

# Hickory

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### POLICE CHIEF REED BAER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 30 years of qualified service to the citizens of Hickory, Chief of Police Reed Baer will retire on July 1.

"I am proud to be a product of the Hickory Police Department and this community," said Baer. "It has been an honor to serve in the role of police chief for the department where I learned how to be a police officer. Serving my hometown alongside the very best law enforcement professionals has certainly been a privilege."

Baer was appointed by City Manager Warren Wood as the City of Hickory's chief of police on Feb. 1, 2023, after 25 years of proven experience with the Hickory Police Department (HPD). Baer began his career with HPD in 1997 as a patrol officer, where he quickly gained the experience and knowledge to become a recognized leader within the department.

Over the years, Baer served in several positions throughout the department to include sergeant of special investigations, sergeant assigned to Charles P.A.C.T. and lieutenant assigned to support services. He was promoted to captain/division commander of support services in 2010, division commander of criminal investigations in 2012, and deputy chief of police in 2016, before his appointment as chief of police. This experience cultivated the skills and vision to successfully lead the department's authorized force of 122 sworn officers and 35 civilians under his command.

Reflecting on his career, Baer stated, "After three decades in professional policing, I've seen firsthand the exceptional capabilities of Hickory police officers. HPD has been like a second home to me, and I've had the honor of working alongside dedicated professionals who consistently provide outstanding service and strive for excellence every single day. This career has given me a unique lens through which to view my community, reaffirming the deep appreciation I've always held for Hickory and its residents. It's the very reason I chose to build my life and career here in my hometown. What truly makes this place special are the people—my colleagues, neighbors, and the community members I've had the privilege of engaging with daily. They are, without a doubt, what I'll miss the most."

Visit the City website to read more about Chief Baer's career achievements with the Hickory Police Department.





### HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 3 & 17  
6 p.m.

Hickory City Hall  
[HickoryNC.gov](http://HickoryNC.gov)

### SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES

Every Friday in May and June  
7 p.m.

Union Square, Downtown  
[HickoryNC.gov/SailsMusic](http://HickoryNC.gov/SailsMusic)

### TEDXCATAWBA

Saturday, June 14  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tickets Required  
Drendel Auditorium, SALT Block  
[TEDxCatawba.com](http://TEDxCatawba.com)

### JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 14  
5:30-9 p.m.

Samuel William Davis Sr.  
Multipurpose Field

For more local events, visit:  
[HickoryEventsCalendar.com](http://HickoryEventsCalendar.com)



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## SAILS ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES RETURNS

The City of Hickory's Sails Original Music Series returns to downtown Hickory this spring and fall, presenting free concerts of live original music under The Sails on the Square. Performances will begin at 7 p.m., Friday evenings in May, June, and September.

Music fans will also enjoy a change of venue for a special concert at the Samuel William Davis, Sr. Multipurpose Field in Taft Broome Park on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m., in conjunction with the Festival on the Field event.

- May 2 - Random Animals
- May 9 - Caleb Klauder & Reeb Willms Country Band
- May 16 - Holler Choir
- May 23 - Mike Strauss Band
- May 30 - Shamarr Allen
- June 6 - Dangermuffin
- June 13 - Larry & Joe
- June 20 - Sierra Green and The Giants
- June 27 - Randall Bramblett Band
- Sept 5 - Psychedelic Surf Country
- Sept 12 - Jacoozy
- Sept 20 - Selwyn Birchwood
- Sept 26 - New Translations



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For more information about the Sails Original Music Series and upcoming bands, visit [www.hickorync.gov/SailsMusic](http://www.hickorync.gov/SailsMusic) and follow the Sails Original Music Series Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/SailsMusic](http://www.facebook.com/SailsMusic).



## COMMUNITY HOUSING SURVEY

The Hickory Branch NAACP Housing Committee and the Foothills Community Housing Fair have created an online assessment to help determine the housing needs of the community.

Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey and share your experience with housing in our community, including the obstacles you may face and the opportunities you see for stronger, more inclusive housing in our community. Scan the QR code to the right or visit <https://tinyurl.com/3pp2pt7j> to complete the survey.

