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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

Featured News:

Water & Sewer Department

The Town of Ayden's Water and Sewer Department does everything in its power to prevent sewer blockages; such as cleaning and flushing the town's sewer lines on a regular basis, but they can't do it alone. Please take note of the following guidelines:

DO

- Collect cooking oil & grease in containers and dispose of it properly
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment, and food prep areas with scraper/towels/broom prior to washing
- Keep grease out of wash water
- Place food scraps in waste container for solid wastes
- Contact the Town before calling a plumber if you are experiencing a sewer backup

DON'T

- Pour oil or grease down the drain
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots, pans, and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- Use your drain to dispose of food scraps
- Use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Contact a plumber until the Town has been called to evaluate your system

Founders Day

The Town of Ayden will celebrate its 132nd birthday on Friday, February 3rd and the downtown Main Street committee has lots of great events planned for you that weekend. Everything from an Art Show, Golf and Disc Golf tournaments, to a Cruise In Car show, birthday cake, and storytelling...there is certainly something for everyone! Check out the timeline of events and make plans to meet us in downtown Ayden! Activities are being updated every day. More information will be posted as it becomes available. Check us out at www.downtownayden.org and on Facebook at Downtown Ayden; Ayden-What's Happening!; and Town of Ayden.

Friday February 3rd:

- 9:00 am: The inaugural 1892 Winter Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Ayden Golf and Country Club beginning at 9am. Pick up your registration forms at the Country Club pro shop, or at various local businesses in downtown Ayden. Get your 4-person teams registered now for the scramble format event! If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Georgia Childs at gschilds@gmail.com.
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Ayden Museum and the Ayden Community Building
 - Check out the historical displays at the Ayden Museum and enjoy some hot cider while you're there.
 - Visual and Written Art Show at the community building. Art will be submitted by local youth from the Ayden schools.
- 6:30 pm: Community Building
 - Winners of the golf tournament and art show will be announced. Prizes will be awarded at that time.
- 6:45 pm: Story time and Singing Happy Birthday!
 - Light refreshments will be provided...including birthday cake!
 - Come prepared to hear stories from yesteryear with "I Remember When..." led by some of our town leaders. We hope you will join in with a few of your own stories about what it was like "back in the day".
 - Sing along as we wish our town the happiest of birthdays!

Saturday, February 4th:

- 9:00 am: The Inaugural Founders Day Disc Golf Classic will be held at District Park. This is a B Tier Pitt Disc Golf Association Sanctioned Tournament. Contact Vince Tricarico at 908-752-8507 to get registered. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Georgia Childs at gschilds@gmail.com.
- 11:00 am The Backyard Bandits Cruise In Car Show – West Avenue. Check out all the old cars from days gone by.
- All day: Self guided walking tours of downtown Ayden.

february & march calendar of events

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 13th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Mtg
- **Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Feb. 23rd: 6:30pm, Arts & Rec. Commission
- Feb. 28th 6pm, Community Policing Mtg.



MARCH

- Mar. 13th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Mtg,
- **Mar. 17th: Saint Patrick's Day**
- Mar. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Mar. 23rd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Mtg.
- Mar. 28th: 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.

Dates and Times Subject to Change

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

It's "Budget Billing" Time!

In February, *eligible customers* may sign up for the annual Budget Billing Program. To qualify, you must have resided at your current address for the past 12 months AND have good credit with the Town.

Interested? Please call the Customer Service Dept. at 252-481-5817, Option 2, or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Girl's Softball

Jan. 23rd-Mar. 5th

Ages: 4-15

\$30 for residents/\$45 for non-residents

Soccer

Jan. 9th-Feb. 19th

Ages: 4-15

\$30 for residents/\$45 for non-residents

Aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com

252-481-5837

sboswell@ayden.com



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

Stephen Smith, Interim Town Manager
Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk
Joanne Floyd, Finance Director
Kimberly Raynor, Human Resources
Mallory Denham, Economic Development Director
Chris Forehand, Chief of Police
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

For more information about the Town of Ayden, visit our website at www.ayden.com and check out our facebook page at [facebook.com/townofayden](https://www.facebook.com/townofayden)

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-APD0 (2730).

"Together we can make a difference."

Need Backdoor pickup?

Residents needing assistance getting their rollout containers to the curb need to notify Town Hall to be placed on "backdoor pick up." A letter of necessity is needed from your physician and must be faxed or mailed to our customer service department. **Note:**

There is no additional charge for this service. For more information or to have your address added to the list, please call (252) 481-5817, Option 2. Thank you.

