



# 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)



## 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



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 **252-481-5821**. Thank you.

The Town of Ayden is pleased to offer the **Blackboard Connect service**, our city-to-resident notification system. With this service, city leaders can send personalized voice messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local community matters. The Connect service will be used to supplement our current communication plans and augment public safety/first responder services. Please accept our invitation to participate in this great service. We know that your personal information is important, and rest assured that we will not share it with anyone. If you have NOT already signed up for this service, please click the Blackboard Connect image located on our website at [www.ayden.com](http://www.ayden.com) or call Customer Service at ( 252 ) 481-5821 and sign up today!



## 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 -481-5821 or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

# february & march calendar of events

## FEBRUARY

- Feb. 10th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- Feb. 11th: 6:30pm, Main Street Committee; Gwendy's Goodies
- Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17th: Presidents' Day
- Feb. 17th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Feb. 24th: 7pm, CIP Workshop
- Feb. 25th: 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.
- Feb. 27th: 6:30pm, Arts & Rec. Commission



## MARCH

- Mar. 9th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Mar. 10th: 6:30pm, Main Street Committee; Gwendy's Goodies
- Mar. 16th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg., 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Mar. 17th: Saint Patrick's Day
- Mar. 24th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building
- Mar. 26th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center

## Valentine Sugar Cookies

### Ingredients

- \* 1 cup butter, softened
- \* 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- \* 1 egg, lightly beaten
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- \* 1 teaspoon almond extract
- \* 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- \* Pink and Red decorator's sugar, optional

### Directions

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and extracts. Stir in flour; mix well. Chill several hours. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness; cut with a 2-1/2- or 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheets; sprinkle with sugar if desired. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

### Nutrition Facts

2 each: 169 calories, 9g fat (5g saturated fat), 33mg cholesterol, 91mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate (8g sugars, 0 fiber), 2g protein. (Recipe from tasteofhome.com)



## Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

## Senior Exercise Classes

at the Ayden Recreation Center

Address: 4354 Lee Street (Old Ayden High School) Phone: 252-481-5837



**Class Cost: Free**

**Ages: 55yr +**

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**

**9:30-10:30AM - Low impact aerobics**

**10:30-11:30AM - Seated chair aerobic**

These classes are great way to get connected and involved. All classes are at YOUR "own pace" and for YOUR benefit. It's all about you! Come join us for a class or just come to observe. You will probably recognize some familiar faces.



**"Let's get Involved and let's get Moving!"**

## Summer Basketball

Ages 5-15 years

## Girl's Softball

Ages 4-15 years



Cost is \$20 for residents/\$30 for non-residents. Register online at [aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com](http://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com) or at the Ayden Recreation Center located at 4354 Lee Street. For more information email [showsell@ayden.com](mailto:showsell@ayden.com) or call 252-481-5837.



Coaches are needed in every age group.

## 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  
Phyllis Ross, Commissioner 5th Ward

### Management Staff

Steven L. Harrell, Town Manager  
Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk  
Stephen Smith, Planning Director  
Mallory Denham, Economic Development Director  
Barry Stanley, Chief of Police  
Keith Murphy, Public Works & Utilities Director  
Robert Taylor, Jr., Finance Director  
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director  
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian  
Nichole Maye-Brown, Housing Director

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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) 481-5821/481-5822/481-5823  
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](http://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-APDO (2730).  
**"Together we can make a difference."**