

The TOWN SQUARE

"We The People" • Summer 2004



News from the Town of Pleasant Garden

From the Desk of the Mayor ...

Would you like to serve on a Town Board?

All citizens living within the corporate town limits of Pleasant Garden are encouraged to serve on one of the four Town Boards for the upcoming 2005 calendar year. If you are interested in applying or obtaining more information, contact the Town office at 674-3002. The deadline for filing to serve is October 31. For a listing of Boards and their meeting schedules, see page 2 and 4 of this newsletter.



Pleasant Garden Town Hall

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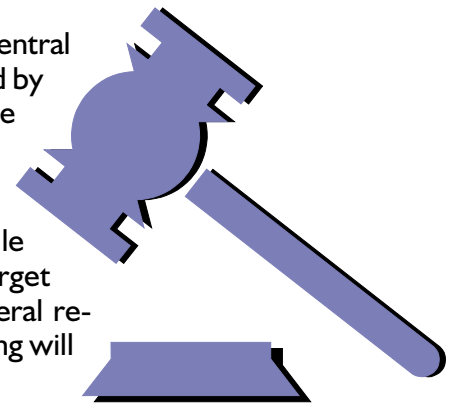
Dear Citizens of Pleasant Garden,

Your support has been steadfast as our town has faced many challenges this year. The phone calls, e-mails and attendance at Town Council meetings clearly tell me that you care about what happens in Pleasant Garden.

The Zoning Board's recommended Central Business District Zoning Plan was adopted by the Council. It provides a means to use some of the small properties along Pleasant Garden Road.

Town Hall construction is on schedule for completion with October as the target date for occupancy. However, with several required modifications, we know the building will cost in excess of a million dollars.

The Council is currently fine-tuning the 2004/2005 Budget for approval by June 30, 2004. This spending plan recommends an actual decrease of 15.5% to the General Fund (Operating Account). We need to further scrutinize expenses. It is crucial that Pleasant Garden continue to seek ways to reduce spending in order to postpone the need for property taxes. At the same time, we are also investigating non-tax revenues sources. One means we are strongly considering is Cablevision Franchise Fees. Also, I have submitted a request for \$250 thousand to the Guilford County Commissioners, on behalf of the Town of Pleasant Garden. This will help fund water and sewer for the proposed YMCA.



Please note some of the other changes we have made:

- Regular monthly Council meeting times are now 7:00 p.m.
- Citizens wanting to address the Council sign-up prior to the meeting
- The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance are lead by community residents
- Council liaisons are more active with their respective Boards
 - Finance – Wilbur Berry
 - Long Range Planning – Eddy Patterson
 - Recreation – Mike Axsom
 - Zoning – Peter Rojas

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The *Talk of the Town*



PLEASANT GARDEN TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Council

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

Administration

Vicki Axsom/Town Clerk
Kelly Hoover/Assistant Town Clerk

Attorney

Don Vaughan

Finance & Administration Board

Jim Walker/Chair
Karen Reynolds/Vice Chair
Ted Christopher
John Furlough
Jean Greeson
Richard Kiser
Sharron Thompson
Dick Winn

Long Range Planning Board

Jan Causey/Chair
Anne Hice/Vice Chair
David Aldridge
David Goltare
Pat Kornegay
Jean Langdon
Edgar Phillips
Charles Routh

Recreation Commission

Mark Clift/Chair
Marty Hemric/Vice Chair
Carol Barlett
Terry Crahen
Kathleen Freeman
Derrick Singleton
Phil Wadsworth

Zoning Board

Reid Townsend/Chair
Mark Lamont/Vice Chair
Alan Carroll
Pete Freeman
Chris Johnson

From the Desk of the Mayor . . . continued

As Mayor, I attend as many of the Board meetings as I possibly can. I also represent the Town with the North Carolina League of Municipalities and through the Mayors of Small Towns.

The past six months has been a time of change and growth for all of us. I encourage you to become active in your town, get to know your neighbors, and your Council. Most importantly, let your Mayor and your Council know any way we can better serve Pleasant Garden.

Ron Surgeon
Mayor

Town Website Up & Running

The Town created and implemented a website in January, 2004. On this site, you can find information on our Town's history, Council, Board and Council Minutes, Agendas, Board member information, Special Events, a monthly calendar of events, Soccer information, etc. We are striving to keep the site updated and to expand it as we grow. Feel free to check it out at www.pleasantgarden.net or to offer insight/suggestions on improving it. A special thanks goes to former Long Range Planning Board member, Joe Staehly, for his assistance to the Town in creating this webpage.

Welcome to Pleasant Garden

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Mail Address: Town of Pleasant Garden, PO Box 307,
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313, or
email us at: pg-townhall@pleasantgarden.net

Sample of Town Website

Fifth Vacant Seat Filled on Town Council

Our current Town Council proposed and voted, by consensus, at their 4-13-04 meeting, to appoint Peter Rojeski as the fifth council member to fill the vacant seat. This person will serve until November 2005. Town Council meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the F.B. Nowlan Building at 5024 Alliance Church Road. Come out and meet your Town Councilmen.



