

Hickory

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HICKORY TO HOST SERIES OF 5K RACES

The Hickory Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Department will host a series of 5K races beginning this April. From established races, like the Lightning Bug Boogie 5K Night Trail Run and the Trick or Trot 5K, to brand-new races, including the Easter Egg Scramble 5K and the Aviation 5K, these races are designed to encourage Hickory runners to go outdoors and explore different terrains.

- The first race in the 2025 5K series is the inaugural **Easter Egg Scramble 5K**. Get your exercise in for the day, before the 39th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The race begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, at Henry Fork River Park.
- The second race is another new race, the **Aviation 5K**, which allows runners to run across the iconic Hickory Bridge along the Aviation Walk. This race begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, at Winkler Park.
- The third race in the series is the fourth annual **Lightning Bug Boogie 5K Night Trail Run**. This run is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 15, at 9 p.m. at the Lake Hickory Trails. All participants in this race must be comfortable running at night and provide their own headlamp.
- The fourth run is the second annual **Ruff, Ruff, Run**, a race where participants are encouraged to run with their leashed dogs. The Ruff, Ruff, Run is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m. at Winkler Park. The Dog Festival starts at 10 a.m., which features dog-friendly vendors, sponsors, and food trucks.
- The final run in the 5K series is the **Trick or Trot 5K**, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9 a.m. at Stanford Park. Runners dress in their best Halloween costumes and compete for overall race prizes as well as the award for best costume.

Register for individual or all races online at RunSignUp.com/Race/NC/Hickory/HickoryKSeries. Contact Lance Riddle at 828-261-2254 or lriddle@hickorync.gov for more information.

HICKORY 5K SERIES





HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 1 & 15

6 p.m.

Hickory City Hall

HickoryNC.gov

AUTISM AWARENESS

FUN WALK

Saturday, April 5

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bruce Meisner Park

HICKORY LITERARY FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 12

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SALT Block

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12

6-9 p.m.

Henry Fork River Park

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18

City Offices Closed

GREEN FEST

Saturday, April 26

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Downtown Hickory

HICKORY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 26

4-7 p.m.

Downtown Hickory

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HickoryEventsCalendar.com

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2025 PUBLIC SERVANTS OF THE YEAR

Each year, Hickory Elks Lodge 1654 recognizes those who exhibit the patriotic values of duty and honor in service to their community and nation. During their Americanism Awards Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 8, the Hickory Elks presented public service awards honoring three exceptional members of Hickory's fire, police, and public services departments. Congratulations to Master Police Officer Trent Rothlin for being named the 2025 Exceptional Police Officer of the Year, to Public Utilities Special Projects Crew Leader Joey Corn for being named the 2025 Exceptional Hickory City Public Service Person of the Year, and to Senior Firefighter Jonathan Holden for being named the 2025 Exceptional Firefighter of the Year. In addition to the public service awards presented to members of three City of Hickory departments, another City of Hickory employee was honored for his military service during the ceremony. Hickory Regional Airport Manager and Lieutenant Commander Chad Hunsucker was recognized as the 2025 Exceptional Military Service Person of the Year for the United States Navy.



HICKORY RECEIVES TRIPLE CROWN AWARD

The City of Hickory earned its second consecutive Triple Crown Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. GFOA's Triple Crown Award is a prestigious award recognizing governments that have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. To learn more about the City of Hickory's Finance Department and review financial reports and documents, visit www.hickorync.gov/finance.

