



## CITY SNIPPETS

Information. Well Crafted.

### Fair Housing Month

April is Fair Housing Month, and the City of Hickory is committed to affirmatively furthering Fair Housing in the community. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. For more information about the Fair Housing Act, visit [www.oah.nc.gov/civil-rights-division/housing-discrimination/fair-housing](http://www.oah.nc.gov/civil-rights-division/housing-discrimination/fair-housing) or contact the NC Human Relations Commission at 1-866-324-7474.



The City of Hickory offers housing rehabilitation programs that aim to improve the quality of the local housing stock and make improvements that prevent the displacement of low to moderate income homeowners. The following programs are only available to homeowners that live inside the Hickory city limits:

The **Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program** provides loans of up to \$25,000 to homeowners whose household income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median income. Funds can be used to bring housing units up to the City’s minimum housing code and for accessibility improvements necessary for residents with disabilities. Examples of eligible repairs include heat system replacement, window replacement,

plumbing repairs, repairs of electrical wiring, and roof repairs. No monthly payments are required on the loan, as long as the house is maintained as the principal residence of the borrower. In addition, half of the loan balance is forgiven if the borrower maintains the home as a primary residence for at least five years.

The **Urgent Repair Program** provides forgivable loans to homeowners of up to \$12,000 to households with special needs whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the statewide median income. These funds may be used for urgent repairs or accessibility improvements that are required to avert the displacement of the homeowner.

For more information about the City of Hickory’s Housing Rehabilitation Programs and to confirm current program requirements, please contact the Community Development Division at 828-323-7414.

### Mulch and Leaf Compost Available

Ever wonder what happens with the yard waste collected by Hickory Solid Waste crews throughout the year? The tree limbs, Christmas trees, and leaves put to the curb are ground into useable material for your landscape! Each spring, the City of Hickory begins its sales of mulch and leaf compost to the general public. Mulch and leaf compost are now available at the City’s Yard Waste Facility on Cloninger Mill Road. The facility is open Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will operate with those hours until all supply is gone. Double ground and single ground mulch will be available. Double ground mulch is \$50 per 3-yard scoop (full-size pickup truck load). Single ground mulch is \$25 per 3-yard scoop (full-size pickup truck load). Leaf compost is \$25 per 3-yard scoop (full-size pickup truck load). For more information, call the Hickory Public Services Department at 828-323-7500.

ADDRESS

76 North Center Street

WEBSITE

HickoryNC.gov

PHONE

828-323-7400

ISSUE

April 2023

## HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

May 2 & 16 at 7 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener

Municipal Building (City Hall)

[HickoryNC.gov](http://HickoryNC.gov)

## DOWNTOWN HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Regular Season begins April 15

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Sails on the Square

[HickoryFarmersMarket.com](http://HickoryFarmersMarket.com)

## SPRING INTO SUMMER

Thursday, May 4

5-7 p.m.

Taft Broome Park

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hickory American Legion

Fairgrounds

## SPRING BARK FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 6

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fairbrook Optimist Dog Park

## CITY WALK STROLL

Saturday, May 6

4-8 p.m.

City Walk, Downtown Hickory

## SINGING UNDER THE SAILS

Sunday, May 21

5-6:30 p.m.

The Sails on the Square

[HickoryChoralSociety.org](http://HickoryChoralSociety.org)

## SWINGIN' UNDER THE STARS

Sunday, May 28

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Union Square, Downtown

[HickoryMusicFactory.com](http://HickoryMusicFactory.com)

## MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29

City Offices Closed

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

 City of Hickory, NC -  
Government

 @CityofHickory  
@HkyWellCrafted

 HickoryWellCrafted

## Sails Original Music Series Returns

The City of Hickory's Sails Original Music Series returns to Downtown Hickory this spring and fall, bringing free concerts of live original music under The Sails on the Square. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. every Friday evening in May, June (except June 23 & 30), and September. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic or grab food from downtown establishments, purchase beer and wine from local vendors within the Hickory Downtown Social District, and enjoy a diverse lineup of bands from regional to internationally recognized musicians.

### 2023 Band Lineup

5/5 - The Get Right Band

5/12 - The Foreign Landers

5/19 - Leon Timbo

5/26 - Eddie 9V

6/2 - Taylor Ashton

6/9 - Victoria Victoria w/ Charlie Hunter

6/16 - Mac Arnold & Plate Full O' Blues

9/1 - Mellow Swells

9/8 - Zoe & Cloyd

9/15 - Amanda Anne Platt & The

Honeycutters \*Performance at

Samuel Davis Field

9/22 - Rissi Palmer

9/29 - Brother Boys

Special thanks to this year's sponsors: Atriax, Neill Construction Company, Protection Products, Bob Sinclair Music, Larry's Music & Sound, Pfahlert Creative Labs, Olde Hickory Brewery, and Crowne Plaza. Follow the Sails Original Music Series Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/sailsmusic](http://www.facebook.com/sailsmusic), and visit [www.hickorync.gov/sailsmusic](http://www.hickorync.gov/sailsmusic) for more details about the series and information about upcoming bands.

## Jazz on Tap Legacy Concert Series

Spend your Sunday evenings downtown enjoying the smooth sounds of jazz. Hosted by Hickory Downtown Development Association, in partnership with the City of Hickory and Hickory Jazz Society, the Jazz on Tap Legacy Concert Series will present free jazz concerts on Union Square from 4-6 p.m.

April 2: Troy Conn (guitar) and Mike Holstein (bass)

April 16: Russ Wilson (vocals) and Noel Friedline (keys)

April 30: Byron Hedgepeth (vibraphone) and Mike Holstein (bass)

May 14: Doug Henry (sax), Adam Booker (bass), and Michael Jeffrey Stevens (keys)

The Jazz on Tap Legacy Concert Series will return select Sundays in September and October. Visit [www.downtownhickory.com](http://www.downtownhickory.com) for more information.

## Spring Reminders

Spring is here and residents are asked to remember these helpful instructions.

**Pool Fill Adjustments:** Call the Collections Division at 828-323-7424 at least one business day BEFORE filling up your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive an adjustment on your water bill. City staff MUST read your water meter before and after the pool is filled to ensure an accurate volume.

**Lawn Sprinkler Meters:** The City of Hickory must be contacted to activate irrigation meters to avoid potential tampering charges being added for meters 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.