

the COLLARD CHRONICLES

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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

43 Years of Festivals!

This year marks the 43rd Anniversary of the Collard Festival. Our Collard Festival Committee has worked hard to make it a special one this year. Come on out and enjoy the festivities!

**Dates and times subject to change*

Ayden Indoor Art Show -Viewing Schedule- 548 2nd St, Community Building

Public Viewing Schedule

Friday, September 1: 8:00-6:00
Tuesday, September 5: 8:00-4:00
Wed.-Friday Sept. 6-8: 8:00-6:00
Saturday, September 9: 12:00-6:00
Sunday, September 10: 12:00-4:00

ART SHOW

Thursday, September 7th

6pm— Rides and Vendors open on West Avenue, Wristband night, \$20.00
7pm—Pageant-Live Entertainment, West Avenue Stage
7:30pm—Purple the Clown: Free Balloon Art, West Avenue Stage



Friday, September 8th

6pm— Rides and vendors open on West Avenue
6pm— Shimmy Shakers Line Dancers, West Avenue Stage
7pm— Trenice Atkinson, West Avenue Stage
8pm— Fantasy Band, West Avenue Stage

Saturday, September 9th

9am—Arts and Crafts vendors, Second Street
-Rides and Food vendors open
-Horseshoe Tournament Registration at Veterans Park, Third Street
10am—Opening Ceremonies, West Avenue Stage
-Horseshoe Tournament Begins at Veterans Park
11am—Ayden Collard Festival Parade
12pm—Carolina Girls Line Dancers
12:30pm—Corn Hole Tournament Registration at T-Shirt Tent
- Smiles and Frowns Playhouse
1pm—Spin-man, West Avenue Stage Area
- Kids Corner (with McDonalds), corner of Second and East Avenue
1:30 pm— Corn Hole Tournament begins, Town Hall Parking Lot
2pm—Collard Eating Contest, West Avenue stage
3pm—Carolina Heat Demo, West Avenue stage
4pm—Spin-Man, West Avenue Stage
6pm—Abby Jones, Second Street
6:30pm—Andro Brown, Second Street
7pm—Men of Faith Gospel Singers
- Original Music by Johnny Cutrell, West Avenue Stage
8pm—Band of Oz, West Avenue Stage

Sunday, September 10th

4-6 pm— Pick up art submitted in Ayden Collard Festival Indoor Art Show, Ayden Community Bldg, 548 Second Street.



Wise Words: "It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." ~Henry David Thoreau

September & October Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 4th: Labor Day, Town offices closed; Pitt County Schools closed
- Sept. 7th-10th: Ayden Collard Festival
- Sept. 11th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Sept. 12th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Community Building
- Sept. 18th: 6pm, Arts & Rec Foundation of Ayden Meeting, Community Building
- Sept. 18th: -7pm, Planning Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Sept. 26th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building
- Sept. 28th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center

LABOR DAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

- Monday, Sept. 4th – NO COLLECTION
- Tuesday, Sept. 5th – Monday's route
- Wednesday, Sept. 6th – Tuesday's and Wednesday's route
- Thursday, Sept. 7th – Recycling

OCTOBER

- Oct. 9th: 7pm, Governing Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Oct. 10th: Pitt County Schools Early Release Day
- Oct. 10th: 6:30pm, Main Street Meeting, Community Building
- Oct. 11th: Pitt County Schools Teacher Workday
- Oct. 16th: 6pm, Arts & Rec Foundation of Ayden Meeting, Community Building
- Oct. 16th: 7pm, Planning Board Meeting*, 2nd floor, Town Hall
- Oct. 24th: 7pm, Community Policing, Community Building
- Oct. 26th: 6:30pm, Arts/Rec Commission Meeting, Ayden Recreation Center

*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...



Elderly Watch Program



The Ayden Police Department along with the Ayden Community Policing Council care about our seniors and are bringing back our Elderly Watch Program. This program consists of volunteers from the Community Policing Council calling participants to check on them. Calls will be made between the hours of 10am and 4pm daily. This program is free of charge to seniors in our community. If you or a family member are interested in participating in this program, please fill out an application so that you can be added to the list. Applications can be downloaded from the Town of Ayden website, www.ayden.com, or picked up in person at the Ayden Police Department, 4144 West Avenue, Ayden, NC. All applications should be turned in to Officer Clark. For more information or questions, contact Officer Clark at (252) 481-5834.

Free baseball signups!! Just register online at www.leaguelineup.com/aydenbaseball and get ready to play baseball!! Season starts Sept 5th and runs until mid October. For more information contact Ernest Brannon @ 252-714-7526.



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

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
Robert Taylor, Jr., 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



Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!