

The **TOWN**

Kirkman Municipal Building
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Pleasant Garden, NC 27313



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

SUMMER 2011

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

TOWN OFFICIALS

Bill Greene.....Mayor
Carla Strickland.....Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Johnson.....Councilmember
Nancy Jo Smith.....Councilmember
Bob Wyrick.....Councilmember

TOWN STAFF

Sandy Carmany....Administrator/Clerk
Linda Baker.....Assistant Clerk

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday.....9:00am-5:00pm
(We close at 1:00pm 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 Tuesday of each month

All regular meetings begin at 7:00pm.

Special meetings may be called as needed. 48-hours public notice will be given for such meetings.

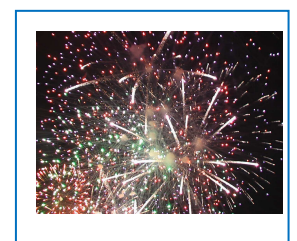
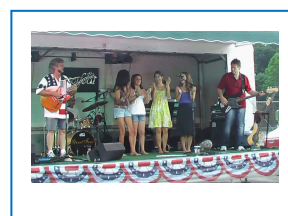


Town of Pleasant Garden Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 25, 2011



The Town of Pleasant Garden's annual Independence Day Celebration event begins at 6:00PM on Saturday, June 25 at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. Children can bounce on inflatables, participate in games and get a free balloon sculpture. The Dockside Band will entertain with family-friendly music and there will be plenty of good food for sale. Folks can check out the beautifully-restored cars in the Classic Car Show on the upper ball field from 5:00-8:00PM. The fireworks display fires off when it gets dark around 9:30PM and promises to be the highlight of an exciting and fun evening. The rain date will be Sunday, June 26.

Join the fun and help us celebrate America's birthday!



Summer Farmers' Market Opening on June 18

Local fresh produce and crafts will be waiting for you at the 2011 Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market. The market is open for business on June 18 through September 10 on Saturday mornings from 7:00AM-noon and on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-7:00PM in the picnic shelter located behind Town Hall at 4920 Alliance Church Road.

Area musicians will be performing between 10-11AM each Saturday to entertain you while you shop. Come buy your fresh veggies, chat with friends and neighbors, and have a fun time at the Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market!

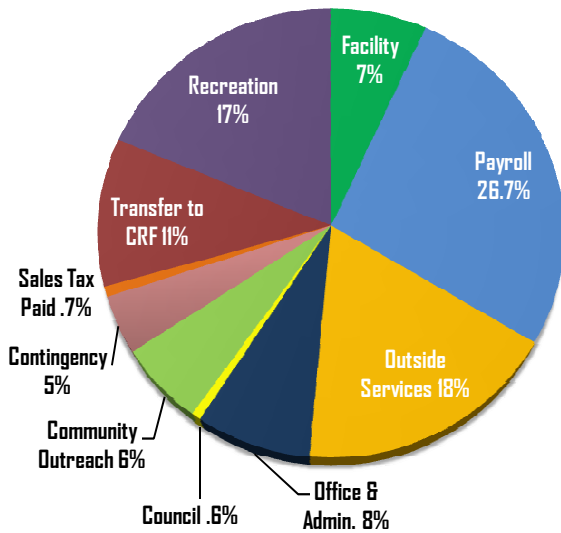
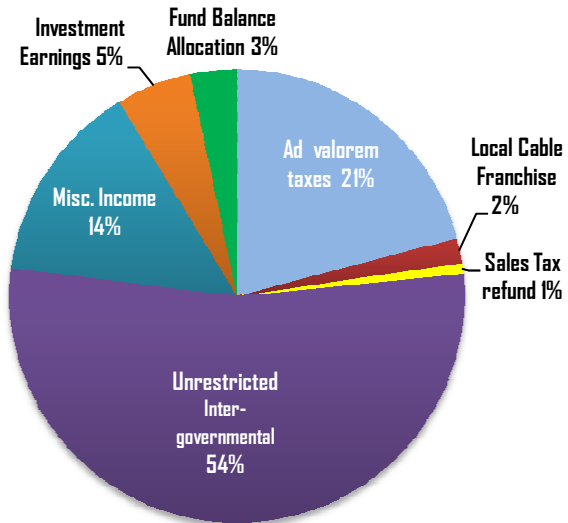


Anyone interested in selling or performing can call 674-3002 for details.

