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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: 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.

TEMPORARY CONVERSION TO CHLORINE

Beginning March 4th and continuing until April 13th, 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 chloride.

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

Wise Words: "March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodil." ~ Sara Coleridge~

March & April Calendar of Events

MARCH

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

APRIL

Apr. 4th: 10am, Easter Egg Hunt, Ayden District Park
 Apr. 10th: Good Friday, Town Offices Closed
April 12th: Easter Sunday
 Apr. 13th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
 Apr. 14th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Gwendy's Goodies
 Apr. 18th: 11-1pm, Kite Fest, Ayden District Park
 Apr. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
 Apr. 23rd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
 Apr. 27th: 7pm, Budget Workshop, 2nd floor, Town Hall
 Apr. 28th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building

Adult Kickball

Registration Dates:
 4/6-5/17
 Cost: \$35 per person

Games: July– August

Summer Basketball

Registration Dates:
 2/10-3/15

Cost: \$20 Ayden Residents
 \$30 Non-Ayden Residents

Ages: 4-17yrs

Games: May-June

Customer Hot List

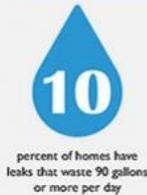
NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

Town of Ayden
2020 Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th at
10:00am
Ayden District Park
3869 Jolly Road

EPA's Annual Fix a Leak Week- March 16th-22nd

The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills. For more tips on saving water, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>.

THE FACTS ON LEAKS



Did you know?
 Minor water leaks account for more than



REPAIR
 leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary

Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save



Homeowners can save



EPA

epa.gov/watersense

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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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 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."