

The TOWN



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

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TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday..... 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

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 meetings. To receive meeting agendas, send an email asking to be put on the agenda list to TownClerk@pleasantgarden.net

Town Council

Second 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

Recycle E-waste at Town Hall



**Saturday, March 14, 2009
9:00am - 2:00pm**



at Pleasant Garden Town Hall

Special E-Waste Event: To make the job of recycling your e-waste more convenient, Guilford County and the Town of Pleasant Garden are sponsoring a special e-waste drop-off event. Bring your e-waste to the Pleasant Garden Town Hall on Saturday, March 14, 2009 between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm. Our volunteers will unload your car for you and get you back on your way quickly. As an extra bonus, area merchants have donated coupons for their goods and services as a "thank-you" for your participation.

What is E-waste? E-waste, or electronic waste, includes lots of familiar household, business and personal products such as computers, keyboards, monitors, printers, televisions, electronic games, cell phones and VCR and DVD players. In fact, everything that contains a microchip or circuit board can be included in this category. When you're ready to get rid of these items, they become E-waste.

Did you know that e-waste is considered hazardous? That's because electronic products contain potentially hazardous or toxic materials that can end up harming our environment if not managed properly. For example, the average-sized computer monitor can contain between four and eight pounds of lead! Recycling your e-waste prevents the danger of the hazardous materials it contains being released into our environment and also allows the recovery of valuable metals for use again in manufacturing applications.

**Do your spring cleaning and recycle e-waste on March 14.
Guilford County residents only!**

It's Time for Spring Soccer

Games for the 2009 Spring Soccer season start on the town soccer fields on Saturday, April 18 and we are looking forward to another fun season for area youth. The registration fee is \$45 with a \$15 late fee after March 7. Forms are available on the Town website at www.pleasantgarden.net and at Town Hall. Onsite registration days are Saturdays, February 28 and March 7 from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Sponsorships are still available if you would like to sponsor a team. Please call Town Hall at 674-3002 if you would like to support a team.





PROMOTING A SAFE COMMUNITY

Gang Awareness Information

Corporal Scott Herndon of the Guilford County Sheriff's Department and Anthony Scales, Safety Administrator for the Guilford County Schools (pictured to the right), presented useful information and tips to twenty-five parents and other interested citizens at a meeting held at Town Hall on Thursday, January 22. The main advice for the best way to prevent a child from becoming a member of a gang is to be a good parent, love your children, and know what they are doing.



Why Do Kids Join Gangs?

Commonly cited reasons: surrogate family (*perception that affection, affirmation, understanding as well as physical and emotional support can be found in gangs, and is absent at home*); failure in mainstream society's challenges (*i.e., school, sports, peer relationships*); identity, recognition and respect (*confusing fear with respect, substitutin gang membership for individual identity*); protection, intimidation or peer pressure, money, glamour/role models, excitement and rebellion, an/or a family history of gang membership.

How to Discourage Your Children from Joining Gangs

- Discourage your children from hanging around with gang members. Meet your children's friends. Find out who they are, what influence they have over your children, and how they and your children spend their free time. If your children choose friends that are mostly from gangs, then your children are probably involved or will become involved in one also.
- Occupy your children's free time. Give them responsibilities at home. Get them involved in after school sports, recreation, or church activities.
- Participate in the community. Know your neighbors.
- Organize or join Neighborhood Watch groups.
- Discourage gangs from hanging around your neighborhood. Remove graffiti.

This information was adapted from the Guilford County Sheriff's website. Warning signs and more information can be found at www.guilfordcountysheriff.com/content/view/305/293

Get Involved

Community Watch Program Starting

7:00pm on March 9 and March 23 at
Town Hall at 4920 Alliance Church Road

The Guilford County Sheriff's Department is starting a Community Watch Program in the Pleasant Garden area. Deputies do their best everyday, but they can't be in your neighborhood around the clock. Each neighbor can look out for one another, keep a watchful eye out for suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities, and pass this information on to local law enforcement. Law enforcement can be more efficient and you will be a part of making your community safer.

Corporal A.C. Fuller will hold two meetings in order to accommodate the large number of people expected to attend. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

The only cost will be that of your time. You will learn how to begin a community watch and reduce crime in your neighborhood. Information will be provided on crime statistics, email ALERT program, Reverse 911, and Emergency 911 operations.

Join us on March 9 or 23 and learn what YOU can do to reduce crime in your neighborhood!



