

WE SERVE:

LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING
NEEDED SERVICE

Long View Lions Club

February 2025

**WE TAKE YOU WHEN
WE GET YOU,**

**WE LOVE YOU WHEN
YOU'RE HERE,**

**AND MISS YOU WHEN
YOU'RE NOT...**



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CLUB
FACEBOOK**



**WEBSITES:
LONGVIEWLIONS.ORG
UNIFOURLIONS.ORG**

**email us at:
info@longviewlions.org**



Unifour Children's Sight
Senior Sight
Family Sight



Our partnering organization, Unifour Lions Children's Sight, conducted 3 vision screening in the month of January.

The final stats from the vision screenings will be available after all paperwork is processed.



<https://unifourlions.org/reports.html>



This month we completed our quarterly street cleanup for the NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway program collecting 9 bags of trash.



Lions across the USA, worked together to try and provide as many vision screenings as possible during Lions United Vision Days, the week of January 12th in honor of Lions Clubs' International's founder, Melvin Jones,' birthday. The Long View Lions Club provided a vision screening at Walkin' and Roll Activities Family Bingo night.



collection update



WINTER SUPPLY DRIVE



- new and gently used winter coats
- socks, gloves, mittens, warm hand packs
- winter hats & earmuffs
- blankets

Anything that will help the less fortunate stay warm this winter.

Collections will support local Catawba county residents through the Give a Coat Campaign, a partnership of the Salvation Army and a Cleaner World, and other local charities working with less fortunate community members.

Drop off locations

Long View Drug
2637 1st Ave SW, Hickory

Long View Town Hall
2404 1st Ave SW, Hickory

NextHome Blue Skies
520 8th St NE, Hickory, NC

...donations have been distributed to...

Give A Kid
A Coat



SHELTER
OF HOPE



Safe Harbor
Anchoring Lives Through Christ



**SOUTHWEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**GRANDVIEW
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**thank you for donations
...so far over 250 winter items
have been collected with a short
turnaround of donations going
back out to those in need...**



...this drive continues through the end of February



The Long View Lions Club, Claremont Lions Club, and community volunteers from JustServe, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Hickory Christian Academy worked together at the Backpack Program of The Corner Table to fill over 1,200 food bags that will go home with less fortunate school children.

Thank you to our plastic partners and all contributing individuals to this program:



NexTrex

WITH THE HELP OF OUR PLASTIC PARTNERS, SINCE BEGINNING THIS PLASTIC TO FANTASTIC RECYCLING INITIATIVE, WE HAVE KEPT 5,286LBS OF PLASTIC FILM OUT OF LANDFILLS. JUST THIS FISCAL YEAR ALONE, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2024, WE HAVE KEPT 1,786LBS OF PLASTIC FILM OUT OF LANDFILLS.

The Long View Lions Cumulative Sustainability Impact

Shoes displaced from landfills: 43
Pounds of Carbon Dioxide Displaced:
1,290
Gallons of Water Saved: 97,051





The Long View Lions Club, EnChroma, and the Hickory Museum of Art have come together to change lives of colorblind individuals. Thanks to a donation of EnChroma glasses, colorblind correcting lenses, from EnChroma, paired with the Long View Lions Club partnering with the Hickory Museum of Art, art patrons are able to experience the museum in color.

The magic of color has the power to create beautiful and emotion filled moments. The first patron to try the glasses had tears brought to her eyes and those who got to share the moment with her. A lady and her husband were visiting Hickory for a couple days to see what the city had to offer; they were considering moving and wanted to do some exploring. On their 12th wedding anniversary, they came to the Hickory Museum of Art not knowing that their lives would be changed. The patron repeatedly said that her cheeks were hurt from smiling so much. For the first time in her life, she experienced the color red and the diversity of green. Before trying the glasses, reds had always looked brown to her and greens all looked the same. We hope that this couple enjoyed their stay in Hickory and the community support that IS Hickory.

The trial EnChroma glasses remain at the museum for patrons to test as we try and find a glasses recipient. Most recently a group of colorblind siblings tried the glasses together. It was an especially emotional experience for the eldest who is an avid artist of her own. At home this teen labels her paints, but for the first time she was able to truly experience color in art and in the art of the autumn trees surrounding the museum. Since starting the glasses loan, twelve individuals have experienced art in color.

Are You COLORBLIND? *Experience Art in Color!*

At Hickory Museum of Art



The Long View Lions Club is offering Hickory Museum of Art the opportunity to experience their visit with EnChroma glasses.

These glasses were made possible and donated by EnChroma. Colorblind patrons who have a positive experience may make a formal request to info@longviewlions.org to receive a free pair of EnChroma glasses.



HICKORY
MUSEUM
OF ART



243 3rd Ave NE | Hickory, NC 28601
HickoryArt.org

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM
Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM | Sunday 1 - 4 PM

Pancake Breakfast **SUCCESS**



On the cold rainy Saturday morning of January 18th, the Long View Lions held a successful pancake breakfast fundraiser. Over 60 people braved the weather to support the cause including the Long View Fire Department. It was a wonderful morning filled with great fellowship and a wonderful warm breakfast. Thank you to all who came out to support.



Join us for monthly meals that support the local community!

