

# the COLLARD CHRONICLES

“One of America’s Best Small Communities to Raise a Family”~ *U.S. Media Group, 2013*



## 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)



The Arts & Recreation Foundation of Ayden was formed in 2015. The Foundation was given the task of raising the funds to complete the Ayden District Park by 2020. With the help of the Town of Ayden Commissioners, and the Arts & Recreation Board and Arts & Recreation Department, Phase 1 was completed.

Phase 1 houses the splash pad, 2 soccer/football fields, volleyball courts, picnic shelters, bocce ball and shuffleboard, as well as restroom facilities. It also includes a quarter mile walking trail, parking lots, and an 18 hole Frisbee golf course. When Phases 2 & 3 are complete, the District Park will include a four-baseball field complex with a concession stand, restrooms, scoreboards, speaker system, an outdoor amphitheater, and two more picnic shelters.

The Arts & Recreation Foundation is not a part of the Arts and Recreation Department. The Foundation’s task is to raise money to complete the District Park. If you are interested in sponsoring a specific part of the Park or just wish to make a donation, a donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to complete the Park and to make The Ayden District Park a Park of Distinction.

Please contact Linda Creech – Chairperson at 252-917-2746 or mail to the:  
Arts & Recreation Foundation of Ayden, N.C.  
P.O. Box 412  
Ayden, N.C. 28513



## **Featured News: Town Management Team**

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Interim Town Manager Leonard Barefoot announced that City of Oxford NC Public Works Director James Proctor will assume the position of Public Works and Utilities Director for the Town of Ayden effective March 28th. According to Barefoot, Proctor was selected from a quality pool of interested applicants. “Mr. Proctor has more than 20 years in various public works and utility disciplines including more than 10 years at DuPont in Kinston. His broad range of experience stood out in his interview and will be a plus for him in his position with the Town of Ayden,” stated Barefoot.

In addition to several state required certifications and classes related to his new position, Proctor has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Mount Olive University. Proctor has served on multiple state committees with emphasis on operator certification and operator ethics. He was voted Wastewater Operator of the Year in 2007 from the NC American Water Works Association. Proctor succeeds Robert Sutton who served as Public Works and Utilities Director for more than 11 years before resigning to take a similar position in Winterville.

Proctor and his wife of 24 years, Wendy, have two children and reside in Greenville, NC, a factor which influenced Proctor to apply for the position. “While I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my experiences in both Youngsville and Oxford, Ayden offers me a unique opportunity. I look forward to the challenge,” stated Proctor. According to Barefoot, Proctor will earn an annual salary of \$72,500 in his new position.

Wise Words: "Elephants and grandchildren never forget." ~ Andy Rooney

# may & june calendar of events

## MAY

- May 9th: 7-pm, Governing Board Meeting\*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- May 10th: 6:30-pm, Main Street Meeting, Community Building
- May 12th: 5:30-pm, Chamber Meeting, 235 3rd St
- May 16th: 7-pm, Planning Board Meeting\*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- May 16th: 6-pm, Arts & Rec Foundation of Ayden Meeting, Community Building
- May 24th: 7-pm, Community Policing, Community Building
- May 26th: 6:30-pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
- May 30th: Memorial Day, Town offices closed, Pitt County Schools closed

## JUNE

- June 8th: Pitt County Schools, Last day for students
- June 9th: 5:30-pm, Chamber Meeting, 235 3rd St
- June 13th: 7-pm, Governing Board Meeting\*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- June 14th: 6:30-pm, Main Street Meeting, Community Building
- June 20th: 7-pm, Planning Board Meeting\*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- June 20th: 6-pm, Arts & Rec Foundation of Ayden Meeting, Community Building
- June 23rd: 6:30-pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
- June 28th: 7-pm, Community Policing, Community Building

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



### Memorial Day Sanitation Schedule

- Monday, May 30th -- NO COLLECTION
- Tuesday, May 31st -- Monday's route
- Wednesday, June 1st -- Tuesday's and Wednesday's route
- Thursday, June 2nd -- Recycling

## Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

### Pothole patching, easy as 1...2...3...

The NCDOT has a new roadway reporting system and now, by law, is required to patch potholes on state maintained streets within two business days. **Note: this time frame only relates to pothole patching.** To report a problem, please visit [www.ncdot.gov/contact/](http://www.ncdot.gov/contact/) or call 1-877-368-4968.

## REGISTRATION OPEN!! NOW THROUGH MAY 27TH

**Drama Camp - Ages 10-14**  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Monday-Thursday, performances on Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
\$25.00 Ayden Residents  
\$35.00 Non-Residents

**Basketball Camp - Ages 6-14**  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Monday-Thursday  
\$25.00 Ayden Residents  
\$35.00 Non-Residents

**Soccer Camp - Ages 9-13**  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Monday-Thursday  
\$25.00 Ayden Residents  
\$35.00 Non-Residents

**Tennis Camp - Ages 8-12**  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Monday-Thursday  
\$25.00 Ayden Residents  
\$35.00 Non-Residents

To register for camps and for further information please visit <https://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/> or call 252-481-5837.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Reading to children encourages cognitive, emotional and social development. Ayden Library has started a new prereader initiative called "1000 Books before Kindergarten". It is a free program and any child who has not started Kindergarten yet can participate. Stop by the library to learn more about the program and sign up or call 252-481-5836.

### 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, Commissioner 1st Ward
- Mary Alice Davenport, Commissioner 2nd Ward
- Michael Harris, Commissioner 3rd Ward
- Donnie Skinner, Mayor Pro-Tem/ Commissioner 4th Ward
- Phyllis Ross, Commissioner 5th Ward

### Management Staff

- Leonard Barefoot, Interim Town Manager
- James Proctor, 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  
(252) 481-5817  
<http://www.ayden.com>

### FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES EMERGENCIES

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

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 fear your name/info will 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)