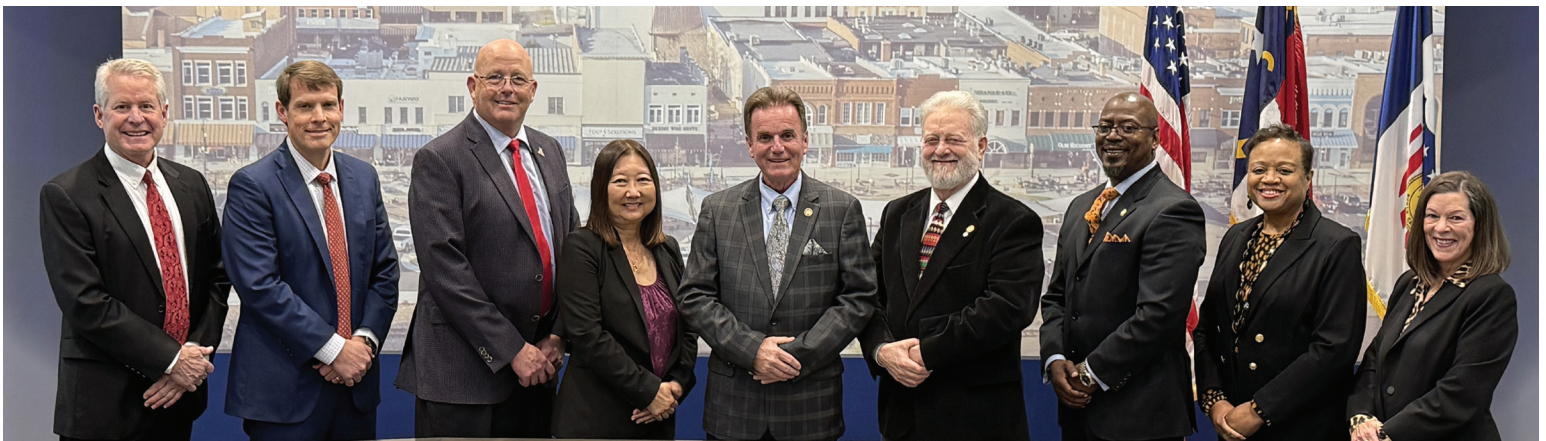


# Hickory

## CITY SNIPPETS

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### GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COUNCIL-MANAGER SYSTEM



The City of Hickory operates under the council-manager form of government, which combines the political leadership of elected officials and the administrative experience of a professional city manager. The elected mayor and city council members represent the community, set policy, approve the budget, and guide the long-range vision for Hickory's future. The city council hires a non-partisan city manager to oversee all city operations. The council also hires the city attorney.

Hickory was the first city in North Carolina, and the third in the nation, to create and exercise the council-manager system. Since its establishment, the council-manager system has become the most popular structure of local government in the United States and is also widely used in other countries such as Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Hickory City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at Julian G. Whitener Municipal

Building (City Hall, 76 N. Center St.) and are open to the public. Minutes and agendas for Hickory City Council meetings can be found on the City's website at [www.hickorync.gov/city-council](http://www.hickorync.gov/city-council). This webpage also includes links to an organizational chart, interactive ward map, and a listing of council priorities.

Want to get more involved in your local government? Hickory City Council has 13 advisory groups with a variety of purposes that includes everything from increasing the recycling rate to guiding the future of parks and recreation, to assisting with planning, economic development, and beautification grants. These boards and commissions make recommendations to Hickory City Council and are made up of citizen volunteers from different wards and/or diverse backgrounds. Most people serve between three and six years, with terms ending in June. If interested in applying for a position in one of the advisory groups, please visit [www.hickorync.gov/boards-and-commissions](http://www.hickorync.gov/boards-and-commissions) to fill out the online application.



### HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
February 3 & 17  
6 p.m.  
Hickory City Hall  
[HickoryNC.gov](http://HickoryNC.gov)

### LIVING WAX MUSEUM

Saturday, February 21  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Ridgeview Recreation Center

### SNOWBALL CLASSIC CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 21  
10 a.m.  
Register: [hickory.recdesk.com](http://hickory.recdesk.com)  
Highland Recreation Center

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## RUN HKY

With its trails, tracks, 5Ks, and races, Hickory is quickly becoming a popular destination for runners. In 2026, the City of Hickory launches Run HKY, an initiative to promote running opportunities in Hickory through annual events and recreational amenities.

From the Summer Track Series and Hickory 5K Series to the new HKY 100 endurance race, the City of Hickory Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Department is lacing up its shoes to hit the ground running in 2026 with fun events to get residents and visitors outdoors and active.

Beyond the City's organized races and 5Ks, Hickory offers a variety of trail opportunities for runners seeking scenic routes and flexible schedules. The Hickory Trail, an urban multiuse trail system, spans the city and connects neighborhoods, parks, and destinations. Runners can explore diverse terrain in City of Hickory parks like Glenn Hilton Park, Rotary-Geitner Park, Henry Fork River Park, and Winkler Park, each offering unique landscapes and challenges.

Whether you're training for a race or simply enjoying a peaceful run, Hickory's trail network provides accessible and enjoyable options year round.

Check out walking and running opportunities in Hickory at the new website, [www.runhky.com](http://www.runhky.com)! Are you in?

