

The

TOWN

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

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Town of Pleasant Garden, NC

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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-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 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.

E-Cycle 2011 Saturday, March 26 9:00am – 2:00pm Pleasant Garden Town Hall

Get your spring cleaning done and help protect the environment at the same time! The Town of Pleasant Garden, Guilford County, and the Guilford County Prison Farm are partnering for the third year to provide county residents with a free, easy way to dispose of your E-Waste. Without getting out of your car, you can drive through the parking lot and drop off the following items that will be recycled for metals and other parts to keep them out of the landfill:



**For PETE's
Sake
Recycle!**



- Computers, monitors, printers, scanners and keyboards
- TVs including consoles, large screen and projection TVs
- Cell phones, chargers and cables
- Electronic toys and games
- CD and DVD players, VHS players, stereo equipment
- Any other household items with an electronic chip

Work Begins on the 2011-12 Town Budget

The Town Council has held two public input sessions and two budget work sessions to prepare the 2011-12 town budget and will be scheduling more during the next three months. The Finance Officer will present a draft budget at the May 3, 2011 council meeting and the council will vote on final adoption in June after further study and a public hearing.

A copy of the budget workbook is available for review at Town Hall. Now is the time for you to share your input and opinions about the budget with councilmembers, either one-on-one or at a public council meeting.

MEET YOUR 2011 TOWN BOARDS

Here are the Pleasant Garden citizens who volunteer their time to serve the town and its citizens.

Zoning Board

*Meets at 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month
Council Liaison Chris Johnson*

The Zoning Board hears zoning and subdivision cases and approves site plans. Members will be working on the update of the Development Ordinance; they will hold a Public Hearing when the review is completed before forwarding their recommendation to the Town Council for final action.

From left to right: John Carroll, Vice Chairman Ron Robertson, Chairman, James Sealey, Jr., and Alan Carroll. Board member Ron Surgeon will be sworn in later. ➔



Long-Range Planning Board

*Meets at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
Council Liaison Bob Wyrick*

The Long-Range Planning Board is reviewing the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Town Hall Site Plan. Members are working on the forestry management plan for the Town Hall property and researching the feasibility of burying power lines and installing street lights on Pleasant Garden Road.

From left to right: Dick Winn, Vice Chairman Pam Lemieux, Chairman David Seel, Ellen Maddox, Mark Wilcox and Alan Marshall ➔



Recreation Board

*Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month
Council Liaison Carla Strickland*

The Recreation Board plans and supplies the manpower for the Independence Day celebration, Pet Day, Veterans Appreciation Day, and the Christmas Parade. Members are also planning another Community Concert for next spring. This board is also responsible for the oversight of the town's youth soccer program.

From left to right: Leslie Dula, Chairman Steve Brandt, Vice Chair Beth Moore, Ethel Hood, and Jack Cox ➔



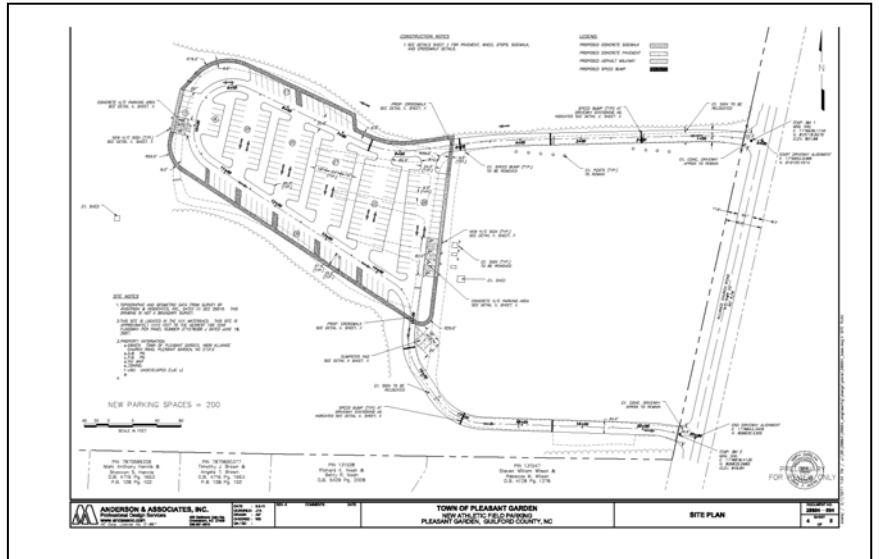
Talk of the Town

Town Council Considering Facility Improvements

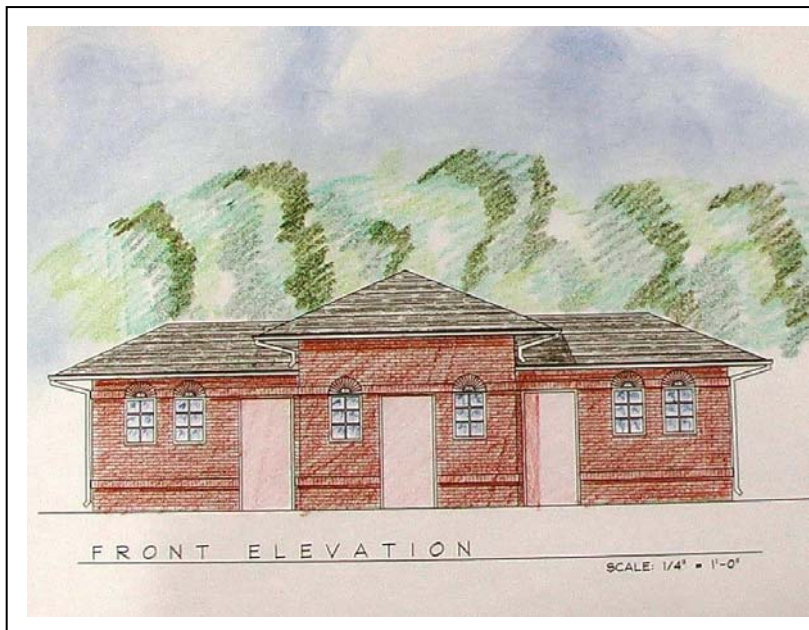
Improvements to two town-owned facilities are under consideration by the Town Council and councilmembers want your feedback before making a decision on whether to move forward with construction. Preliminary drawings are on display at Town Hall during regular business hours and citizens are encouraged to come by, take a closer look, and share your thoughts and opinions on the plans and whether the town should proceed.

