



# the COLLARD CHRONICLES

“One of America’s Best Small Communities to Raise a Family”~ U.S. Media Group, 2013

## Vision Statement

**V**ision to  
**I**mprove the  
**L**ifestyle and  
**L**andscape of  
**A**yden through  
**G**rowth and  
**E**nrichment

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](http://www.ayden.com)



### From the desk of Mayor Steve Tripp

As I near the end of this journey in working with you, the citizens of Ayden, to move this great town forward, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation as Mayor for your support and help in growing this community we call home. Over the time I have remaining with you, I would like to share just a few of our accomplishments we’ve achieved together and with the partnership of others.



One success for The Town of Ayden has been to reduce our electrical rates. Ayden has been a member of the North Carolina Electric Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) since 1982. NCEMPA itself provides wholesale power to 32 municipalities in eastern North Carolina. In 2015, to reduce a debt NCEMPA incurred by owning its nuclear power plant, the agency decided to sell the assets of that nuclear power plant to Duke Energy Progress. As a result of that sale, there was a decrease in the cost to purchase power. In 2014 and 2015, The Town of Ayden was able to reduce the electrical rate by 10.69%, and in 2020, was able to decrease the electrical rate again by another 1.07%. However, from 2021 – 2024, the electrical rates increased by 9.68% which resulted in a net decrease overall of 2.08% for the period of 2014 - 2024: a savings of \$1,273 per 1,000 kwh utilization.

During the same period of time when Ayden had a net decrease overall of 2.08%, the nation experienced an average increase in an electrical rate of 33%. This particular rate would have resulted in an increase of \$3,497 for 1,000 kwh utilization.

As a side note, allow me to explain. NCEMPA made several attempts to sell our ownership of the nuclear power plant to different companies, but was unsuccessful. However, once Duke Energy and Progress Energy merged, Duke Energy Progress ended up purchasing the nuclear power plant. From my perspective, the power of Jesus’ name can open doors when doors are closed. This transaction was so significant that it resulted in a **Purchase Power Total Savings for the Customers of Ayden from 2014 – 2024 of \$14,862,000.**

As Mayor, I express my appreciation to the leadership of NCEMPA and the Governing Body of the Town of Ayden for this endeavor. This is a huge success for the citizens in this great Town.

I can’t wait to share more of our successes over the coming months. Now, as it has always been, my prayer is that God will continue blessing each of you in this great town I hold so dear: Ayden, North Carolina.

Stephen Tripp, Mayor  
Mayor of Ayden

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TOWN OF AYDEN

## 2023 SAFE NIGHT OUT HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Tuesday, October 31st      6:00-8:00pm      Ayden Town Hall

Free Food Provided by Ayden Policing Council - while supplies last

**COSTUME CONTEST**

@ TOWN HALL STAGE

- \*6:30pm - 4yr and Under
- \*6:45pm - 5-7yrs
- \*7:00pm - 8-10yrs
- \*7:15pm - 11-12yrs

**Caramel Apples**

(FIRST 150)

**BOUNCE HOUSES**

**CARNIVAL GAMES**

**FUN FAMILY EVENT      FREE FOR ALL AGES**

**COLORING CONTEST**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED IN BY 7:15PM

**HAY RIDES**

**Trunk of Treat**

SPONSORED & PROVIDED BY AYDEN POLICING COUNCIL AND THE ARTS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# October & November Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

- Oct. 9th: 6:30pm, Governing Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Oct. 16th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Oct. 24th: 6pm, Community Policing, Community Building
- Oct. 26th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
- Oct. 31st: Halloween Safe Night Out—Town Hall

## NOVEMBER

- Nov. 7th: Election Day
- Nov. 10th: Veterans Day—Town Offices Closed
- Nov. 13th: 6:30pm—Governing Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Nov. 20th: 7pm—Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Nov. 23rd-24th: Thanksgiving Holiday, Town Offices Closed

\*Dates, Times, and Locations subject to change



## Customer Hot List

### NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

#### October 15th-January 15th is designated Leaf Season!

When raking your yard this season please remember the following:

- ◆ Pile leaves loosely and adjacent to the curb
- ◆ If there is no curb, use the pavement edge or shoulder of the road.
- ◆ DO NOT place them on a sidewalk, ditch, street, or gutter.
- ◆ DO NOT add limbs, pine straw or other yard debris with the leaves.
- ◆ Leaves will be picked up on a weekly basis. There is NO designated day for pickup.

#### Additionally...

- ◆ Limbs and other yard debris must be separated and stacked adjacent to the curb. Limbs must be no more than 6" in diameter and no longer than 4' in length. Leaf pickup will be the same as your yard debris pickup.
- ◆ All bulk trash, i.e. furniture, needs to be separated
- ◆ Large loads of household trash including lumber, furniture, tree limbs and other similar items will result in an extra charge



### Town of Ayden

Inc. in 1891 - 2021 Population 5,022  
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

Scott Howard, Town Manager  
Stephen Smith, Assistant Town Manager  
Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk  
Mallory Denham, Economic Development Director  
David Dempsey, Chief of Police  
Marsha Hall, Finance Director  
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director  
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Town of Ayden  
4144 West Avenue/P.O. Box 219  
Ayden, NC 28513-0219  
(252) 481-5817

<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."

**ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL  
REGISTRATION**  
10/2-11/19  
\$40/player  
18yrs. And Up

**REGISTER NOW AT:**  
[Aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com](http://Aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com)

Call Stephanie Boswell @ 252-481-5837  
Or email [sboswell@ayden.com](mailto:sboswell@ayden.com) for more information.



## Town of Ayden

# BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Ages: 5-15yrs

Evaluations: Early December

Games: January-February

Cost: \$30 Ayden Residents; \$45 Non Res.

**We will offer separate girls and boys leagues for ages 7-9yr, 10-12yr, & 13-15yr.**

Register at [aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com](http://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com)

**Registration Dates: October 2 - November 15**

**Early Bird Registration: October 2-15 (\$5 Off)**

Register online [aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com](http://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com) or at the Ayden Rec Center.

Phone: 252-481-5837 or [sboswell@ayden.com](mailto:sboswell@ayden.com)

