



The Barbeque 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

PRESS RELEASE

The smoky smell of barbeque will again fill Downtown Ayden on May 15th and 16th as the 5th Annual "Kings of Q" BBQ Cook-off and Festival gets underway. The cook-off is a North Carolina State Barbeque Championship sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, the world's largest organization of barbeque and grilling enthusiasts. KCBS officials will be on hand and judging will start at noon, Saturday, May 16th, using the blind judging system. Categories will be chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and beef brisket. All four categories are required for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Ayden has long been recognized as the capital of Eastern North Carolina Barbeque and town leaders have decided to put the town's reputation on the line and invited local and regional competition teams to demonstrate their cooking skills. Forty teams will vie to be the Grand Champion based on scoring of certified barbeque judges. Awards will be presented at 5:00pm on Saturday to the top 10 finishers in each category. The team receiving the highest combined score in all 4 categories will be declared the Grand Champion. Our Grand Champion will qualify to compete on a national level in the American Royal World Series of Barbecue in Kansas City, Missouri, and will be entered into a drawing to compete in the prestigious Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Rides, vendors, arts and crafts, classic car show, and the ever popular Friday and Saturday night concerts will highlight festival activities. New this year, a variety of BBQ vendors will be setup in "Smokehouse Alley". People's choice will again be hosted by Ayden Christian Church.

"Kings of Q" BBQ Cook-Off & Festival Schedule of Events

Friday, May 15th from 4pm – 11pm
4pm–11pm: Amusement Rides, Vendors
7pm: Live Music - Rural Route Romance

Saturday, May 16th from 8am – 11pm
8am–11pm: Amusement Rides, Vendors, Arts & Crafts, Car Cruise
12pm-4pm: Local musicians on West Ave Stage
11am-1pm: Peoples Choice Contest at Ayden Christian Church
5pm: Awards Ceremony at the West Ave Stage
7pm: Live Music—The Embers featuring Craig Woolard



Wise Words: "Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds." ~ Osho~

april & may calendar of events

APRIL

- Apr. 4th: 10am, Easter Egg Hunt, Ayden District Park
Apr. 10th: **Good Friday, Town Offices Closed**
Apr. 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

MAY

- May 4th: 7pm, Budget Workshop
May 11th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
May 12th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Gwendy's Goodies
May 15th-16th—**Ayden BBQ Festival**
May 18th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall
May 25th: **Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed**
May 26th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building
May 28th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center

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."

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

10 minutes
questions
years

It takes just 10 minutes to answer 10 questions that will shape investments in your community for 10 years.

www.pittcountync.gov/census2020

United States
**Census
2020**

April 1, 2020
is Census Day!

FAMILY KITE FEST

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 18TH**

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Ayden District Park

Fun for the entire Family.
Bring your kite.



Adult Kickball
Registration Dates:
April 6-May 17
Cost: \$35 per person
Games: July– August



METER UPGRADE

Town contractors will begin replacing existing electric meters in March as part of our system upgrade. This is the first step in the Town's infrastructure improvements. NexGen Utility Solutions is the Town's approved contractor. They will replace meters Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8am-4pm, so be on the look out for them. Contractors and vehicles will be clearly marked as NexGen. You do not need to be home for them to make the change and there is no charge to you. For more information, visit us at: www.ayden.com/upgrade



NexGen
Utility Solutions

2020 **Easter
EGG HUNT**
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 10:00AM
Ayden District Park - 3869 Jolly Rd



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
Chris Forehand, Chief of Police
Keith Murphy, Public Works & Utilities Director
Robert Taylor, Jr., Finance Director
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian

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Ayden Police Dept.
Call Nights/Weekends/Holidays
(252) 481-5844