The *Talk of the Town*

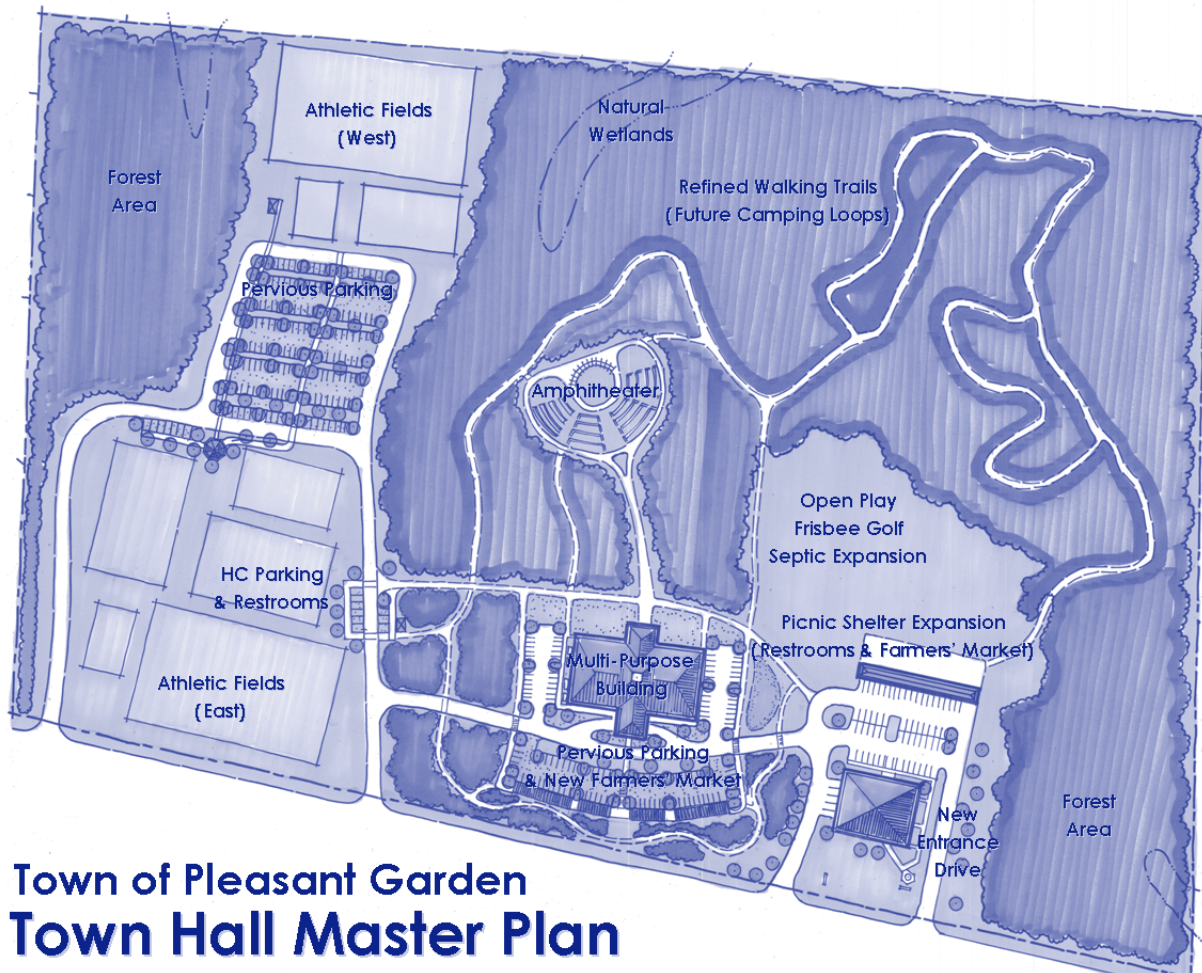
PROPOSED TOWN HALL SITE MASTER PLAN

The Town Council and Long-Range Planning Board have been working with Paul Kron of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments to develop a master plan for how the 48-acre Town Hall site can best and most efficiently be developed, used and managed in the future. Using information and opinions gathered from citizen surveys and discussions at public meetings, Mr. Kron has presented a conceptual plan for consideration.

The proposal includes phased improvements to the athletic fields with permanent restrooms and an environmentally-friendly parking area with handicapped spaces, expansion of the Picnic Shelter/Farmer's Market and the addition of a restroom, a multi-purpose building for classrooms and activities, an outdoor amphitheater, improved walking trails, and an additional driveway.

Pleasant Garden citizens are encouraged to share opinions about the proposal with members of the Town Council - what do you like, what do you dislike, what you would change, etc. Copies of the entire plan are available for your review at Town Hall or on the website at

<http://www.pleasantgarden.net/PDF%20Files/Pleasant%20Garden%20Hall%20Site%20Plan.pdf>



**Town of Pleasant Garden
Town Hall Master Plan**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PLEASANT GARDEN

2009-10 Town Budget

The Town Council will begin work on the 2009-10 budget with a work session to set general goals and directions scheduled for March 31 at 7:00pm at Town Hall. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them with a councilmember. Additional work sessions will be held in April and May; the new budget must be adopted no later than June 30.



Town of Pleasant Garden Farmers' Market June 6 - October 3 7:00am - 12:00pm

Planning is underway for this summer's Farmers' Market, and fresh vegetables, homemade baked goods, plants, and craft items will again be sold. Interested vendors should contact Town Hall or visit the Town website for the vendor application form and rules.

Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 27



Mark your calendars and join us for food, fun, music and fireworks at the Town's annual celebration of America's birthday at the Pleasant Garden Community Center. Stay tuned for more details after the Recreation Board completes their plans.



The Pleasure Was Mine to Be the First Pleasant Garden Community Read

The new Pleasant Garden Book Project Committee agrees that many aspects of *The Pleasure Was Mine*, a book written by NC author Tommy Hays, will appeal to Pleasant Garden readers. Whether you have a role with an Alzheimer's patient, appreciate how art affirms life in the face of pain, wonder about enduring marriages, or are concerned about the relations of children and aging parents, you will enjoy this simple gentle story containing sympathetic characters with touches of humor.

Committee members Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith, Steve Allen, Doris Johnson, Patricia Lineberry, Wanda Linz, and Janice Phillips are planning a unique community book event to be held at the Town Hall the first weekend in May. Greensboro Public Library Assistant Director Steve Sumerford is providing assistance.

Pleasant Garden residents are encouraged to read the novel; free copies of *The Pleasure Was Mine* may be checked out at the Kirkman Municipal Building, 4920 Alliance Church Road.

If you are interested in any aspect of this project, please contact the Town Hall at 336-674-3002 or email TownClerk@pleasantgarden.net.

Written by committee member Wanda Linz

An Excellent Source of Information - the Town Website! www.pleasantgarden.net

Need to know the dates for Town activities or see pictures of Town events? Interested in the Town charter and ordinances or what happened at the last Town Council meeting? All this and more is available on the town website. Go online and check it out!



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