



# 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: 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](mailto:billing@ayden.com), 252-481-5817 or stop by Town Hall to get started today.

**If your GARBAGE is picked up on MONDAY, your YARD waste will also be collected on MONDAY.**

**If your GARBAGE is picked up on TUESDAY, your YARD waste will also be collected on TUESDAY.**

**If your GARBAGE is picked up on WEDNESDAY, your YARD waste will also be collected on WEDNESDAY.**

**BULK PICKUP WEST OF R. R. TRACKS  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY.  
BULK PICKUP EAST OF R. R. TRACKS  
2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY.**

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS?  
Contact Customer Service @ (252) 481-5817, Option 2**

# march & april calendar of events

## 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.

## APRIL

- Apr. 2nd: Good Friday, Town Offices Closed
- **April 4th: Easter Sunday**
- Apr. 12th: 7pm, Governing Board Mtg.
- Apr. 19th: 7pm, Planning Board Mtg.
- Apr. 22nd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Mtg.
- Apr. 27th: 7pm, Community Policing Mtg.

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

## Youth Soccer Registration

Jan. 11th -  
February 21st



## AYDEN ARTS & RECREATION DEPT. 2021 YOUTH SPORTS



**Girls Softball  
Registration**  
Jan. 25th—  
March 7th

## Customer Hot List

### NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

### TEMPORARY CONVERSION TO CHLORINE

Beginning March 8th and continuing until April 12th, 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.

### 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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4144 West Avenue/P.O. Box 219  
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."**

### Welcome New Employees!

*Joanne Floyd*

Senior Accounting Technician  
Finance

*David Dinkins*

Telecommunicator  
Police Department

