

Hickory

CITY SNIPPETS

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BIKES FOR TYKES & COPS FOR TOTS

The holiday season is a time to spread kindness and cheer. Help the City of Hickory's Fire and Police departments continue the tradition of assisting families in need and bringing joy to local children by supporting their annual toy drives.

Each year, the Hickory Fire Department proudly organizes its Bikes for Tykes program, which provides brand-new bicycles and tricycles to children in need through the Catawba County Christmas Bureau. You can help make the holidays brighter for local kids by contributing to this meaningful cause. Monetary donations for the purchase of new bikes can be mailed to: Bikes for Tykes c/o Stephen Craig or Heidi Hedrick, Hickory Fire Department, 19 2nd St Dr NE, Hickory, NC 28601. Make checks payable to "Bikes for Tykes." For more information, call 828-323-7420.

Hickory Police Department is collecting new toys and monetary donations for this year's Cops for Tots Wish House, which benefits disadvantaged children aged 13 and under. Participants must pre-register by completing the online application on the City's website. The Cops for Tots Wish House will be held Dec. 10-12 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m. at the Hickory Police Training Annex located at 320 3rd Street SW in Hickory. A collection box for new, unwrapped toys is located in the lobby of Hickory Police Department (347 2nd Ave SW). Monetary donations can be mailed to: Cops for Tots, Hickory Police Department, 347 2nd Avenue SW, Hickory, NC 28602. Make checks payable to "Cops for Tots." 100% of donations are used to support the Wish House, children in need, or other community childhood programs. For more information, call 828-261-2642 or email cops4tots@hickorync.gov.





HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
 Tuesday, December 2 & 16
 6 p.m.
 Hickory City Hall
HickoryNC.gov

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS
 November through December
 Various Crafting Programs
 Hickory Public Library

DOG WALK & PICTURES WITH SANTA
 Saturday, December 6
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Bruce Meisner Park

COOKIES & CAROLS
 Saturday, December 6
 11 a.m.
 Ridgeview Recreation Center
HickoryChoralSociety.org

PICTURES WITH SANTA
 Saturday, December 13
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Highland Recreation Center

CITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES
 November 27-28
 December 24-26
 January 1, 2026



SCAN ME

CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP STARTS NOV. 10

Curbside loose leaf collection begins in Hickory on Nov. 10 and continues through Jan. 16, 2026, per the announced schedule. Each collection area will have two pickups. Time allotted in each area is based on the number of mature trees and the size of the area. This service is dependent on weather conditions and staffing. Please be patient if pickup is delayed and the schedule needs to be adjusted. For an interactive map, schedule updates, and helpful tips, visit the Leaf Collection page, www.hickorync.gov/leaf-collection.

2025-2026 Leaf Collection Schedule

NORTHWEST A:
 November 10 - 14
 December 15 - 19

NORTHWEST B:
 November 17 - 21
 December 22 - 26

SOUTHEAST:
 November 24 - 28
 December 29 - January 2

SOUTHWEST:
 November 24 - 28
 December 29 - January 2

NORTHEAST:
 December 1 - 12
 January 5 - 16



TRIVIUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corning Optical Communications LLC, a division of Corning Inc., has agreed to acquire Lot 11 in Trivium Corporate Center to expand its manufacturing operations, hire and maintain a minimum of 132 jobs at an average salary to exceed \$65,000/year, and invest between \$170 million and \$267.9 million under the terms of an economic development agreement with the City of Hickory and Catawba County. American Fuji Seal entered into an economic development agreement in October to create at least 20 jobs and make investments in their existing facility in Trivium and to create a new facility on Lot 7 with a minimum investment of \$10 million with potential investments of up to \$30 million or more over the next three years.