



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

2015 Hurricane Season

Fortunately, we expect a quiet hurricane season this year with experts predicting only 4 to 6 named storms (the yearly average has been about 11!). One to three may grow strong enough to become hurricanes according to NC State University Professor Lian Xie, who specializes in marine, earth and atmospheric sciences.

Here’s a few hurricane preparedness tips you may find useful:

- Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you needed to evacuate
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts
- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure to help reduce roof damage
- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan
- Cover all your home’s windows with permanent storm shutters or by boarding them up with 5/8” plywood, cut to fit. NOTE: tape does not prevent windows from breaking
- Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage

Let’s all be safe this summer!

Collard Festival Volunteers

The Ayden Collard Festival Committee is busy planning the next festival. If you’re interested in being a volunteer, they would appreciate the help! Please contact Pat Tripp at (252) 714-2149 or email: trippat@yahoo.com. *Thanks!*

Splash Pad Opens Soon!

Open from dusk until dawn, there’s something for everyone at the District Park. **The splash pad will open June 15th** and be open all summer. Daily hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday. A daily admission pass is only \$2 per person to use the splash pad. The Splash Pad is “first come, first served” but can accommodate 60 kids at one time. Please make sure your children wear a swim suit and water shoes (rubberized bottoms) as flip flops are not allowed due to safety concerns. Please call 481-5823 to reserve the shelter (\$40 for 4 hours; \$70 for 8 hours). There will be a park attendant on site each day to address any concerns.

Are You Filling a Swimming Pool This Summer?



Before you turn on the facet :

- Call Customer Service first (481-5823). Ayden’s Water-Sewer department will need an initial water meter reading as well as measurements of the pool to be filled.
- Be Perceptive. Please make sure the pool is filled as quickly as possible.
- Be Observant. If there are any problems such as leaks, please call us immediately.
- Be Prompt. When finished, let us know! Our water/sewer department must take the final water meter reading and pool water volume.

These tips will help you save \$\$\$ on your monthly sewer bill!

JUNE & JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2015

- June 8th:** 7 pm—Governing Board Meeting*
- June 9th:** 6:30 pm Small Town Main Street Meeting
- June 11th:** Last day of School for Pitt County Students
- June 11th:** 5:30 pm— Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- June 15th:** 7 pm—Planning Board Meeting*
- June 18th:** 7 pm—Collard Festival Committee Meeting
- June 20th:** 6 pm— Double Dutie Corp. Presents the *Unity 2015 Tour: "Be the Best You Can Be"* (anti-bullying music/dance performance) FREE Doug Mitchell Auditorium at Arts & Rec Building; 4354 Lee St. Call 481-5837 for more info
- June 23rd:** 7 pm—Community Policing Council Meeting
- June 25th:** 6:30 pm—Arts & Recreation Commission Meeting
- June 27th:** 7 pm—"A Journey from Motown" - Doug Mitchell Auditorium (4354 S. Lee St.) Tickets: \$15 at the door Call (252) 714-7965 for info

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 FREE Call 481-5837 for info



Set It and Forget It!

Set your thermostat for 78° in warmer months. Each additional degree BELOW that number will add about 3% to your energy costs. (We apologize for the previous error!)

*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



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. Call 481-5844 if you have a utility emergency on July 6th.

Saving Water ... Easy as 1 - 2 - 3

Here's a few conservation tips that can translate into savings on your utility bill:

1. If your flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
2. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons of water.
3. If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water efficient model.

Your choices make a difference!

Please note: The Town does not fix a leak around your toilet—only leaks in a water line that the Town maintains (hint: it's out by the road)



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

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

Management Staff

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

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



Get Fired Up for Reading!

The free Summer Reading Program runs from **June 22nd through August 3rd**. Sign up begins May 18th at the Ayden Library. Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm; Tuesday & Thursday until 7:30 pm; and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information about the program, please call 481-5836.

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