



HICKORY AIRPORT MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 42 years of service, Hickory Regional Airport Manager Terry Clark announced that he will retire on Dec. 31. Clark has worked for the City of Hickory since April 1981 and has served as manager of the Hickory Regional Airport since 2007.



“It has been a blessing and an honor over the last 42 years to have served with the City of Hickory Regional Airport,” said Clark. “Thanks to all my staff and my City of Hickory coworkers. I have worked with so many amazing and supportive city managers and councilmen and women throughout the years. I would like to give a special thank you to Harold Whitener, former airport manager, who hired me and gave me the opportunity to be a part of this organization. He was a wonderful mentor and is a great friend.”

During his tenure with the City of Hickory, Clark has been at the helm of many notable projects to advance the airport. One of his greatest career achievements was taking over all fixed-base operator (FBO) services in 2011. This had never been done in the history of the Hickory airport. Prior to this significant change, all aviation services were managed and provided by a contracted company.

In the following years, Clark led the Airport Task Force for future development at the airport and completed an Airport Layout Plan (ALP). The strategic vision for the airport included the closing of Runway 1/19 for present and future economic development, extending Runway 6/24 to over 7,000 feet to accommodate larger aircraft, installing an Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) to enhance aircraft safety, and adding a new fuel farm to improve efficiencies in fuel sales.

He oversaw the construction of a new 32,000-square-foot hangar to replace the N1 hangar that was damaged by a tornado in October 2017. The replacement hangar was built to the latest safety standards with a state-of-the-art foam suppression system.

Clark also built relationships with pilots, corporate customers, and regional partners to continuously make improvements at the Hickory Regional Airport. Under his leadership, the City partnered with Burke County to construct a 12,000-square-foot airplane hangar in 2022. Construction of 12 T-hangars is currently underway along the closed Runway 1/19, again in partnership with Burke County Government.

Another notable project that is still in the works is the construction of a facility on the east ramp that will house an expanded Hickory Aviation Museum and a new Workforce Innovation Center for Catawba Valley Community College.

“We greatly appreciate Terry’s dedication to serving Hickory residents and visitors over the years. He literally rolled out the red carpet for his airport guests and was often the first to welcome people to Hickory. His leadership at the airport has helped to strengthen the Hickory community and connect Hickory to destinations across the country and beyond. We certainly wish him a long and happy retirement,” commented Mayor Hank Guess.

HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
 Tuesday, December 5 & 19
 6 p.m.
 Julian G. Whitener
 Municipal Building (City Hall)
HickoryNC.gov



CITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES
 November 23 & 24
 December 25, 26 & 27
 January 1, 2024



HICKORY FARMERS MARKET
 Saturdays only 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 The Sails on the Square
HickoryFarmersMarket.com

**FOOTHILLS POPS:
 HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR**
 Friday, December 1
 7:30 p.m.
 J.E. Broyhill Civic Center
WPSymphony.org

DOG WALK WITH SANTA DAY
 Saturday, December 2
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Bruce Meisner Park

**1940S CHRISTMAS
 RADIO HOUR**
 Saturday, December 9
 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
 Drendel Auditorium, SALT Block
HickoryMusicFactory.com

**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS
 CONCERT**
 Saturday, December 16
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Drendel Auditorium, SALT Block
 Presented by: Greater Hickory
 International Council

KWANZAA FOR COMMUNITY
 Thursday, December 28
 6 p.m.
 Ridgeview Branch Library

For more holiday events, visit
HickoryNC.gov/holidaypalooza

For more events, visit
HickoryEventsCalendar.com

CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP STARTS NOVEMBER 13

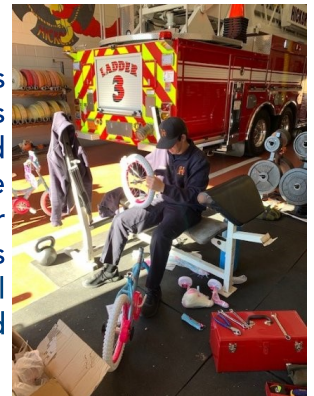
Curbside loose leaf collection begins in Hickory on November 13 and continues until January 19, 2024, per the announced schedule. Each collection area will have two pickups. Time allotted in each area is based on the number of mature trees and the size of the area. This service is dependent on weather conditions and staffing. Please be patient if pickup is delayed and the schedule needs to be adjusted. For an interactive map, schedule updates, and helpful tips, visit the Leaf Collection page: www.hickorync.gov/leaf-collection. Please call 828-323-7500 with any questions regarding leaf collection in the City of Hickory.

| Quadrant | First Pickup | Second Pickup |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| NW A | November 13 - 17 | December 18 - 22 |
| NW B | November 20 - 24 | December 26 - 30 |
| SE | November 27 - December 1 | January 1 - 5 |
| SW | November 27 - December 1 | January 1 - 5 |
| NE | December 4 - 15 | January 8 - 19 |

BIKES FOR TYKES & COPS FOR TOTS

The holiday season is a time of giving and sharing joy. Help Hickory's Fire and Police Departments continue the tradition of assisting families in need with special toy collection drives.

Each year, Hickory Fire Department collects new bicycles and tricycles for local underprivileged kids through its Bikes for Tykes program. Please help by donating and dropping off bikes or tricycles at any of the Hickory fire stations between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. For directions or questions, call 828-323-7420. The last day to drop off is December 5. Donated bikes will be distributed to local children at the Catawba County Christmas Bureau held December 12 and 13.



Hickory Police Department will collect new toys and monetary donations for this year's Cops for Tots Christmas Wish House, which benefits disadvantaged children aged 13 and under. Participants must pre-register by December 1. The Christmas Wish House will be open December 13-15 at the Hickory Police Training Annex located at 320 3rd Street SW in Hickory.



Collection boxes for new, unwrapped toys can be located in the lobby of Hickory Police Department at 347 2nd Ave SW. Monetary donations can be mailed to: Cops for Tots, Hickory Police Department, 347 2nd Avenue SW, Hickory, NC 28602. Make checks payable to "Cops for Tots." 100% of donations are used to support children in need or other community childhood programs. For more information, please call 828-261-2691.



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