soccer Program will be played on these temporary fields. The Soccer Program will resume playing at the new park after its completion.



TOWN MEETINGS

Town meetings are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Town Council

7:00 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of each month*

Recreation Commission

7:00 p.m., 4th Tuesday of each month

Long Range Planning Board

7:00 p.m., 2nd Monday of each month

Board of Adjustment

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

Zoning Board

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday of each month

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

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