

# The TOWN SQUARE



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## TOWN OFFICIALS

Rick Wallace – Mayor  
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## TOWN STAFF

Brooks Lockhart  
Administrator  
LeKeshia Franklin  
Assistant Clerk

## 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.

### Town Council\*

7:00 p.m., Second Tuesday of each month

### Long Range Planning Board

7:00 p.m., Second Monday of each month

### Zoning Board

7:00 p.m., Third Monday of each month

### Recreation Commission

7:00 p.m., Fourth Tuesday of each month

\*Town Council agendas are available by e-mail in advance of the meeting. To receive meeting agendas, message [pg-townhall@triad.rr.com](mailto:pg-townhall@triad.rr.com) and ask to be put on the agenda list.

## From the Desk of the Mayor

I am Rick Wallace, the new Mayor of Pleasant Garden. I would like to thank the citizens of Pleasant Garden for their vote and the Town Council's confidence in electing me as Mayor. As mayor I would like to complete the missions of the previous council. In the next few months we will complete the revision of the town ordinances, hopefully install directional signs assisting people to various town areas, and form a Strategic Plan Steering Committee. This committee is important to all citizens of Pleasant Garden. Those who desire to be a part of this Steering Committee will have the opportunity to determine what we want our community to become. Please do not let someone else change what makes Pleasant Garden special to you and your family. In the next few months the Town Council will begin working on next year's financial budget. This Council is working together to create a better quality of life for the citizens of Pleasant Garden. We will work hard to keep taxes at a minimum, and maintain the standards of stewardship that have been entrusted in this Council. I look forward to working for you and with you. Together we can make Pleasant Garden a home where everyone is welcome.



With Kindest Regards  
Rick Wallace  
Mayor

## A CHALLENGE WORTH TAKING Pleasant Garden Strategic Plan Steering Committee

As Mayor and a resident of Pleasant Garden, I am asking for your participation and help to design a Strategic Plan for the Town of Pleasant Garden. **What is a Strategic Plan?** It is fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what a community is, what it does, and why it does it. It is a plan to manage change and create the best possible future. The challenge of this project is great, but the rewards are even greater. We are asking for volunteers to be a part of this committee to create a process to manage future change and identify the best possible future for Pleasant Garden. A public meeting and invitation to be a part of this committee will be Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Garden Fire Department located at 4814 Pleasant Garden Road.

# The Talk of the Town



## P. G. Softball and Baseball

The Spring 2006 Softball and Baseball Programs Opening Day Tournaments, are set for March 25 and will end with their Closing Day Tournaments on June 10 (April 10-16 Easter Break). Sign-Ups will continue at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road thru February 26th. First time players must bring a birth certificate to register. Tryouts will be conducted Sunday, February, 26 and drafts will immediately following tryouts. Fees for both programs are as follows:

Softball - Junior A - \$55.00  
 Junior B - \$60.00  
 Senior - \$65.00, and  
 Outside teams - \$50.00

Baseball - Shetland \$55.00,  
 Pinto \$65.00, Mustang \$70.00,  
 Bronco \$70.00, and Pony \$70.00  
 – Jeff Triplett

## Food For Thought

The Town Council is now inviting local pastors, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout troops to come to the town meetings to lead the council and audience in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Local pastors, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout troops interested in attending and leading the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance should call 674-3002 x 206.

## Town Now Accepting Fees

As of last month the Town of Pleasant Garden adopted Guilford County's revised fee schedule. In Guilford County's new revised plan builders will now pay the town instead of the county. The following fees will now be accepted at the town hall:

FEES	COST
Subdivision fees	\$500.00 Per Plat (plus \$100.00 per lot, plus appropriate Health Department Fees)
Road Signs	\$146.00 Each
Rezoning & Special Use Permit Filing Fees	\$750.00 Per Case
Board of Adjustment Cases	\$100.00 Per Case
Site Plan Review Fees	\$250.00 Per Case (plus \$50.00 per 1,000 ft. gross floor area)
Street & Easement Closings	\$250.00
Street Renaming & Renumbering	\$250.00
Any Other Request Requiring Public Hearing	\$250.00

Accepting the new revised plan gives the town a competitive edge in allowing builders to build within the town limits at the same cost the county charges. The new system also makes planning for and working on the financial budget easier.

## Opening of Family Life Center at the Pleasant Garden Baptist Church

Times and dates for the center will continue to expand as volunteers to staff the building are available. In ADDITION to these hours, the Walking Track is open M-F from 8-5 p.m. The Walking Track, Fitness Room, and Gym are OPEN to the community and church members!

The Family Life Center offers the following amenities: **First Level (1):** Gymnasium - also a multi-purpose room seating 560 with tables and 900 without, Stage, Kitchen, Exercise Room, **Second Level (2):** Walk-through Connector. (connects new building to existing 2nd floor children's wing), Walking Track (14 laps = 1 mile), a Student Room which is still under construction will be an exciting place for students to "hang out," and **The Plaza Level (P):** 10 Preschool rooms and 3 large multipurpose rooms. – David Marth





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## Blood Drive

In conjunction with the American Red Cross the Fire Department for the Town of Pleasant Garden will be hosting a blood drive/health fair on Saturday, May 20, 2006 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Fire Department located at 4814 Pleasant Garden Road. We are in the process of setting up a committee in order to make this event successful. We are seeking out and contacting area churches, local schools, and civic organizations for individuals that would be perfect to serve on the committee as their representative. The committee will only meet once a month (3rd Friday of every month) as follows: Friday, February 17, Friday, March 17, Friday, April 21, and Friday, May 19. The meetings will be very brief (45 minutes no longer than one hour) to discuss ways to make the blood drive/health fair successful not only for the Pleasant Garden community but also for surrounding areas. All meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Department. We are asking for the support of the residents of Pleasant Garden and the surrounding areas. Those interested in being on the committee should call 336-674-3002 x 206 or send an e-mail message to [pg-astclerk@triadbiz.rr.com](mailto:pg-astclerk@triadbiz.rr.com). Great ideas to make the blood drive/health fair successful are also welcomed and appreciated.

## Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Shelter

The Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church has been approved by the American Red Cross to serve as a site for one of their Disaster Relief Shelters. The shelter will be one of only two sites in the area to serve the Pleasant Garden community and the surrounding areas. The church will begin training volunteers this spring. Through golf tournaments the church has currently raised \$10,000.00 in funds for the shelter. Another tournament has been scheduled for October to raise additional funding. All proceeds will go toward the construction of an additional facility that will include showers and back-up generators. It is the mission of the church to serve not only its members but the community as well. – *Larry Smith*



## Nature Trail

The construction of a long anticipated nature walk trail wanted by the Pleasant Garden residents for nearly eight years is about to be underway. Eagle Scout Karl Lenz presented the project to the council back in December and was approved to begin work in the spring. The total cost of the project will be around \$1,491 he is only asking the town to donate \$311 of that cost. Karl Lenz is a Pleasant Garden resident and was the first Boy Scout to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a town council meeting. – *Karl Lenz*

## Veterans Memorial/ Heritage Walk

The construction of the Heritage Walk, located adjacent to the town hall, is complete and ready for the installation of the engraved brick pavers. Bricks inscribed with the name of Pleasant Garden families, will soon be delivered and installed shortly thereafter. We invite you to come and see Phase I of the Heritage Walk / Veterans Memorial which remembers the heritage of Pleasant Garden families, past and present.

With the completion of this phase, we now enter Phase II, which is the construction of the Veterans Memorial. This will be a beautiful and moving memorial to those who have protected our nation, our freedoms and way of life. Corporate and private donations will be solicited to raise the \$70,000 needed to complete the memorial.

Once completed, the Heritage Walk / Veterans Memorial will be a unique tribute to the history of our community and the good people who have called this home. We hope you will join us in building this lasting legacy to our Pleasant Garden heritage.

– *David Goltare*

## Quote for the Month

Our chance at a new beginning:

“Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery, and  
Today is a gift that’s why it is  
called the present.”

## Town Slogan Contest

The town slogan contest will be open to all the residents of Pleasant Garden ages five and up. The slogan must be a positive representation of the town and contain up to ten words or less. Slogan entries must be submitted on entry forms available at the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall located at 4920 Alliance Church Road or on the town website at [www.pleasantgarden.net](http://www.pleasantgarden.net). The top five entries will be chosen by the Recreation Commission and submitted to the Town Council who will choose the winning slogan. Multiple entries may be submitted on separate entry forms. All entries will be confidential and will remain anonymous to the town council, staff, and the public until the announcement of the winning slogan at the Town Council meeting in May.

## P.G. Soccer

Our Spring 2006 Soccer Program will kick off Saturday, April 8, 2006. Applications may be obtained from the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall located at 4920 Alliance Church Road or on the town website at [www.pleasantgarden.net](http://www.pleasantgarden.net). Cost for the Soccer Program is \$35 which may be returned along with the application form to the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall or it may be mailed to: Town of Pleasant Garden, P.O. Box 307, Pleasant Garden, NC 27313. We are asking that all fees and applications be returned or postmarked by March 18. Games and practices have been relocated to the temporary soccer complex located at the field next to the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall for the duration of the construction project at the Pleasant Garden Elementary School. On-site sign-ups are scheduled as follows: Saturday, February 25/9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4/9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 11/9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. On-site sign-ups are also located at the Kirkman Municipal Building/Town Hall. To participate in the Spring 2006 Soccer Program your child must be at least 4 years old, but not older than 14 years old on the opening day of the season, April 8.

## Get Your Kicks In 2006 – Brent Lewis, Soccer Commissioner

As soccer commissioner I would like to thank each participant including but not limited to parents, siblings, and family members that have been associated with the Town of Pleasant Garden Soccer program. The program grows significantly each year and the success of it would be impossible without the soccer committee, coaches, referees, and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the program “top-notch.” We are looking forward to our spring season at our new location (4920 Alliance Church Road) even more we look forward to seeing you there!

## SENIOR NEWS

### Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon is held on the third Tuesday of every month for area residents 60 years old and over at the Pleasant Garden United Methodist Church located at 4834 Pleasant Garden Road. Come join area seniors at 10:00 a.m. for games, fellowship, and lunch. Please call 674-3002 x 206 to make reservations.

### Movers & Shakers

Come join us as we sweat to the music with Mae! Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Pleasant Garden Community Center located at 5024 Alliance Church Road. There is a \$1/day fee, wear loose fit clothing, and bring bottled water. Please consult with your physician before starting any type of exercise program. Feel better by exercising with us as we move and shake to the music! Both men and women are welcome!

– Mae Surgeon

### Farmers Market

The Farmers Market will be open every Saturday from 7:00 a.m to 12:00 noon starting May 28th and ending November 5th each year. It will also be open every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our Farmer's Market is featured on the web at [www.FarmersMarket.com](http://www.FarmersMarket.com) along with farmer's markets all over the country. – Sharon Wright

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