April 2026

Hickory CITY SNIPPETS

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HYDRANT CHECKING

Throughout April and May, Hickory firefighters and Public Utilities staff will conduct the City's annual fire hydrant inspection and maintenance program. Crews will be working near busy streets and flowing water from hydrants. Motorists are urged to slow down and use caution when traveling through these areas. The primary purpose of the inspections is to ensure every hydrant is ready for use during a fire. While each hydrant is flowing, firefighters measure water pressure and available volume, an important part of maintaining the City's fire insurance rating. Hydrant flushing also supports water quality by removing mineral deposits that build up inside water lines. As a result, residents may occasionally notice brief water discoloration while flushing is underway. If this happens, call Public Utilities at 828-323-7427 to request that the main line be cleared. Once the main line is flushed, residents should run an outdoor spigot to clear water inside the home and avoid using hot water until discoloration has resolved to prevent affecting the water heater. With more than 2,000 hydrants across the system, this program takes several months to complete. Most work will occur on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., though some checks may take place during evenings or weekends when necessary. For more information, contact Hickory Public Utilities at 828-323-7427 or Hickory Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Hoyle at 828-323-7420.

To be notified of hydrant flowing in your area, sign up to receive CodeRED Alerts through Catawba County's Community Alert Program.

SCAN ME

SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES

The City of Hickory's Sails Original Music Series returns this spring and fall with free concerts of live, original music. Performances begin at 7 p.m. under The Sails on the Square every Friday in May, June, and September (except for a special Saturday concert in Ridgeview on Sept. 26). Special thanks to this year's presenting sponsor, Protection Products, Inc., and supporting sponsors Bob Sinclair Music, Larry's Music & Sound, Pfahlert Creative Labs, Olde Hickory Brewery, and Crowne Plaza. Follow the Sails Original Music Series Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sailsmusic, and visit www.hickorync.gov/sailsmusic for details and band information.

FAIR HOUSING & REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

April is Fair Housing Month. The City of Hickory is committed to affirmatively furthering Fair Housing in the community. Two housing rehabilitation programs are offered to homeowners within Hickory city limits. If you need financial assistance to make urgent repairs or accessibility improvements to your home, contact the Community Development Division at 828-323-7414 to learn more and see if you qualify for these programs.

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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
May 5 & 19
6 p.m.
Hickory City Hall
HickoryNC.gov

SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES
Every Friday in May and June
7 p.m.
The Sails on the Square
HickoryNC.gov/SailsMusic

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT
Saturday, May 2
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hickory American Legion Fairgrounds

SPRING INTO SUMMER
Thursday, May 7
5-7 p.m.
Taft Broome Park

SINGING ON THE SQUARE
Sunday, May 17
6-7:30 p.m.
Union Square, Downtown

AVIATION 5K
Saturday, May 23
9 a.m.
Winkler Park
HickoryNC.gov/5KSeries

HICKORY SWINGS
Sunday, May 24
6-10 p.m.
Union Square, Downtown

CITY CLOSURES
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25

REMINDERS FOR POOLS & SPRINKLERS

Pool Fill Adjustments: Call the Collections Division at 828-323-7424 at least one business day BEFORE filling your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive a one-time adjustment on the sewer charge on your next water bill.

Lawn Sprinkler Meters: The City of Hickory must be contacted to activate irrigation meters to avoid the potential for tampering charges being added for meters that are found with consumption that were turned on by an unauthorized person. To activate a lawn sprinkler meter, call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also remember to call Collections at the end of the season to inactivate the service and discontinue monthly base charges.

HICKORY IN BLOOM RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Community Appearance Commission (CAC) invites residents to help highlight the beauty of our community through the Hickory in Bloom Recognition Program. This annual program celebrates homes and properties that demonstrate exceptional landscaping or significant visual improvement within the city.

From April through September, residents, property owners, and neighbors can nominate outstanding yards and properties for monthly recognition. Selected properties will be featured on the City of Hickory's website and official Facebook page. Nomination forms and full program details can be found at www.hickorync.gov/beautification-recognition-program.

The Hickory in Bloom Recognition Program supports the CAC's mission to enhance the city's appearance and promote community-wide beautification efforts. For more information about the Community Appearance Commission and its programs, visit www.hickorync.gov/community-appearance-commission or call 828-323-7422.