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News from the Town of Pleasant Garden

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From the Desk of the Mayor

Decisions, decisions! It seems like our days are filled with difficult questions, problems to solve, situations to cope with and dilemmas with no easy solution. We seem to constantly be stressed, struggling to get everything done while keeping our tempers and nerves under control. However, we all do things differently in the way we handle our various challenges.

Humorist, Sam Ewing, once said, "Hard work brings out the character of people. Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all." Now is a good time to take a look at ourselves to see whether we are "turning up" at all. Maybe we only need a little nudge to encourage us to turn up our sleeves and get involved.

Things are different now from the way they were in 1997 when the Town was incorporated. Earlier on, the affairs of town government were in the hands of relatively few people who served on our boards and committees. Many of them returned to serve year after year. Things are a little more complex now that we have land, a building, and an impending property tax. We have an opportunity to partner with Pleasant Garden Elementary School for an extended soccer program. There is a lot of public interest in partnering with Pleasant Garden Community Center to develop a total recreation program and health program for all our citizens, regardless of age. Fundraising continues to help create a YMCA on Town property.

It will take more people and more input and output to make all these things happen. We have approximately 4800 citizens in Pleasant Garden. I highly encourage you to accept the challenge and be a part of the growth that is now taking place. Attend Town meetings and volunteer to serve on one of our boards. Our Town meetings are all open to the public and there is a time allotted for your input.

Don't be like I was a few years ago when a neighbor of mine died. He served on one of our boards but I never talked to him about any happenings relating to the Town. After his death, I learned so many things about him and his hobbies, interests, etc., that I realized I had just missed a great opportunity to have been a better neighbor and friend to Dick Jaeger. I can't change that now, but I can urge you to take an active part in the future of Pleasant Garden. I promise you'll be glad you did.

I hope to see you at a future Town meeting.

Kind regards,
Eddy Patterson
Mayor

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Dog Day Afternoon

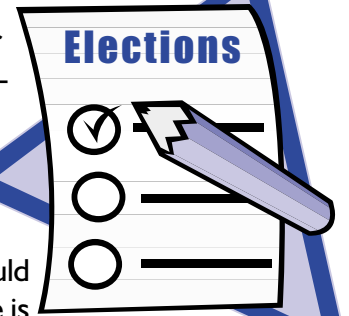
The third annual canine pet day will be held Saturday, September 24, 2005, from 9:00-12:00 in the parking lot behind the new Town Hall. Although still under-way, plans are to offer reduced cost rabies vaccinations, have a veterinarian present for a Q&A period, hold pet contests with prizes, offer pet portraits, and an array of other “doggy day” adventures. Dogs must remain on a leash and aggressive dogs or those in season should be kept at home. Make plans now to attend this crazy canine concoction and come on out for a tail-waggin’ good time!



left to right, Recreational Board Members: Sharon Wright, Deena Perdicho, Kathleen Freeman, Carol Bartlett, Mayor Eddy Patterson, George Amick, Councilman Ron Surgeon and a visiting citizen

Election Time Rolls Around

November 8th, there will be a Pleasant Garden municipal election, with three Council seats becoming available. The current Councilmen whose terms are expiring are Mike Axsom, Eddy Patterson, and Peter Rojeski. Wilbur Berry and Ron Surgeon will serve until 2007. Anyone living within the corporate Town limits may file to run for an open seat. The filing date opens at noon Friday, July 1 and will expire at noon on Friday, August 5, 2005. The method of election will be nonpartisan with a primary (October 11) if more than ten candidates file for office. The top ten vote getters in a primary would be placed on the general election ballot. There is a \$5 registration fee and candidates may file either at the Town Hall or with the Guilford County Board of Elections.



Also, if you previously voted at the Pleasant Garden Community Center (precinct 1), you will now vote at the Kirkman Municipal Building. You should be receiving a new Voter Registration Card in the mail. The Community Center served its residents well for many years, but, with stricter regulations by the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Board of Elections felt the Kirkman Building was more conducive. If interested in running as an elected official, please note the above deadlines for filing your candidacy.

Farmer's Market

The 2005 summer Farmer's Market will begin Saturday, May 28, 2005 at its new location, located directly behind the Town Hall. The physical address is 4920 Alliance Church Road. Hours will remain the same, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. The season will run each Saturday through November 5, 2005. Anyone having a homemade or home-grown item is invited to participate. In the past, we have offered fresh produce, paintings, crafts, jewelry, baked and canned items, wood crafts, hand-sewn sheets, and homemade soaps and gift baskets.

There is no fee to vendors. Spaces will not be reserved but may be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. There are four picnic tables, which will remain on site at all times. Or, feel free to tailgate directly from your truck.