Soccer/multi-purpose fields driveway and parking area:

When the soccer fields were first built in 2006, the town obtained variances on the development requirements for the parking lot and driveways because it was thought at the time the fields would be temporary. With the continued use of the fields by the soccer program for the past five years and other events such as the Community Concert, it has become necessary to bring the area into compliance with the Development Ordinance. The required improvements include widening the driveways to 20 feet to accommodate emergency vehicles, marking the parking spaces, and installing a dumpster pad.



The Town Council contracted with Anderson & Associates to design and engineer the improvements. The preliminary drawing provides for 200 marked graveled parking spaces, seven concrete handicapped spaces, a 20-foot wide gravel driveway, appropriate stormwater run-off controls, a gravel walking path, and a concrete dumpster pad. If approved at the April 5 council meeting, construction would begin in June and be complete in late August before the beginning of the fall soccer season. The estimated cost is \$258,000 which would be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.



Picnic Shelter restrooms:

Residents who use the Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall and participants in the summer Farmers' Market have voiced a need for permanent restroom facilities instead of the portable toilet that is placed there during the summer months. There is also a need for a larger storage area for some of the town's equipment and large signs.

The Town Council contracted with TMA to design and engineer this project. The preliminary design by architect Tom Moreau includes restrooms for men and women with a large storage room in between. The separate building would be behind the Picnic Shelter with the exterior matching the brick and windows in Town Hall. The preliminary cost estimate is \$95,000 and would be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.

According to the 2010 census, Pleasant Garden's population is 4,489, a drop of 225 from the 2000 census.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Dates to Remember

E-Cycle 2011

Saturday, March 26, 2011: 9am-2pm
Town Hall parking lot



Town Hall Holiday Closings

Good Friday: Friday, April 22
Memorial Day: Monday, May 30

Spring Soccer

Season dates: April 9 – June 4

Every Saturday except Easter weekend (*April 23*)
and Memorial Day weekend (*May 28*)



Senior Luncheon

March 15 April 19 May 17 June 21
10:00am – 1:00pm at Pleasant Garden UMC

Sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden for adults 60-years old and older. Lots of food, fun, and activities! Call 674-3002 for reservations no later than the Friday before each event.



Farmers' Market

Saturdays, June 18 – September 10
7:00am -- noon
Picnic Shelter behind Town Hall
Lots of local produce and crafts!



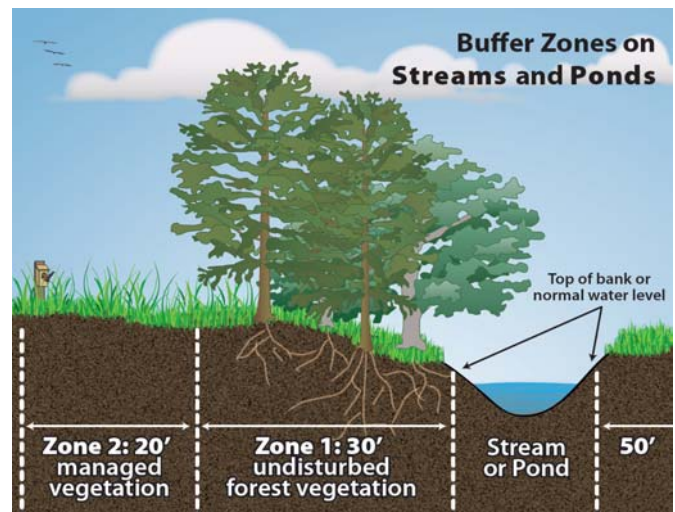
Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 6:00pm
Sponsored by the Town of Pleasant Garden at the Pleasant Garden

Community Center. Join us for lots of fireworks, food and fun!

Stream Buffer Regulations Apply to You

Much of Pleasant Garden is in the Jordan Lake watershed and is required to participate in efforts to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorous levels in the lake. One free and easy way is to let pollutants filter out naturally before they reach our waterways. That is why there are now requirements that apply to Pleasant Garden residents for undisturbed buffer zones around our streams.



Buffers apply:

- ✓ Intermittent streams
- ✓ Perennial streams
- ✓ Lakes and ponds
- ✓ Reservoirs

Buffers do not apply:

- ✗ Manmade ponds and lakes
- ✗ Ephemeral streams
- ✗ Ditches
- ✗ 404 wetlands

Perennial: well-defined channel that contains water year round

Intermittent: well-defined channel that contains water for only part of the year, typically winter and spring

Ephemeral: flows in direct response to precipitation events