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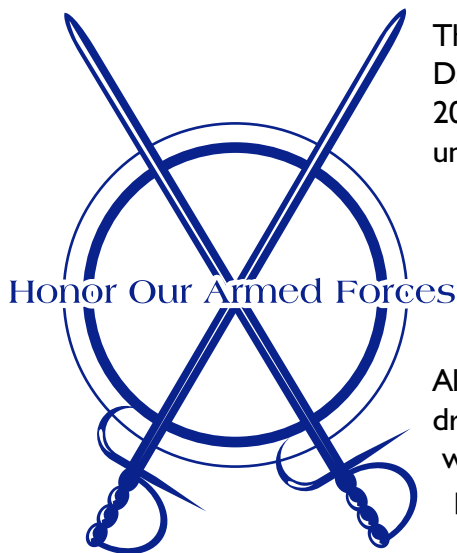
5th Annual Independence Day Celebration

The Town of Pleasant Garden is proud to hold its fifth annual Independence Day celebration. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2004 from 4:00-10:00 p.m. Children's activities will begin at 4:00 p.m., and last until 7:00 p.m.; festivities will include the infamous Moonwalk, Face Painting, Beanbag Toss, Tic-Tac-Toe, and Duck Toss. We also will have snowcones and cotton candy available. Also beginning at 4:00 p.m. is the annual All-American Car Show, which will last until 7:00 p.m.. The show will be held on the lady's softball gated field. The One-Stop-Shop (consisting of various vendors) will be located inside the F.B. Nowlan Building from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Outside performances will begin at 5:00 p.m., for a thirty-minute presentation by Just for Kix Cloggers. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., our own bluegrass band, Southeast Express, will perform. Local dignitaries will speak from 6:15-6:45 p.m., at which time Certain Riches, a contemporary Christian band, will perform. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the featured band, Streetfeet, will take the stage and play until 9:30 p.m. Our grand fireworks show will begin at that time and last until approximately 10:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the festivities!



Veterans Appreciation Day

The sixth annual Veterans Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Photos of veterans in uniform are now being collected, as a PowerPoint presentation will be presented. If you would be willing to loan the Town photographs that will be returned, please call the office at 674-3002 or drop them off at 5024 Alliance Church Road. They may also be dropped off at Patterson Carpets. Please write your name on the backside of the picture(s) and they will be returned to their rightful owner. Mark your calendar now for this memorable yearly event.



Farmer's Market

The Pleasant Garden Farmer's Market kicked off Saturday, June 5, 2004 inside the F.B. Nowlan Building at 5024 Alliance Church Road. The Market begins at 8:00 a.m. and offers such wares as canned goods, homegrown produce, crafts, and home-baked items. There is no charge to vendors.

We are also attempting our Wednesday Afternoon Market again, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the same site. Our hope is to offer these great services to the community.

If interested in participating, please call the Town office at 674-3002. Come out and support your local merchants.

Senior Activities

Want to know where to find a fun bunch of Seniors four mornings per week, from 8:00-9:00 a.m.? The Movers & Shakers exercise group meets Monday-Thursday for one hour each day to stretch, march, and move to the beat! Instructor, Larice White, says of the group, "Our group has been meeting for three years as of September, 2004 with great healthy results! Folks have lowered blood pressure, lost weight and developed wonderful friendships." No experience is necessary and you are welcome to go at your own pace. Cost is \$1/person/day. The group meets in the F.B. Nowlan Building at 5024 Alliance Church Road.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

Eurotech Summer Soccer Camp

This camp will be held July 26-30, 2004 on the fields at Pleasant Garden Elementary School. Professional soccer instructors come in and teach the kids avid soccer skills, diligence, and good sportsmanship. Fees are as follows:

Ages 5-8 – \$90
(9:00-12:00 noon)

Ages 9-12 – \$90
(5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Ages 13-14 – \$90
(5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Fee includes instruction, t-shirt and certificate. Deadline to apply is July 12; after this date, a \$10 late fee will be applied. For more information contact the Town Office at 674-3002, option #4. Please make checks payable to the Town of Pleasant Garden.

Dog Day Afternoon

Our second annual canine pet day will be held Saturday, September 25, 2004, from 9:00-12:00 noon at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. This fun event will consist of a reduced cost rabies clinic, pet portraits, a featured Veterinarian, doggie products to purchase, an adoption fair, and lots of contests with prizes. All animals must remain on a leash. For further information, call 674-3002 or preview last year's event at www.pleasantgarden.net

Fall Soccer

The Fall Soccer program will gear up Saturday, September 18, 2004 and last for approximately seven weeks. Soccer registration forms may be obtained after July 1 by contacting the Town office at 674-3002, option #4. Please leave a message if you would like a form mailed or faxed. You may also pick up a form at 5024 Alliance Church Road or print one by going to www.pleasantgarden.net. On-site registration dates are as follows:

Saturday, August 14: 9:00-2:00

Saturday, August 21: 9:00-2:00

Saturday, August 28: 9:00-2:00

Checks should be made out to the Town of Pleasant Garden. The deadline for registering is August 31, 2004.

TOWN MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Dr. F. B. Nowlan Building at the Pleasant Garden Community Center, 5024 Alliance Church Road. **Meetings are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.**

Town Council

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

Finance & Administration Board

7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month

Long Range Planning Board

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

Recreation Commission

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

Zoning Board

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

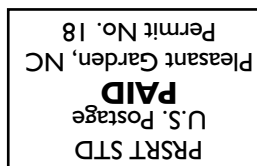
Board of Adjustment

6:30 p.m., 2nd 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 and ask to be put on the agenda list.



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Rural Route



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