



# 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: 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



## Need Backdoor pickup?



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) 481-5817, Option 2. Thank you.

# february & march calendar of events

## FEBRUARY

- Feb. 8th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- **Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 15th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Feb. 23rd 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.
- Feb. 25th: 6:30pm, Arts & Rec. Commission



## MARCH

- Mar. 8th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- Mar. 15th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- **Mar. 17th: Saint Patrick's Day**
- Mar. 23rd: 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.
- Mar. 25th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Mtg.

*\*Dates and Times Subject to Change\**

## Customer Hot List

### NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

### 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 252-481-5817, Option 2, or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### Welcome New Employees!

**James Clark**  
Reserve Officer  
Police Department

**Nola Roberts**  
Administrative Support Specialist  
Public Works/Planning

**David Woods**  
Police Officer  
Police Department

**Ben Worthington**  
Equipment Mechanic



### 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

Matthew S. Livingston, Town Manager  
Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk  
Kimberly Raynor, Human Resources  
Stephen Smith, Planning Director  
Mallory Denham, Economic Development Director  
Chris Forehand, Chief of Police  
Keith Murphy, Public Works & Utilities Director  
Amy Coble Finance Director  
Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director  
Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ayden, NC 28513-0219  
(252) 481-5817  
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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](http://www.ayden.com) and check out our facebook page at [facebook.com/townofayden](https://www.facebook.com/townofayden)*

### 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](http://tasteofhome.com))



## 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."**