Town of Pleasant Garden 2011-12 Budget

Revenues

Ad valorem Taxes @ 2.5 cents/100	82,032
Local Cable Franchise Tax	7,000
Sales & Use Tax refund	3,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental <i>(Greensboro ABC, Franchise & Utilities, NC Beer & Wine, Sales & Use)</i>	210,000
Miscellaneous Income <i>(soccer registrations/sponsorships, event revenue)</i>	56,400
Investment Earnings	21,000
Fund Balance Allocation	13,017
Total Revenues	392,449



Expenditures

Facility	26,920
Payroll	104,800
Outside Services	70,034
Office & Administrative	30,455
Council	2,450
Community Outreach	23,080
Capital Purchases & Outlay	0
GF Contingency/disaster	16,545
Sales Tax Expense	3,000
Transfers to Capital Reserve	42,000
Recreation	73,165
Total Expenditures	392,449

Comparison between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
Anticipated Revenues	385,040	379,432
Allocated Fund Balance	26,860	13,017
Total	411,900	392,449
Operations	292,160	277,284
Recreation	77,600	73,165
20% to Capital Reserve Fund	42,140	42,000
Total	411,900	392,449

The 2011-12 budget is 4.72% lower than the previous year.

Quick Calculator



Town taxes on property valued at \$100,000 are \$25.

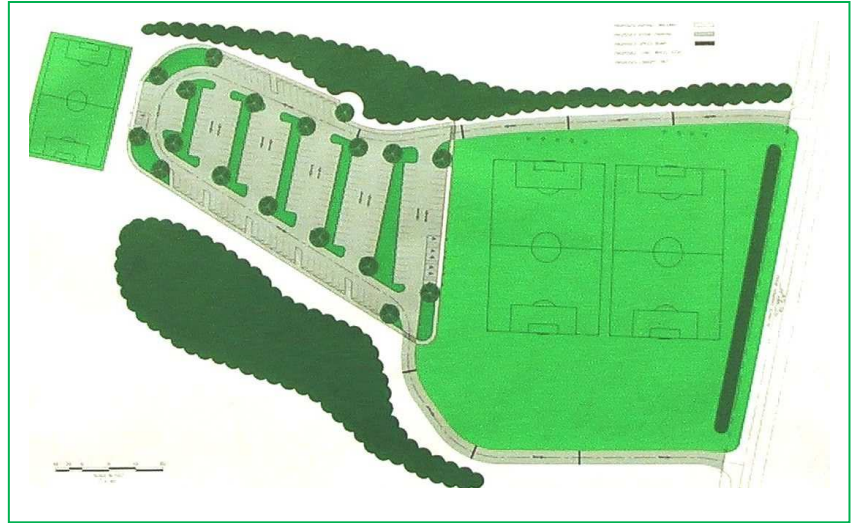
Talk of the Town

Town Council Approves Athletic Fields Driveway/Parking Improvements

The Town Council approved the capital project for improvements to the driveways and parking lot of the town's athletic fields at 4920 Alliance Church Road. The plan includes an asphalt quarter-mile walking trail around the gravel parking lot with 200 parking spaces and seven concrete handicapped parking spaces. The driveway will be widened to twenty-feet to adequately accommodate emergency vehicles. These improvements will bring our fields into compliance with development ordinance requirements as well as provide improved parking and the walking trail.

Anderson & Associates designed the plans for this project and is providing the engineering services. The \$322,000 construction contract was awarded to Sharpe Brothers, a division of Vecillio and Grogan.

