

Hickory

CITY SNIPPETS

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BE READY: HOW TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Every September, Americans are reminded to take steps to prepare for disasters and emergencies. This time of year is known as National Preparedness Month. It's a chance to make sure your home, business, school, and community are ready for anything from flooding to wildfires. September is also the peak of hurricane season, so it's a great time to get serious about safety. Being prepared can help you stay safe and recover faster after a disaster. Here are some simple and important ways to get started.

Stay Connected & Informed

Emergency messages are sent by state and local governments and the National Weather Service via television, radio, weather radios, social media, and alerts on cellular phones. Make sure you have a way to monitor severe weather conditions and receive emergency alerts at all times. The City of Hickory and Catawba County use CodeRED to send important alerts by call, text, and email to residents about severe weather, utility service interruptions, public safety concerns, hydrant flushing schedules, and other urgent situations. By registering for CodeRED Community Alerts, you can stay up to date on critical information that affects your home and community.

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& EMERGENCY ALERTS



Build an Emergency Kit

An emergency kit should have everything you need to survive for at least three days. Include items like:

- Non-perishable food and water for each person
- A flashlight and extra batteries
- A first aid kit
- A battery-powered or hand crank radio
- A cell phone charger and battery pack
- Medicines and necessary supplies for babies and/or pets
- A waterproof container for storing important documents like insurance papers



Create an Emergency Plan & Practice It

Know what kinds of disasters could happen in your area. These might include floods, hurricanes, fires, or tornadoes. Make a plan for how your family will stay in touch and meet up if you get separated. Choose meeting places both near your home and farther away. Practice your plan so everyone knows what to do.

National Preparedness Month is a great reminder to take action now. By planning ahead, you can protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community. Start today and be ready for whatever comes your way. Visit [ReadyNC.gov](https://www.readync.gov) for more information to help you plan, prepare, and stay informed.



PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

The City of Hickory Community Relations Council (CRC) is currently seeking projects to fund for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and invites qualified groups or individuals to consider submitting grant requests.

“Hickory stands out as one of North Carolina’s most giving communities. The Community Relations Council is proud to support local organizations that make a meaningful impact. For more than 60 years, we’ve awarded grants to strengthen the Hickory area,” said Phyllis Michaux, CRC chair. “Our mission is to foster positive connections across diverse communities and to help identify resources that lead to successful programs and events.”

Nonprofit agencies, churches, institutions, schools, and individuals are invited to submit their programs for consideration. Applications are reviewed twice a year, in the spring and the fall. The deadline for submitting for the Fall 2025 grant cycle is Friday, Oct. 10, at noon. Applicants may include any 501(c)(3) or otherwise tax-exempt organizations.

Priority will, generally, be given to projects that are designed to deliver the greatest impact on positive human relations, that are most effective in bringing different sub-communities of Hickory together, and that provide services and resources to the people who can most benefit.

Members of the CRC will hold a grant workshop on Monday, Sept. 22, from 5-7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library. This workshop will be an opportunity for grant applicants to receive assistance and ask questions regarding their CRC grant applications.

Grant application forms are available online at www.hickorync.gov/community-relations-council, or by contacting staff liaison Lieutenant Justin Levey with the Hickory Police Department at 828-261-2617 or jlevey@hickorync.gov.

HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 7 & 21
6 p.m.
Hickory City Hall
HickoryNC.gov

THE AUTOLAWN

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
SALT Block Lawn
HickoryArt.org

LEGACY JAZZ CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, October 5 & 19
2-4 p.m.
Union Square
HickoryJazzSociety.org

OKTOBERFEST

October 10-12
Downtown Hickory
HickoryOktoberfest.com

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

October 17 - November 1
Hickory Community Theatre
HickoryTheatre.org

HALLOWEEN PET PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST

Saturday, October 18
5:30-7 p.m.
Union Square

TRICK OR TROT 5K

Saturday, October 25
9 a.m.
Stanford Park
RunSignUp.com

For more local events
information, visit:

HickoryEventsCalendar.com

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT THAT IS OUT OR DAMAGED

Duke Energy is responsible for the installation and maintenance of street lights throughout the City of Hickory. Please report street light outages or repairs (including purple lights) directly to Duke Energy by calling 1-800-769-3766 or submitting a service request through their online system at www.duke-energy.com/outdoorlightingrepair.

