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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.



2023-24 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 2023-24 season on Friday, December 1, 2023. 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, 2023 - March 31, 2024. Online applications may be submitted starting December 1, 2023 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.

Applicants may apply online, 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 more information.

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, 2023. Applicants who fall outside of this priority group can apply beginning January 2, 2024. ALL applicants can apply until the end of program period, which runs through March 31, 2024, or until all funds are spent.

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 the month of 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, 10:30am – 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**
- **Bethel Advocacy Center** • 130 West Washington Street, Bethel, NC 27812 • Phone: 252-341-7586 • **Monday-Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm**
- **St. Rest United Holy Church** • 154 Hammond Street, Winterville, NC 28590 • Phone: 252-756-9718 • **Saturdays, 9:00am—Noon**

Wise Words: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." ~ C.S. Lewis

January & February Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan. 1st: **Town Offices Closed for New Year's Day**
- Jan. 8th: 6:30pm – Governing Board Mtg., 2nd Floor Town Hall
- Jan. 15th: **Town offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Jan. 16th: 7pm – Planning Board Mtg., 2nd Floor, Town Hall
- Jan. 23rd: 7pm – Community Policing Mtg.
- Jan. 25th: 6:30pm – Arts & Rec. Commission Mtg.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 12th: 6:30pm – Governing Board Mtg., 2nd Floor Town Hall
- Feb. 19th: 7pm – Planning Board Mtg, 2nd Floor Town Hall
- Feb. 22nd: 6:30pm – Arts & Rec. Commission Mtg.
- Feb. 27th: 6pm – Community Policing Mtg.

Dates and Times Subject to Change



Holiday Trash Pick-Up

January Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- Jan. 1st: NO COLLECTION
- Jan. 2nd: Monday's Route
- Jan. 3rd: Tuesday & Wednesday's Route
- Jan. 4th: Recycling

- Jan. 15th: NO COLLECTION
- Jan. 16th: Monday's Route
- Jan. 17th: Tuesday & Wednesday's Route
- Jan. 19th: Recycle Route

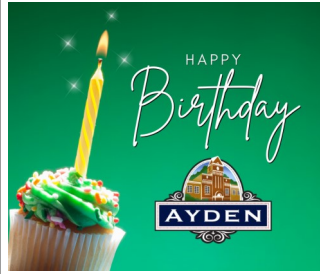
***Please place your trash and recycles out the night before to ensure pickup!**

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Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

FOUNDER'S DAY!



Ayden Founders Day Birthday Party and Art Show will be held at the Ayden Community Building on Friday, February 2nd, at 6 p.m. Art from area schools

will be displayed and winners will be announced at the party. Stories about the history of Ayden will be shared and we will sing Happy Birthday to our wonderful town! There will be a disc golf tournament on Saturday, February 3rd at District Park. For more information, contact the Downtown Ayden Main Street committee at downtownaydeninc@gmail.com.

1st Friday Ayden -January 5, 2024

Happy New Year!!

Please make it your purpose to stop, shop, and/or dine in our Downtown Ayden businesses every First Friday!

We're looking forward to Founder's Day which will be the First Friday in February - 2/2/24! There will be signage downtown with more information!

Special events will begin First Friday May 3, 2024!!

Downtown Ayden, Inc. initiated First Friday in 2023 to highlight the partnership between community and businesses which will increase economic vitality for our city.

Wishing All a Prosperous New Year 2024!

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

Ivory Mewborn, Mayor
Brian Newell, 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."



COACHES NEEDED
The Ayden Arts & Recreation Department is looking for coaches for soccer and softball. If interested, please contact Stephanie Boswell at (252) 481-5838.



2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR