



the COLLARD CHRONICLES

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

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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.



FEATURED NEWS:

Mayor Stephen Tripp

Over the past several years as your Mayor, I have had the privilege of seeing and doing a lot of things that bring me great joy, such as participating in graduation programs at our elementary and middle schools. I get to witness “high fives,” hugging, crying and smiling graduates and see the excitement from their parents and grandparents as certificates and awards are distributed. All the while, watching the pride come over the principals, teachers and staff as they reflect on the investments they made and rewards they received from accomplishing goals. So as the school year ends, we embrace new beginnings. Children take on new extracurricular activities like sports or get involved with the Boys and Girls Club, go to Vacation Bible School, or various other activities. Our Veterans Park, J.J. Brown Park and District Park all offer many opportunities for families to be together. If you haven’t already, I encourage your family to have fun in our splash pad at the District Park. For me, summer is just a time to spend with family and enjoy the outdoors. Ayden can look forward to a brighter future. The State recently signed a contract to design and construct a 12 mile bypass to run right beside Ayden (estimated completion date: March 2019). This new venture is sure to stimulate residential, commercial and industrial growth throughout our great town. Other Ayden accomplishments include the sale of assets from NCEMPA to Duke Progress Energy, projected to be finalized by July 1st. After an electric rate study is conducted, residents in Ayden should see a reduction in their electric bills. The renovation project for the Community Center on Lee Street should be completed by August. We then plan to partner with Pitt Community College so they can provide educational opportunities to the public from that location. The Ayden Historic Society and Arts & Recreation Foundation are setting goals and initiatives to enhance and develop our community. And our Police Department and Board of Commissioners are working with Crime Stoppers to educate our citizens on the benefits of this program and how it works. (See article below for information). The Town of Ayden is busy! We are facing some new and exciting days ahead. With summer upon us, my prayer is that you will take time to reflect on your accomplishments and give thanks for the blessings the Lord has showered upon you. Be committed to serving others daily, especially our children and elders. THANK YOU for your loyalty and making Ayden “One of America’s Best Small Communities to Raise a Family.” I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer. See you at the Splash Pad!

FEATURED NEWS:

Commissioner Donald Skinner



Crimestoppers has helped citizens and law enforcement take back their communities by paying CASH MONEY in reporting a crime. You always get paid in cash WITH NO HASSLE at a secret location. You will NEVER, ever be asked to give your name! Your name becomes a secret number so that you can NEVER be called to go to court, because Crimestopper doesn’t know you, only your secret number. Please help us solve crimes but just supplying information and you will get paid CASH for your information. Crimestoppers has solved crimes from murders to drug trades with witnesses never having to go to court to testify against anyone. Please help us take back our communities! Call 252-758-7777 or Text PITTGV@INFO TO 274637.

JULY & AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2015

- July 6th: Town Holiday—offices closed
- July 13th: 7 pm—Governing Board Meeting*
- July 25th: 10 am—Family Splash Day
Ayden District Park, Jolly Road
- July Planning Board Meeting — to be determined

August 2015

- Aug. 10th: 7 pm—Governing Board Meeting*
- Aug. 11th: 6:30 pm Small Town Main Street Meeting
- Aug. 13th: 5:30 pm— Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Aug. 17th: 7 pm—Planning Board Meeting*
- Aug. 20th: 7 pm—Collard Festival Committee Meeting
- Aug. 25th: 7 pm—Community Policing Council Meeting
- Aug. 27th: 6:30 pm—Arts & Recreation Commission Meeting



July 4th Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- Mon. July 6th: Holiday/
No Collection
- Tues. July 7th: Monday's Route
- Wed. July 8th: Tuesday &
Wednesday's Route
- Thurs. July 9th: Recycling
- Fri. July 10th: No collection

Please use drop box at Town Hall for making payments on July 6th. Call 481-5844 if you have a holiday utility emergency.

*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

No More Door Hangers!

Starting July 1st, you will automatically be notified by phone when your payment is past due as a reminder to pay your bill before electric service is scheduled for disconnection. If you want to get a courtesy call before a service cut-off, please call 481-5823 to provide Ayden Customer Service with a valid phone number. Thank you for helping us help you!

Ayden Art Show

The 7th Annual Ayden Collard Festival Indoor Art Show is just two months away! We invite local children, youth and adult artists to submit up to 3 pieces on August 30th and 31st. We invite EVERYONE to come view the wonderful artwork on display at the Second St. Community Building on September 4 and from September 8th through 13th. For more info, please visit the Collard Festival website: www.aydencollardfestival.com

Pitt County Summer Meals Program

The Ayden Elementary School on Third St. is one of many sites hosting a summer foodservice program for children via the Pitt County Schools Child Nutrition Department. The Ayden site will open June 22nd and remain open through the summer (except July 3rd). Most school cafeterias will serve breakfast from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Questions? Call (252) 830-4226.



Sports Registration

If your kids are interested in either volleyball or football, Ayden's Arts & Rec Department is accepting registrations from Aug. 10th through Sept. 4th. For more information and to register visit: aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com, call 481-5838 or stop by the office M-F between 8:30-5:00

Town of Ayden

Inc. in 1891 - 2013 Population 5,014
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

You may experience temporary 3-second power interruptions until mid-July due to electric substation renovations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Contact #'s for Ayden 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



Family Splash Day

**Saturday, July 25th
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join us at the Ayden District Park for FREE family activities including the splash pad, water balloon toss, and huge inflatable water slides. Fun for all ages! Parents, please accompany your children and make sure they wear swimsuits. Food vendors will be onsite selling refreshments. We'll see you there!

**Ayden's Collard Festival invites
you to celebrate its 41st year!
September 10-13, 2015.
www.aydencollardfestival.com**