



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



Featured News:
Arts & Recreation

Tennis Camp June 26 -30

Tennis Camp is developed to provide athletes an opportunity to become better tennis players in a fun and positive atmosphere. Coach Hardy for the past 36 years has given lessons for Greenville Tennis Association and Mahogany Tennis Association. Campers will leave tennis camp with confidence and a passion to enjoy the "Sport for a Lifetime." Camp hours are from 6:30pm -7:30 pm Mon-Thurs., ages 8 –12. The camp will take a maximum of 16 participants and minimum of 6. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Volleyball Camp June 26 -30

Camp provides a high-quality camp experience at a reasonable cost for ages 8-12. This camp is intended for all talent levels. It is also designed to teach and enhance volleyball skills and overall performance on the court. Participants will learn basic volleyball skills such as passing, setting, serving, and defense. This camp will be led by Pitt Community College Head Volleyball Coach Norman Cabacar. Coach Cabacar has won three State Championships as a High School coach. Camp hours are from 9am-Noon, Mon.-Thurs. The camp will take a maximum of 25 participants and minimum of 6. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Football Camp July 24-28

Football Camp provides a high-quality camp experience at a reasonable cost for ages 8-12. Participants will learn basic Football skills: passing, catching and fundamentals for every position. The Camp is staffed by North Carolina Panthers 2014 High School Coach of the Year Paul Cornwell, of Ayden Grifton High School. Camp hours are from 9am–Noon, Mon.-Thurs. The camp will take a maximum of 40 participants and minimum of 6 participants. Camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Art Camp Session 1 July 24-28|Session 2 July31 – August 4

Summer Art Camp provides a high-quality camp experience at a reasonable cost for ages 6–12. The program is staffed with an experienced Art Instructor, Patricia Jones. Participants should be prepared to have tons of FUN with plenty of laughs, smiles, and excitement. Camp hours are from 9am-Noon, Mon.-Fri.. The camp will take a maximum of 20 participants and minimum of 8. Session One: Ages 6-8/Session Two: Ages 9-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Basketball Camp July 10-13

Basketball Camp provides a high-quality camp experience at a reasonable cost for ages 6-14. Players will learn basic basketball skills: dribbling, passing and shooting. The camp will be led by the Head Coach of Stillman College and Former ECU player Alico Dunk. Coach Dunk was tabbed as the 2013 CIAA Coach of the year while coaching at Elizabeth City State University. Camp runs Mon.-Thurs. The camp will take a maximum of 35 participants and minimum of 6.. Session One: 9–12 noon, ages 6-9. Session Two: 1-4pm, Ages 10-13, Session 3 6-9pm , Ages 14-17 The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Twirling Camp July 17-21

Come join us for a fun week of Baton Twirling Skills! We will focus on baton technique, field tricks, dance/twirl, compulsory technique and basic acro skills that go along with twirling a baton. Students will study fitness conditioning, proper twirl combos, correct vocabulary and execution, and healthy habits of majorettes. Twirlers will learn a Baton Twirling presentation for your family and friends to view on Friday. Instructors include Heather Griffin, Director of STARS Twirl Studio located in Ayden, and Kaylee Griffin former PCC Dance Team Captain, App State University Majorette, and ECU Marching Pirates Feature Twirler. She is a Competitive Teams Coach at STARS Twirl Studio in Ayden. Camps hours will be 9am-Noon, Mon.-Fri. There will be a short presentation on Friday of our camp week! The camp will take a maximum of 20 participants and minimum of 6. Camp is for ages 6-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

Dance Camp August 7-11

Come join us for a fun week of Dance Dance Dance! We will focus on musicality, movement, artistic expression, teamwork and lots of FUN! We'll explore a variety of different music selections, fitness conditioning, dance vocabulary, proper technique, healthy habits of dancers, dance history and strengthening. Dancers will learn moves, combos, and steps that will end in a performance presentation for your family and friends to view on Friday. Instructors include Heather Griffin, Director of STARS Twirl Studio located in Ayden, and Kaylee Griffin former PCC Dance Team Captain, App State University Majorette, and ECU Marching Pirates Feature Twirler, she has won numerous awards in dance and baton over the past 20 years. Camp will meet 9am-Noon, ages 6-12yrs. \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-residents.

Summer Day Camp June 26 – August11

Summer Day Camp Programs provide a high-quality summer camp experience at a reasonable cost for ages 6-12. This program incorporates a stimulating and exciting atmosphere through organized activities including arts and crafts, recreational sports and games, field trips, and much more. The program is staffed with caring and experienced counselors working with school aged participants. Participants should be prepared to have tons of FUN with plenty of laughs, smiles, and excitement! Program hours are from 8am-5pm. Early drop off is available at 7:30 am and all campers must be picked up by 5:30 pm. Participants will be involved in indoor and outdoor activities throughout the camp day. Participants should bring lunch and 2 snacks. The camp will take a maximum of 40 participants weekly. The camp cost is: \$55.00 a week for Ayden Residents \$65.00 for Non-Residents.

For dates and to register online visit: <https://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/> or call (252) 481-5837 for more information.

Wise Words: "Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye." ~ Helen Keller~

May & June Calendar of events

MAY

May 8th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Meeting, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

May 15th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall

May 19th-20th—Ayden BBQ Festival

May 23rd: 6pm, Community Policing, Community Bldg.

May 25th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Arts & Recreation Center

May 29th: Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed



JUNE

Jun. 12th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Mtg., 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Jun. 19th: Juneteenth Holiday—Town Offices Closed

Jun. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

Jun. 22nd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission, Arts & Recreation Center

Jun. 27th: 6pm, Community Policing, Community Bldg.

Dates and Times Subject to Change

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

MEMORIAL DAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Mon., May 29th: No Pickup
Tues., May 30th: Monday's Route
Wed., May 31st: Tues. & Wed. Route
Thursday, June 1st: Recycling

Please place your cans/bins out the night before your scheduled pickup!



Old Fashioned Hog Calling Contest

The Ayden Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ayden Marketing Committee, will hold an Old Fashioned Hog Calling Contest during the 2023 Ayden Barbecue Festival. Everyone is welcomed to participate and enjoy this fun event. Contest will be held on May 20th from 4 pm to 5 pm at the West Avenue Stage. We hope you will join us for a hog hollerin' good time!



"Kings of Q" BBQ Cook-off and Festival Downtown Ayden

Friday, May 19th 4-11pm



The Highway Ramblers @ 7:30pm

Saturday, May 20th 8am-11pm



Johnny White and the Elite Band @ 7:30pm

Rides, Vendors, Arts & Crafts, & much more!

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
 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."

Under the Flag by Robert Longley

The draping, it is perfect

Most prefer it flying

This is the end of service

For each flag sitting folded

No wrinkles will you see

Free to wave and blow

For it and one you love

For all the world to see

A symbol of a nation

Not sitting on a mantel

A subtle juxtaposition

A soldier's spirit is soaring

A reminder that we're free

Without the stripes to show

Of which is up above

Oer a nation that is free

