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CATAWBA COUNTY BEGINS PLANNING FOR UPCOMING SPRING LITTER SWEEP

Catawba County is planning three special roadside cleanup events for Spring Litter Sweep Weeks, which runs from April 16-30, 2016.

“Catawba County has a long history of beautification programs and efforts to remove trash from roadways,” said Amanda Kain, Catawba County’s Waste Reduction Coordinator and Educator. “Keep Catawba County Beautiful is an active participant in the City of Hickory’s Adopt-A-Street program and Catawba County helps promote the State’s Adopt-A-Highway program. We work with the Community Service Program of the North Carolina Department of Corrections for manpower to help with collection of roadside litter.”

Two Litter Sweep events have been set for Saturday, April 16 and one will be held on Saturday, April 23.

The City of Newton is organizing an event on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Those interested in being involved in that cleanup should come to Westside Jaycee Park between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to pick up supplies. They will move out into the city to pick up litter in teams until 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register a team for the Newton event, call Angie Harris-Ramseur at 828-695-4288.

A cleanup of the Riverbend Park area, off Highway 16 at the Catawba-Alexander County line, will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in that cleanup should meet in the Riverbend Park parking lot at 10 a.m. and be sure to bring gloves. For more information, contact Lori Owenby at 828-256-9157.

On Saturday, April 23, the City of Conover will hold a cleanup from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Anyone interested in the Conover cleanup effort should pick up supplies at the Conover Station Community Patio Room between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after clean up the Conover Station Community Patio Room. For more information or to register teams for the Conover event, call Joy Heller at 828-464-1191.

“Volunteers are needed to help us keep Catawba County’s roadways clean, green and beautiful,” Kain said. “Come by yourself or organize a team from your workplace, neighborhood, church, civic organization or family and help beautify our community by removing litter from the roadways in Catawba County.”

Groups or individuals who wish to organize their own cleanup efforts at any time during the year should contact North Carolina Department of Transportation office at 828-466-5519.

For more information on the upcoming Catawba County’s Litter Sweep Weeks activities, April 16-30, you may call the Department of Utilities and Engineering at 465-8217 or email amandak@catawbacountync.gov.