



the COLLARD CHRONICLES

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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



NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR

Featured News:
Ayden Utilities

Our Neighbor to Neighbor program meets local needs by providing funds to assist low income families with their heating bills. It’s a voluntary program, supported through Ayden Utilities customers’ tax-deductible contributions. Ayden matches all contributions, up to \$4,500 per year*. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is a partnership between Ayden and Pitt County Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS screens applicants, determines eligibility and distributes the funds (up to \$200/year per eligible household) during the heating season, December – March. Funds are used to pay for all types of heating fuels (kerosene, oil, natural gas, electric heat, etc). Sign up is easy and convenient. Contributions can be as little as \$1 a month. 100% of your contribution is used to assist families. The amount of your contribution can be added to you monthly utility bill and you can start and stop at any time. You can also make a lump sum donation by check or cash. A little bit goes a long way to helping those in need. Contact us today at billing@ayden.com, 252-481-5817 or stop by Town Hall to get started today.

AYDEN COLLARD FESTIVAL COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

For forty-eight years, the Ayden Collard Festival has graced the streets of Ayden with food, family, and fun! This upcoming year will be the forty-ninth festival, and 2024 will mark fifty proud years of collard traditions. Being a part of the Ayden Collard Festival committee is a great way to get involved in your community



and give back, and the committee is in need of volunteers to help plan and deliver an amazing festival. The committee has multiple vacancies on the board and lots of opportunities for volunteers to assist with subcommittees, like the pageant and parade. If you are interested, please email secretary Jessica Edwards, at jessicardedwards@gmail.com or attend the next meeting on March 16 at 5:30pm at the Ayden Operations Center. We cannot do it without you!

march & april calendar of events

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: 6pm, Community Policing Mtg.



APRIL

- Apr. 7th: Good Friday, Town Offices Closed
- April 9th: Easter Sunday
- Apr. 10th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- Apr. 17th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Apr. 25th: 6pm, Community Policing Mtg.
- Apr. 27th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Mtg.

Dates and Times Subject to Change

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

TEMPORARY CONVERSION TO CHLORINE

Beginning March 13th and continuing until April 17th, the Town of Ayden will temporarily change the disinfectant used in the water treatment process. The Town of Ayden will be using chlorine rather than chloramines during this five-week period.

Since March 2009, the Town of Ayden has used chloramines, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, as the disinfectant in its water treatment process. "Chloramines are an effective disinfectant and also reduce the level of byproducts that are regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency." "State drinking water guidelines recommend that water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a minimum of four weeks. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year."

During the temporary switch to free chlorine, customers may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. The mild chlorine taste and smell is normal and poses no health risk. Most customers will not need to take any precautions as the water remains safe to drink and is treated according to both state and federal standards. People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramines to free chlorine.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact David Jones at 252-481-5833.

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
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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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-APD0 (2730)**. "Together we can make a difference."

Town of Ayden

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

AYDENARTSANDREC.RECDESK.COM

REGISTRATION DATES ARE JANUARY 23 - MARCH 5

AGES: 4-5yr T-ball, 6-8yr Machine Pitch, 9-11yr
Coach Assist, 12-15yr Middle/High School.
Age cut off Jan 1.

SEASON: Evaluations will be in March.

Games will be May-June.

COST: \$30 Residents / \$45 Non Residents

REGISTER ONLINE AT AYDENARTSANDREC.RECDESK.COM OR
AT THE AYDEN REC CENTER 4354 LEE ST. PHONE: 252-481-5838