Funding for the project is coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Money in this restricted fund can only be used for construction projects, not routine town operations. Construction on these improvements will begin in mid-June with a projected completion date of August 26, 2011, just in time for the start of the fall soccer season.



Another recent improvement was the installation of two solar lights to provide security lighting in the area of the equipment sheds. These lights operate on a timer that can be turned on as needed.

Jordan Lake Rules – Strategies for Home and Business Owners

One way citizens can help the town meet our Jordan Lake watershed nutrient reduction goal is to lessen the amount of stormwater run-off going into our creeks and streams from our yards and fields. This run-off carries pollutants such as fertilizers, pet waste, and motor oil that end up in Jordan Lake and other lakes and waterways and create major problems. Here are some “low impact development” ideas that homeowners and business owners can implement that can be attractive as well as helpful in reducing pollution.



- **Rain Gardens:** A shallow depression collects a few inches of water and allows it to be absorbed into the ground or by native plants instead of flowing directly into nearby streams and lakes.
 - **Rain Barrels and Cisterns:** Store rainwater from gutters and roof to use as irrigation or recycle as grey water.
 - **Grassed Swale:** Vegetated, open channel designed specifically to treat and reduce stormwater runoff.
 - **Permeable Pavers:** Porous concrete or grids filled with gravel, grass or mulch act as paving while allowing water to filter down into the soil beneath.
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- **Soil Amendments:** Amend the soil with organic matter and/or sand to increase infiltration.
 - **Reduction and Disconnection:** Reduce the number of gutters and disconnect them from underground pipes. Store the rainwater for later or direct it towards the landscaping and away from the driveway or street. Water your garden not your driveway!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Dates to Remember

Farmers' Market

June 18 – September 10

Saturdays, 7AM-noon

Wednesdays, 4-7PM

Picnic shelter behind Town Hall

Fresh produce and local crafts



Town Hall Holiday Closings

Independence Day: Monday, July 4

Labor Day: Monday, September 5

Fall Soccer

Season dates: September 10 – October 15, 2011

Registration opens July 1, \$45 per player

On-site registration at Town Hall, 9AM-2PM on



Saturday, July 30

Saturday, August 6

Saturday, August 13



Senior Luncheon

June 21* July 19 August 16 September 20

10:00am – 1:00pm at Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden for

adults 60-years-old and older.

Lots of food, fun, and activities!

Call 674-3002 to make your

reservations no later than the

Friday before each event.

* Picnic at Hagan Stone Park



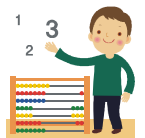
Pet Day

October 1, 9:00am – 1:00pm at Town Hall

Rabies clinic and pet contests



2010 Census -- Fun Facts about Pleasant Garden



Here are some interesting facts from the 2010 census about Pleasant Garden and the folks who live here.

- **Total population:** 4,489
- **Gender:**

Male:	2,178	(48.5%)
Female:	2,311	(51.5%)
- **Age:** The median age is 45.6 years

19 years and under:	1,061	(23.6%)
20 – 64 years:	2,582	(57.5%)
65 years and older:	846	(18.9%)
- **Race:**

White:	3,727	(83%)
Black:	479	(10.7%)
Native American:	28	(.6%)
Asian:	31	(.7%)
Hispanic:	213	(4.7%)
Other:	11	
- **Housing:** 1,819 total housing units

Occupied:	1,690	(92.9%)
Owner:	1,423	(84.2%)
Renter:	267	(15.8%)
Vacant:	129	(7.1%)



For additional details, visit <http://factfinder2.census.gov> or <http://www.pleasantgarden.net/profile.htm>

* * * * * Town Council Elections * * * * *

Town voters will elect a mayor and three councilmembers to the Town Council in the November 8, 2011 election. Candidates can file to run at the Guilford County Board of Elections or at Town Hall from noon on July 1 to noon on July 15. The filing fee is \$5.