



# 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)



## Town of Ayden Sanitary Sewer Collection System Annual Performance Report For July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

### General Information:

Regulated Entity: Town of Ayden  
Responsible Entity: Town of Ayden

### Contact Persons:

Town Manager, Brandon Holland, (252) 481-5826  
Operator/ORC, Kevin Cox, (252) 481-5833

The Town of Ayden Sewer Collection System consists of sixteen sewer pump stations and approximately 47.8 miles of gravity lines and force mains. Sewer is pumped from the pump stations to the Contentnea Metropolitan Sewer District located in Grifton, North Carolina. The wastewater is treated by that facility and discharged into Contentnea Creek.

### Performance:

The Town of Ayden Sanitary Sewer Collection System continued excellence in compliance for the reporting period. The Town of Ayden also recognizes the need to identify and eliminate sources of Inflow and Infiltration (I & I). The majority of these areas have been identified and many have been corrected by use of grants and loans from federal and state funding agencies. Others have been addressed via Town of Ayden funding. Additionally, the Town of Ayden’s Capital Improvement Plan has identified future rehabilitation projects.

### Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO):

This notice and notice for Sanitary Sewer Overflows are required by North Carolina General Statutes Article 21 Chapter 143.215. For further information contact Mr. Kevin Cox at (252) 481-5833.

### Notification:

A public notice was submitted to *The Daily Reflector* newspaper located at 1150 Sugg Parkway, Greenville, NC 27834. This newspaper circulates all of Pitt County. The notice informs the citizens and businesses of their ability to receive the Performance Annual Report at the Ayden Town Hall. A copy of the report is also distributed to all utility customers in the Town’s newsletter. There will also be a public notice and download available on the Town of Ayden’s web site at [www.ayden.com](http://www.ayden.com).

## Featured News:

Town Management Team



## Stay warm and cut down on your electric usage with the following tips:

- ✂ Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- ✂ Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.
- ✂ When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as comfortable.
- ✂ Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes (“plumbing penetrations”), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- ✂ Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- ✂ Schedule service for your heating system. Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- ✂ Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter, it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.
- ✂ Use light-emitting diode or “LED” holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decoration your home for the winter holidays.
- ✂ Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You’ll not only save energy, you’ll avoid scalding your hands.

For more tips on saving energy, visit the Department of Energy’s website at [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).

Wise Words: "Don't find fault, find a remedy." ~ Henry Ford

# november & december calendar of events

## NOVEMBER 2015

- Nov. 9th: 7-pm, Governing Board Meeting\*
- Nov. 10th: Pitt County Schools Early Release Day
- Nov. 11th: Town Offices Closed
- Nov. 11th: 1-pm Veterans' Day Ceremony, Veterans' Park, 3rd Street
- Nov. 16th: 7-pm, Planning Board Meeting\*
- Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving, Town offices closed
- Nov. 27th: Town offices closed

## DECEMBER 2015

- Dec. 3rd: 6:30-pm, Ayden Christmas Parade
- Dec. 14th: 7-pm, Governing Board Meeting\*
- Dec. 18th: Pitt County Schools Early Release Day
- Dec. 21st-31st: Pitt County Schools Christmas Break
- Dec. 21st: 7-pm, Planning Board Meeting\*
- Dec. 24th: Town offices close at 1pm
- Dec. 25th: Christmas, Town offices closed
- Dec. 28th: Town offices closed

### Veteran's Day Sanitation Schedule

- Nov. 9th: Monday's Route
- Nov. 10th: Tuesday's Route
- Nov. 11th: NO COLLECTION
- Nov. 12th: Wednesday's Route & Recycling

### Thanksgiving Sanitation Schedule

- Nov. 23rd: Monday's Route
- Nov. 24th: Tuesday & Wednesday's Route
- Nov. 25th: Recycling
- Nov. 26th & 27th: NO COLLECTION

### Christmas Sanitation Schedule

- Dec. 21st: Monday's Route
- Dec. 22nd: Tuesday's Route
- Dec. 23rd: Wednesday's Route & Recycling
- Dec. 24th & 25th: NO COLLECTION

\*Please call 481-5826 three(3) days prior to meeting time if you need special accommodations to attend.



## Customer Hot List Need to Know Items

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

During the holiday season, the Ayden Police Department urges residents to secure gifts in their cars out of sight while shopping.

Also, if you are having packages delivered to your home while you are at work or away, have a neighbor keep a look out and sign for the items. This way you won't have packages in your door or on your porch that could be easily taken by a thief.

After you open your presents on Christmas day, be careful not to leave boxes in front of your house that high end items like televisions, computers, video gaming systems came in. This allows potential thieves to know that these items are in your house and lets them know that your residence is a good target for breaking in.

If you plan on being away for the holidays, we always encourage residents to stop by the Police Department and complete a house check form. This lets us know that you are away and we will check the residence each day and night until you return.

## TEAM UP!

Ayden Arts & Recreation has teamed up with Winterville Parks & Recreation to make one youth football league giving both departments the ability to form two different age divisions. (In the past there was one age division.) Both departments are excited about the opportunity that younger players will get the chance to play against other players similar in size and age.

Games will be played at both recreation facilities on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The season will start on Thursday October 8th. Ayden will host two games of the 8-10 division while Winterville will play host to the 11-13 division.

For a complete schedule and other information about other programs offered by Ayden Arts and Recreation visit our website: <https://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com>.



### Town of Ayden

Inc. in 1891 - 2010 Population 4,972  
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
- Mary Alice Davenport, Commissioner 2nd Ward
- Michael Harris, Commissioner 3rd Ward
- Donnie Skinner, Commissioner 4th Ward
- Phyllis Ross, Commissioner 5th Ward

### Management Staff

- Brandon Holland, Town Manager
- Robert Sutton, Public Works & Utilities Director
- Stephen Smith, Community & Economic Planner
- Barry Stanley, Chief of Police
- Alicia Simpson, Finance Director
- Tommy Duncan, Recreation Director

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ayden, NC 28513-0219  
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<http://www.ayden.com>

### FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES EMERGENCIES

Ayden Customer Service at Town Hall  
Call During Normal Business Hrs.  
(252) 481-5823/481-5821

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



If you know individuals involved in committing a crime in Ayden, please consider reporting it. You need not to fear your name/info will not be revealed in any way to anyone; it will be kept anonymous. Please call (252) 758-7777 or visit: [www.crimestopper.org](http://www.crimestopper.org)

The Town Commissioners passed a 10% decrease in electric rates effective Oct 1, 2015. Customers will see this reduction in the bills they receive in November.