



HICKORY

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NEW AVIATION MUSEUM & WORKFORCE INNOVATION CENTER ON THE WAY

Leaders from the City of Hickory, Hickory Aviation Museum, and Catawba Valley Community College gathered at Hickory Regional Airport on Oct. 26 to officially break ground on the construction of a new facility where aviation and education will come together.



The City of Hickory is partnering with the Sabre Society of North Carolina/Hickory Aviation Museum and Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) to construct a building to house the museum's vintage military aircraft, preserve aviation history, and provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education and workforce development opportunities.



The expanded Hickory Aviation Museum will feature a hangar to preserve and display aircraft and will also serve as the site of CVCC's Workforce Innovation Center, a regional educational campus with flexible use space providing high-tech equipment, classrooms, and virtual simulators for training.

This innovative \$24 million project will be funded by an \$18.7 million allocation from the State of North Carolina and by public and private donations to the Sabre Society of North Carolina, the non-profit organization for the Hickory Aviation Museum. The museum continues to pursue additional funding to support the restoration and display of its vintage aircraft collection. Visit www.elevatehky.com for more information about this project and how to support the Hickory Aviation Museum by making a tax-deductible contribution.

URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE



Does your home need urgent repairs or accessibility improvements? Is your household income less than 30% of the statewide median income, which is \$25,200 for a family of four? The City of Hickory's Urgent Repair Program can help! This program for Hickory residents provides forgivable loans to homeowners of up to \$12,000 to households with special needs. Urgent Repair Program funds may be used for home repairs or accessibility improvements that are required to avert the displacement of the homeowner. Examples of eligible repairs include heat system replacement, plumbing repairs, repairs of electrical wiring, and roof repairs. For more information, contact the Community Development Division at 828-323-7414.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT: COUNCIL-MANAGER SYSTEM

HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, Jan. 2 & 16
6 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
HickoryNC.gov



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, Jan. 1
City Offices Closed

MLK DAY

Monday, Jan. 15
City Offices Closed



HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays only 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Sails on the Square
HickoryFarmersMarket.com

CROSSROADS:

ARIEL POCOCK & CHAD EBY JAZZ DUO

Thursday, Jan. 18
7:30 p.m.

Drendel Auditorium, SALT Block
WPSymphony.org

RIDE THE CYCLONE

Jan. 19 - Feb. 10

Hickory Community Theatre
HickoryTheatre.org

JONATHAN SCALES FOURCHESTRA

Friday, Jan. 26
7:30 p.m.

Belk Centrum, LRU
LR.edu

For more events, visit
HickoryEventsCalendar.com



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(Mayor)



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(Ward 1)



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(Ward 2)



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(Ward 3)



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(Ward 4)



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(Ward 5)



Jill Patton
(Ward 6)



Warren Wood
(City Manager)

The City of Hickory operates under the council-manager form of government, which combines the political leadership of elected officials and the administrative experience of a professional city manager. The elected mayor and city council members represent the community, set policy, and guide the long-range vision for Hickory's future. The city council hires a non-partisan city manager who oversees all city operations. The council also hires the city attorney.

Hickory was the first city in North Carolina, and the third in the nation, to create and exercise the council-manager system. Since its establishment, the council-manager system has become the most popular structure of local government in the United States and is also widely used in other countries such as Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Hickory City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building (City Hall, 76 N. Center St.) and are open to the public. Minutes and agendas for Hickory City Council meetings can be found on the City's website at www.hickorync.gov/city-council. This webpage also includes links to an organizational chart, interactive ward map, and a listing of council priorities.

GET INVOLVED, JOIN A BOARD OR COMMISSION

Hickory City Council has 13 advisory groups with a variety of purposes that includes everything from increasing the recycling rate to guiding the future of parks and recreation, to assisting with planning, economic development, and beautification grants. These boards and commissions make recommendations to Hickory City Council and are made up of citizen volunteers from different wards and/or diverse backgrounds. Most people serve between three and six years, with terms ending in June. There are vacancies. If interested in applying for a position in one of the advisory groups, please visit www.hickorync.gov/boards-and-commissions to fill out the online application.



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