



### Rodney Miller named Assistant Manager of the Year

City of Hickory Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Rodney Miller received the Assistant Manager of the Year Award from the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA). The prestigious award was announced and presented to Miller on Feb. 1 during the NCCCMA Winter Seminar held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



Miller serves as the City of Hickory’s deputy administrator and plays a vital role in budget and policy development, as well as strategic planning of city government services. With his accounting expertise and extensive executive experience, Miller guides the city’s overall financial management, oversees nine city departments responsible for providing fundamental city services, and manages multimillion-dollar projects in support of the Hickory City Council’s strategic directives.

A lifelong resident of Hickory, Miller has spent 28 years serving the community as a local government executive in the areas of governmental accounting and finance. He previously served as the City of Hickory’s Assistant Finance Director for six years before going to work for

Catawba County as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in 2001. After serving in that position at the County for 14 years, Miller returned to the City of Hickory to become Assistant City Manager and CFO in June 2015. He was appointed to his current role of Deputy City Manager for the City of Hickory in 2020.

“Rodney’s financial expertise has been especially valuable during the implementation of Hickory’s bond program and revitalization efforts over the past decade,” said Hickory City Manager Warren Wood. “He is an integral member of the city management team and a key driver of Hickory’s economic growth and ongoing progress toward a brighter future.”

Miller holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from N.C. State University and has been a Certified Local Government Finance Officer in the State of North Carolina since 2006. In 2022, Miller became a Credentialed Manager through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

In addition to his civic role, Miller serves as the Chief Finance Officer for the Trivium Corporate Center Board, managing a 378-acre Class A business park in collaboration with Catawba County government. He served on the board of the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association (NCGFOA) from 2005-2012 and as its President in 2011, earning the designation of Most Outstanding NCGFOA Finance Officer in 2011-2012. He also served on the Debt Committee for the Government Finance Officers Association of U.S. and Canada from 2012-2018 to facilitate policy changes in Washington, D.C. and assist local and state governments across North America with their debt management needs.

Miller has also made significant contributions to several local organizations, serving on the Catawba County United Way Board from 2004-2010 (Campaign Chair in 2007 and President in 2009) and again from .....➔

### HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 2 & 16  
6 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener  
Municipal Building (City Hall)  
[HickoryNC.gov](http://HickoryNC.gov)

### EATING BLACKBERRIES

April 5-20

Hickory Community Theatre  
[HickoryTheatre.org](http://HickoryTheatre.org)

### AUTISM AWARENESS FUN WALK

Saturday, April 6  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bruce Meisner Park

### HICKORY SHORT TRACK MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

Sundays, April 7 & 14  
Lake Hickory Trails

### NCDOT SPRING LITTER SWEEP

April 13-27

### CHARITY CHASE 5K

Saturday, April 13  
7-11:30 a.m.

Downtown Hickory

### HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Regular Season begins April 20  
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
The Sails on the Square  
[HickoryFarmersMarket.com](http://HickoryFarmersMarket.com)

### FOOTHILLS POPS: TOTALLY AWESOME 80s

Saturday, April 20  
7:30-9:30 p.m.

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center  
[WPSymphony.org](http://WPSymphony.org)

### GREEN FEST

Saturday, April 27  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Sails on the Square

### MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27  
4-7 p.m.

Downtown Hickory

### WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Sunday, April 28  
3-4 p.m.

P.E. Monroe Auditorium, LRU  
[WPSymphony.org](http://WPSymphony.org)

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

2016-2022, as well as St. Stephens Lutheran Church, MS in Hickory on its Endowment Board, Finance/Facility Board, and currently serves as its Treasurer.

Miller lives in Hickory with his wife, Tracy. They have three children.

## Swimming Pool & Lawn Sprinkler Information

With warm weather just around the corner, please keep these instructions in mind when filling up your swimming pool or turning on your sprinkler system.

### Pool Fill Adjustments

Remember to call at least one business day BEFORE filling your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive an adjustment on the sewer charge on your water bill. Our staff MUST read your water meter before and after the pool is filled to ensure an accurate volume. Call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Lawn Sprinkler Meters

It's spring, and green grass and lawn sprinklers go hand in hand. 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.



## BeaRaPaLooZa

Lenoir-Rhyne University and the Bears Club invite the Hickory community to participate in the second annual BeaRaPaLooZa. This community event, presented free of charge courtesy of the City of Hickory, will be filled with fun, food, family, and LR Athletics. BeaRaPaLooZa kicks off at noon on Saturday, April 13, with the LR Football Red and Black Spring game. There will be live music by the Uptown Party Band from 1:30-3 p.m. on the Gold Lot, and tailgating with many LR sports teams, including LR Football Head Coach Doug Socha, his staff, and the football team. Bring your own food or take advantage of the local food trucks that will be in attendance, while you enjoy the afternoon. LR Track and Field, Tennis, Softball, and Lacrosse will also be playing at home that day.



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