

# the COLLARD CHRONICLES

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## 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:

Arts & Recreation  
Department

### Kids Cooking Camp

Cooking camp provides campers the opportunity to show off their culinary skills while having loads of fun! Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon–Wed., ages 7-12. The camp cost is \$35 for Ayden Residents and \$45 for Non-Residents.

### Art Camp

Art camp provides campers the opportunity to use their creativity while having loads of fun! Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.- Fri. Session One: Ages 6-8/Session Two: Ages 9-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Girls Softball Camp

Campers will learn basic softball skills-pitching, hitting and catching. Camp hours are noon Mon.-Thurs., ages 8-15. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Cheerleading Camp

Campers will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading such as jumps, cheer, chants and basic stunts. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.- Fri., ages 6-14. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Boys Basketball Camp

Campers will learn basic basketball skills-dribbling, passing and shooting. Session One: 9-12 noon, ages 6-9. Session Two: 1-4pm, Ages 10-13. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Girls Basketball Camp

Campers will learn basic basketball skills: dribbling, passing and shooting. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Thurs., ages 7-14. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Rocket Camp

Campers will have the opportunity to design, simulate, construct, test and fly 2 model rockets. Camp will be from 9-11 Mon.-Fri., ages 9-14. The camp cost is \$45 for Ayden Residents and \$55 for Non-Residents.

### Soccer Camp

Campers will have an opportunity to learn and practice basic soccer skills while having fun! Camp hours are 9-12 noon Mon.-Fri., ages 9-13. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Tennis Camp

Campers will have an opportunity to learn and practice tennis skills while having fun! Camp hours are 6:30-7:30pm Mon.-Fri., ages 8-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Football Camp

Campers will learn basic football skills-passing, catching, and fundamentals for every position. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Fri., ages 8-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Volleyball Camp

Campers will learn basic volleyball skills-passing, setting, serving, and defense. 9-12 noon, M-Th., ages 8-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Outdoor Adventure Camp

Campers will learn how to kayak and hike, and get tips on camping in the wild. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Wed., ages 10-14. The camp cost is \$30 for Ayden Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents.

### Police Academy

Campers will learn basics of day to day operations of our Police Department, as well as bike safety, patrol/traffic, fingerprinting, gang/drug awareness, and school safety/anti-bullying. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Thurs., ages 9-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Twirling Camp

Campers will learn basic baton twirling schools and vocabulary. Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Fri., ages 6-12. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Drama Camp

Campers will learn basic acting skills while having TONS of fun! Camp hours are 9-12 noon, Mon.-Thurs. and 4-7pm on Friday, when campers will perform for family and friends. Camp ages 10-14. The camp cost is \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents.

### Dance Camp

Campers will focus on musicality, movement, artistic expression, teamwork and FUN! We’ll explore a variety of different music selections, fitness conditioning, dance vocabulary, proper technique, and much more. Ages 6-12 years. \$25 for Ayden Residents and \$35 for Non-residents.

For dates and to register online visit:

<https://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/> or call (252) 481-5837 for more information.

Wise Words: "Where there is no struggle, there is no strength ." ~ Oprah Winfrey~

# May & June calendar of events

## MAY

- May 11th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall  
May 12th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Gwendy's Goodi  
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



## JUNE

- Jun. 8th: 7pm—Governing Board Meeting 2nd floor, Town Hall  
Jun. 9th: 6:30pm—Main Street Committee, Gwendy's Goodies  
Jun. 15th: 7pm—Planning Board Meeting, 2nd floor, Town Hall  
Jun. 23rd: 7pm—Community Policing, Community Building  
Jun. 25th: 6:30pm—Arts/Rec Commission, Ayden Recreation Center

### MEMORIAL DAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

- Mon. May 25th -- No Collection**  
**Tues. May 26th -- Monday's route**  
**Wed. May 27th -- Tuesday's and Wednesday's route**  
**Thurs. May 28th -- Recycling**

## Customer Hot List

### NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

## TOWN'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Town Services/Operating Hours and Procedures
- Town offices will be closed to members of the public until April 29, 2020.
  - Services such as trash and recycling will continue to run on regular schedules, however service levels and times are subject to change.
  - Utilities, planning and permitting requests/services should be made by phone or email. Visit us at [ayden.com](http://ayden.com) or call 252-481-5817 for assistance.

Payment of utility bills can be made using one of the following methods:

- Online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/aydennc>
- Telephone at 855-837-8290
- Dropbox located next to Town Hall
- Walk up window at Town Hall located on parking lot side

The Town of Ayden will not disconnect services due to non-payment and late fees will be waived during the emergency period. Customers are reminded that they will be responsible for the payment of bills owed. Balances owed on bills CANNOT, legally, be waived by the Town.

Town Functions Suspended, Canceled, or Postponed

- All Parks and Recreation programs have been suspended until April 29, 2020.
- Town Library will be closed until April 29, 2020.
- All town rental facilities will not be available until April 29, 2020.
- The Community Policing and Arts & Recreation meetings scheduled in March and April have been canceled.
- Our next scheduled board meeting will be May 11, 2020.

For up-to-date information from the Town of Ayden regarding Town activities and services, visit us at [www.ayden.com](http://www.ayden.com) or thru our social media sites – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

### 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

### 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

## 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."**

**The 2020 Kings of Q BBO Cook-off and Festival, which had been planned for May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in downtown Ayden has been canceled.** With the health and safety of our community in mind, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event.. We understand the impact this has on our amazing cook teams, our generous sponsors, wonderful vendors and dedicated volunteers. Thank you all for your tireless work in supporting the Kings of Q. We will be back stronger next year, and we look forward to seeing you in Ayden! Be safe, stay home and shop local.