LONG VIEW LIONS



**50/50
RAFFLE**

SPAGHETTI DINNER

**ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK INTO THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY AND LIONS CLUBS CHARITIES**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
4:30PM-6:30PM
LONG VIEW RECREATION CENTER
3107 2ND AVENUE NW, HICKORY, NC 28601

MENU: SPAGHETTI, SIDE SALAD, GARLIC BREAD,
DESSERT, BEVERAGE

COST: ADULTS \$10,
KIDS 11 YEARS OLD & UNDER \$6,
KIDS 5 YEARS OLD & UNDER FREE

Chances to win a wine basket!



**THE LONG VIEW LIONS
CLUB PRESENTS**

**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

Long View Recreation Center
3107 2nd Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601 4:00-6:00 PM
Across the street from the Hickory Airport Runway

**1ST PLACE \$100, 2ND PLACE
\$75, 3RD PLACE \$50**

For entry information,
email
chili@longviewlions.org

\$10
DRINKS, CORNBREAD, HOT DOGS, DESSERT,
AND ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI. OPPORTUNITY
DRAWINGS, AND FAMILY ACTIVITY AREA
KIDS 11 & UNDER \$5
AGES 3& UNDER FREE

All proceeds
go back into local community
and Lions Club charities!

Sponsored by
 **Long View Drug**

**LONG VIEW LIONS
CHILI COOK-OFF**
Saturday, March 22, 2025

**impacting the community,
one chili at a time.**

Sponsored by
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Entry Requirements:

- Provide own crock pot.
- Minimum of 5 quarts
- List of ingredients and degree of spiciness/heat for allergy purposes
- Drop off chili heated at
Long View Recreational Center (3107 2nd Ave. NW,
Hickory, NC 28601)- 2:00pm- 2:45pm.
- At drop off, chili contestants will be assigned a
entry number.
- Private judging 3:00pm-3:45pm

1ST \$100 2ND \$75 3RD \$50

NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: () _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____.org
APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 01, 2025
Submit entries to chili@longviewlions.org

**WIN
COOL
STUFF**

a sneak peak at
some of the
donors of the
opportunity
drawing

@ THE LONG VIEW LIONS CHILI COOKOFF 2025



SKY ZONE
TRAMPOLINE PARK



crumbl
cookies



A
**Cleaner
World®**



PAINTED GRAPE
Craft & Paint Studio



Green Room
COMMUNITY THEATRE



La Auténtica

Mexican Restaurant



**Advertise
your
business at
our chili
cookoff**



**LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS
WANTED!**

**PUT YOUR STAMP ON
THE LONG VIEW LIONS
ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF**

**PROCEEDS GO
TO CHARITY
AND ARE TAX
DEDUCTIBLE**

**DONATE
MERCHANDISE
OR SERVICES TO
BE RAFFLED
OFF**

**YOUR LOGO
WILL BE
DISPLAYED ON
OUR DONOR
BOARD**

DM or email
chili@longviewlions.org
for details

event date: March 22nd
donations received by: March 8th



President's Page
A message from President Lion Jim

It was in the 20s for our street clean-up in January. So much so that we used our cars as shelter. Each car carried one or two "pickers" and drove them from spot to spot. This took nearly two hours to complete. Our next street clean-up should be done in March.

The Pancake Breakfast on January 18th went smoothly. We had pancakes, sausage patties, orange juice and coffee. Attendance was up but receipts were down due to a lower 50/50 income. We raised \$445 for the Club's Activities (community service) account.







On Sunday January 26th we volunteered at the Corner Table Backpack Program and packed 1200 bags for the school children. We had a total of 24 workers including 18 non-Lion volunteers. This community outreach is great!

Planning is underway for both the Spaghetti Dinner (February 22nd) and the Chilli Cook-Off (March 22nd). If you haven't collected drawing items for the Chili Cook-Off, please contact Suzanne and get at it!

Alice-Faye has five confirmed dates (April 24, June 8, July 6, Aug 7, Aug 24) for Crawdads concession stand work. Please note these dates on your calendar and work if you're able. It is our largest fund-raiser.

At our next meeting we expect to induct two new members. We also have four people who have expressed a serious interest in joining. Membership is looking up! Keep up the effort to acquaint the public with Lions and bring in new members and volunteers.

February 2025

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2	3	4 5:30 social 6:00 meeting begins	5	6	7 vision screening  ACTIVITIES LEAGUE, INC. NORTH CAROLINA Lions Foundation board meetings	8  board meetings
9  board meetings	10	11	12	13	14	15 District Cabinet Meeting @ Etowah Lions Clubhouse
16	17	18	19	20	21  ACTIVITIES LEAGUE, INC.	22  spaghetti dinner fundraiser
23 District Convention Planning Meeting Via Zoom	24  presentation @ Hickory City Schools Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30	25	26	27	28	



Chili Entries- March 1st, Chili Raffle Donations- March 8th

March 1st- Chili Cookoff Prep @ 10am @ Ample Storage [start to prep raffle baskets]

March 1st- Registration Deadline for District Convention; come support our club member

Lion Dawson at his convention as District Governor

March 14th-15th- District Convention @ Camp Dogwood

March 22nd-Chili Cookoff

Crawdad Concession Dates- April 24, June 8, July 6, Aug 7, Aug 24

State Convention- April 11th-13th

May 17th- Club 75th Anniversary Celebration, more details to come

May 25th- Camp Dogwood Sessions begin- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

June 14th- District End of Year Celebration @ Camp Dogwood