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Vision Statement

Vision to
Improve the
Lifestyle and
Landscape of
Ayden through
Growth and
Enrichment

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



Featured News: Water & Sewer Department

The Importance of Chloramines in the Drinking Water



The Town of Ayden's water system uses chloramine for the drinking water disinfection. This is used to protect the citizens from the degradation of chlorine compounds, associated with the breakdown of chlorine in the Town's drinking water. Disinfection is required by state and federal regulations.

Chloramines require special precautions with fish and people on dialysis. Chlorine and chloramines should be removed from water used in fish tanks, ponds, and aquariums. Individuals or businesses that keep fish or other animals in tanks, aquariums, or ponds should ask a pet supply company about how to remove chlorine and chloramines.

Both chloramines and chlorine are toxic in dialysis source water, and must be removed from water used in dialysis machines. It is safe for dialysis patients to drink, cook with, and bathe in chloraminated and chlorinated water because the digestive process neutralizes both before it enters the bloodstream. All affected kidney dialysis clinics and medical facilities have been notified. Unlike chlorine, chloramines cannot be removed by boiling water or letting water stand in an open container to dissipate. Medical centers that perform dialysis are responsible for purifying water used in dialysis machines. Customers with home dialysis equipment should contact their physicians and check with equipment manufacturers for information on proper adjustments to equipment.



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 **252-481-5823**. Thank you.

The Town of Ayden is pleased to offer the **Blackboard Connect service**, our city-to-resident notification system. With this service, city leaders can send personalized voice messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local community matters. The Connect service will be used to supplement our current communication plans and augment public safety/first responder services. Please accept our invitation to participate in this great service. We know that your personal information is important, and rest assured that we will not share it with anyone. If you have NOT already signed up for this service, please click the Blackboard Connect image located on our website at www.ayden.com or call Customer Service at (252) 481-5817 and sign up today!



Receive mobile alerts for the area

Leaf Season

Leaf season is drawing to a close and the need to get leaves put out is important. The Town will curtail leaf season at the end of January. Please keep leaves and sticks separated due to problems caused with the Town's leaf truck vacuum system.

february & march calendar of events

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 13th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Feb. 14th: 6:30pm, Main Street Committee, Community Building
- Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day
- Feb 16th: 6:30pm, Collard Festival Committee, Operations Center
- Feb. 20th: Presidents' Day
- Feb. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Feb. 21st: 5:30pm, Chamber of Commerce, 235 3rd Street
- Feb 23rd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
- Feb. 27th: Pitt County Schools Teacher Workday
- Feb. 28th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building

MARCH

- Mar. 13th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Mar. 14th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Community Building
- Mar. 14th: Pitt County Schools Early Release Day
- Mar. 16th: 6:30pm, Collard Festival Committee, Operations Center
- Mar. 20th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- March 21st: 5:30pm, Chamber of Commerce, 235 3rd Street
- Mar. 23rd: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center
- Mar. 28th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building

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 Department at 252-481-5823 or stop by Town Hall during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Customer Hot List

NEED TO KNOW ITEMS...

Arts & Crafts

Ayden Arts and Recreation is offering Arts and Crafts classes for ages 6 to 16. Whether your child is a practiced artist or is picking up a pencil or brush for the first time, this class is a great opportunity to develop new skills. Students will gain experience with colored pencil, watercolors, and other media while increasing confidence and embracing their own personal expression. Your child will learn to express their creativity and learn there is nothing more satisfying than making something with our hands.



Classes for ages 6-8 yr. olds will be Tues. nights from 6:30-8pm for 8 wks., beginning 2/21/17.

Classes for ages 9-12 yr. olds will be Thurs. nights from 6:30-8pm for 8 wks., beginning 2/23/17.

Classes for ages 13-16 yr. olds will be Wed. nights from 6:30-8pm for 8 wks., beginning 2/22/17.

Registration Dates: December 26th to February 19th.
 Registration hours will be from 8am to 5pm at the Recreation Center 4354 Lee St or register online at <https://aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/Home/tabid/3098/Default.aspx>.

For more information please contact Ayden Arts and Recreation at 252-481-5837. The cost is \$20 for Ayden Residents and \$30 for Non-Residents.

★ **Boys Volleyball Registration** ★
 ★ February 6th to March 3rd ★

★ **Girls Softball Registration** ★
 ★ February 6th to March 17th ★

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★ If you are interested in being a volunteer coach, please contact Ayden Arts and Recreation at 252-481-5838. ★

Town of Ayden

Inc. in 1891 - 2010 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

- Steven L. Harrell, Town Manager
- Sarah Radcliff, Executive Asst./Town Clerk
- Barry Stanley, Chief of Police
- James Proctor, Public Works & Utilities Director
- Stephen Smith, Planning Director
- Alicia Simpson, Finance Director
- Tommy Duncan, Arts & Recreation Director
- Rachelle Mondovich, Librarian
- Al Butts, Interim Housing Director

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



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

Come Take the Challenge!

Ayden Library is holding its first ever Adult Book Challenge! Challenge yourself in 2017 to read more books. A drawing will be held at the end of the challenge for several prizes. Stop by Ayden Library and sign up to take the challenge.... You only have to read at least 12 books in a year to qualify for the drawing and those who finish the entire list get full bragging rights on being an "Ayden Library Book Challenge Master"! Stop by for the library details.....451 Second St.