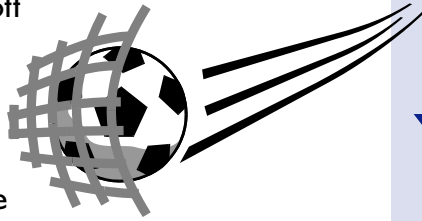
The greater southeast community is invited to come out and support our local vendors. We would like to see the Farmer's Market grow even more and be able to expand into a mid-week market. Let's give it our full support!



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Spring Soccer Program

This year's spring soccer season kicked off Saturday, April 2, 2005 with over 430 kids, both male and female, participating! This broke the record for the most children ever to play in one soccer season for Pleasant Garden and was a far cry from the mere 60 kids who were involved the first season in 1999. Soccer Commissioner, Brent Lewis, said of the program, "It's a great program. I couldn't do it without the help of our kids, coaches, and parents. This spring, we also offered more games (9) than any other season." The combination of generous sponsors, willing coaches, Town staff, and kids who were not afraid to stretch both their minds and bodies resulted in one of the most successful seasons the program has ever had. Special thanks go to Pleasant Garden Elementary School for the use of their fields week after week. Thanks should also be extended to Commissioner Lewis, Jeff Still Mowing Service, Pleasant Garden Hardware, the Soccer Committee, and various parents for their tireless efforts.

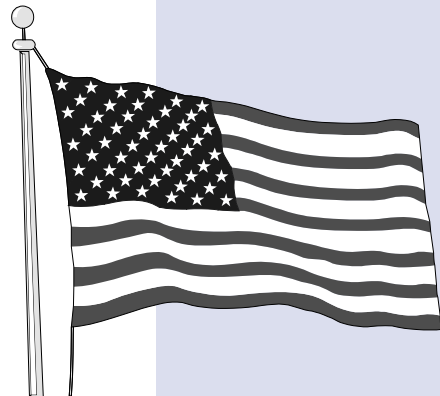


If your child would be interested in playing this Fall, registration will begin early July. The program is for kids ages 4-14 (on opening day), the fee is \$35 (the fee covers the t-shirt your child may keep as well as a trophy), and forms may be obtained several ways. Registration forms can be picked up at the Town Hall, located at 4920 Alliance Church Road or by downloading one from our website, which is www.pleasantgarden.net. The deadline to register will be listed on the form itself.

If you would be willing to coach or serve as an assistant coach, please contact the Town office at 674-3002 or Brent Lewis at 674-3289.

Independence Day Celebration

The sixth annual Independence Day celebration will be held Saturday, July 2, 2005, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Kids' activities will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 and will include putt-putt, face painting, bean-bag-toss, ring toss, basket toss, duck toss, tic-tac-toe, a moonwalk, and a rock-climbing wall. Food vendors will be present all evening. The feature band this year will be Timepiece, a local variety band who will play top forty, rock, country, easy listening, big band, etc. They will play from 7:30 - 9:30. The annual Car Show will again be held on the ladies softball field, from 5:00 - 8:30 while the One-Stop-Shop will be held inside the F. B. Nowlan building from 5:00 - 8:30. Fireworks will begin promptly at 9:30 p.m. This is a great family time and way to honor the freedom of our country.



Did you Find the Recreation Survey In Your Newsletter?

You will find a survey form from the Town of Pleasant Garden listing Recreational Opportunities. We NEED your input on facilities and/or activities that you, as a citizen of Pleasant Garden would enjoy and support.

If you don't fill it out and let us know what you would like to see take place in our town, you could be missing out on voicing your opinion and thoughts. So, please stop, take the time to fill it out and return it to us by June 15th. Just refold this survey, with the return mailing address showing on the front, affix a piece of tape to close the top and mail back to the Town of Pleasant Garden.

Thank you for participating and we appreciate your time and input.

Senior's Luncheon

Pleasant Garden senior citizens (aged 60 and above) enjoy meeting monthly for good food and fellowship. The luncheon is always held the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Food is catered by Debbie's Catering out of Stoneville. There is always a planned program or guest speaker, and coordinators work hard to make it a success each month. The Town office pairs up with Senior Resources of

Guilford County to offer this event, and Dianne Jones, the new Planner, works both with Moriah Methodist Church's luncheon as well as with the Town of Pleasant Garden's luncheon. All that is required of the Seniors is to call in or check off their name for a reservation as well as showing up to have a good time! Please note: the July luncheon will be held outdoors at Hagan Stone Park, in conjunction with Moriah Methodist Church, Thursday, July 7, 2005. Signs will be posted pointing the way to the correct Shelter.



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@triadbiz.rr.com and ask to be put on the agenda list.



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