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2021-22 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Launches

The **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**, administered by the Pitt County Department of Social Services, launched for the 2021-22 season on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. LIEAP provides a one-time vendor payment for eligible families who need assistance with home heating expenses. Complete program details, along with a full list of locations to apply can be found below, or on the Pitt County Website at www.PittCountyNC.gov/LIEAP. Applications will be taken from December 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022. Online applications may be submitted starting December 1, 2021 through the ePASS Portal (<http://epass.nc.gov>). Applications will be taken at various locations during the days and times posted. When all funds are spent, the program will end (applications will no longer be taken). Pitt County DSS will mail LIEAP payments directly to the vendors. Benefit amounts are based on household size and income

Priority Groups

Households with a person age 60 or older, or an individual receiving disability benefits and services through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services can begin applying as early as December 1, 2021. Applicants who fall outside of this priority group can apply beginning January 3, 2022. ALL applicants can apply until the end of program period, which runs through March 31, 2022 or until all funds are spent.

LIEAP & COVID-19

In accordance with COVID recommendations, applicants are encouraged to apply online at <http://epass.nc.gov>, by telephone, by submitting a paper application via the U.S. Postal Service or by Fax to the Pitt County Human Services Center (address and fax number below). Applications may also be dropped off at Pitt County Human Services Center. Interested individuals may call Pitt County Human Services Center at 252-902-1352 for information on how to receive a paper application, or for application by phone.

Income Verification

Income verification is required for all applicants. Those applying will need verification of all income received the month prior to the date of application. This includes:

- Gross wages received in the month prior to your application
- Gross amount of Social Security benefits
- Gross amount of SSI
- Gross amount of VA income
- Gross amount of any retirement received
- Child support and contributions received from anyone outside your home
- Any other income received
- Names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of all household members
- Proof of how you heat your home (name / address of provider with account number)
- Everyone who lives under your roof must be included

WHERE TO APPLY FOR LIEAP SERVICES IN PITT COUNTY:

- **Pitt County Human Services Center** - 203 Government Circle, Greenville, NC 27834 • Phone: 252-902-1352 • Fax 252-902-1868 • **Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm *Can apply by telephone***
- **Triumph Community Outreach Ministries** • 7874 US 264 East, Washington, NC 27889 • Phone: 252-975-6944 • **2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:00am – Noon**
- **Northern Pitt Improvement Association** • 2197 Old River Road, Greenville, NC 27834 • Phone: 252-215-3064 • **Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm**
- **St. John Missionary Baptist Church Soul-Saving Center** • 2921 Briery Swamp Road, Stokes, NC 27884 • Phone: 252-795-3603 • **2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10:00am – Noon**

2021-22 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

The LIHWAP is a federally funded, income-based program which provides assistance to low-income households to prevent disconnection or provide assistance with reconnection of drinking water and wastewater services. The program is funded with American Rescue Plan funds provided to the State of North Carolina. A one-time vendor payment will be made for eligible households who need assistance with water and wastewater expenses. Applications are currently being taken. Eligibility is based on household income. Water bill information including vendor and account number will be needed. LIHWAP checks are mailed directly to the water vendor on behalf of approved recipients.

Priority Groups

- Group 1: Households that have had water services disconnected.
 - Group 2: Households that are in jeopardy of water services being disconnected, unless action is taken to prevent the disconnect.
 - Group 3: Households that have current water services bills and need assistance to maintain service
- Households in priority groups 1 & 2 will be given first priority to receive LIHWAP assistance during the month of December 2021. Beginning January 3, 2022, households in groups 1 & 2 not already assisted in December and households in group 3 will be assisted with any remaining funds until all funds are spent.

HOW TO APPLY: In person or by telephone: Pitt County Human Services Center; 203 Government Circle, Greenville, NC 27834. Phone 252-902-1352; Fax: 252-902-1868, Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm.

ONLINE: <http://epass.nc.gov>

Vision Statement

Vision to
Improve the
Lifestyle and
Landscape of
Ayden through
Growth and
Enrichment

A clean, safe, and attractive community that encompasses characteristics of a village; consisting of an economically thriving retail and service Historic downtown district that is abutted by residential neighborhoods providing a good mix of housing options and that are within walking distance to downtown and recreational opportunities; and that are all surrounded by a flourishing and prosperous commercial and industrial corridor. Ayden is a vibrant community with hometown charm.

For more information, visit the Town of Ayden’s website at www.ayden.com



January & February Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan. 10th: 7pm – Governing Board Mtg.
- Jan. 17th: Town offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 18th: 7pm – Planning Board Mtg.
- Jan. 25th: 7pm – Community Policing
- Jan. 27th: 6:30pm – Arts & Rec. Commission Mtg.



FEBRUARY

- Feb. 14th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- Feb. 21st: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Feb. 22nd: 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.
- Feb. 24th: 6:30pm, Arts & Rec. Commission

Dates and Times Subject to Change

January Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- Jan. 17th: NO COLLECTION
- Jan. 18th: Monday's Route
- Jan. 19th: Tuesday & Wednesday's route
- Jan. 20th: Recycle route

Please place your trash and recycles out the night before to ensure pickup!

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...



The Town's Christmas Tree at the Pocket Park behind Town Hall

Southern Snow Cream

Ingredients

- Fresh, clean snow
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Directions

Gather fresh, clean snow in a large bowl or place a bowl outside after it starts to snow. You will need the bowl to be very full. Mix in the sweetened condensed milk and the vanilla. As you stir, the snow will reduce to about half the size. Continue mixing until all is combined. You may need to add more snow to reach the desired consistency. Add toppings as you wish and enjoy.

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let It Snow!

Town of Ayden

Inc. in 1891 - 2014 Population 5,018
Council – Manager Form of Government
A Full Service Municipal Government Offering
Electric, Water, Sewer, Solid Waste,
Recreation, Police, Fire and EMS Services
to the Ayden community.

Governing Body

Stephen W. Tripp, Mayor
Ivory Mewborn, Mayor Pro-tem/
Commissioner 1st Ward
Cynthia Goff, Commissioner 2nd Ward
Raymond Langley, Commissioner 3rd Ward
Johnny Davis/Commissioner 4th Ward
Sarah Connor, Commissioner 5th Ward

Management Team

Matthew S. Livingston, Town Manager
Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk
Kimberly Raynor, Human Resources
Stephen Smith, Planning Director
Mallory Denham, Economic Development Director
Chris Forehand, Chief of Police
Stephen Smith Interim Public Works & Utilities Director
Joanne Floyd, Finance Director
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian
Nichole Maye-Brown, Housing Director

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ayden, NC 28513-0219
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<http://www.ayden.com>
**FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
EMERGENCIES**
Ayden Customer Service at Town Hall
Call During Normal Business Hrs.
(252) 481-5817 Option 2
Ayden Police Dept.
Call Nights/Weekends/Holidays
(252) 481-5844

E-Z CALL

If you know individuals involved in committing a crime in Ayden, please consider reporting it. You need not fear your name/info will be revealed in any way to anyone; it will be kept anonymous. Please call (252) 746-APDO (2730).
"Together we can make a difference."

Manager's Corner

The Town is working on the final phase of its Advanced Metering installation project. This project was initiated by Ayden Town Commissioners because they wanted to provide citizens with more information to empower them when it comes to managing their utilities. These new smart meters and accompanying software will allow you, the consumer, to actively monitor your utility usage in real time, among other things. Essentially, advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) is an integrated system of equipment, communications and information management systems for utilities. The Town is working with contractors to get the meters installed. For more information on AMI please visit <https://rb.gy/y8ars8>.