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**APRIL EDITION OF CATAWBA COMMUNITIES FEATURES HICKORY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS,
SPRING OUTDOOR EVENTS, DINOSAUR EXHIBIT AT SCIENCE CENTER, FREE WI-FI**

The April edition of “Catawba Communities,” a monthly show featuring information about programs and services provided by local governments, school systems and associated agencies across Catawba County, is currently airing on the Charter Communications’ Government Channel (Channel 3) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

The program includes a look at a group created especially for young professionals in the Hickory area, the City of Newton’s extensive Wi-Fi internet network, activities planned for Earth Day, the new “Dinosaurs” exhibit at the Catawba Science Center and more.

“Catawba Communities” brings citizens information about what governments are doing, the various things that create the quality of life found in those communities and upcoming events. Partners in the show include the City of Claremont, City of Conover, City of Hickory, Town of Maiden, City of Newton, Catawba County, the Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, Catawba Valley Community College, Keep Catawba County Beautiful, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, and the Greater Hickory Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

Highlights of the April show include:

- an interview with Todd Ashworth, Chair-elect of the Hickory Young Professionals, about the group, which was established in 2008 to provide opportunities for young professionals in the Greater Hickory Metro Area to excel professionally, socially and economically.
- a look ahead at the May 5 Unity Fair 2012 in Hickory, which will combine the Hickory Museum of Arts’ “Arts on the Avenue” and the International Spring Fest, and at Newton’s Unity Day event also planned for May 5.
- details on “Growing A Green Future”, the April 21st celebration of Earth Day at the SALT Block in Hickory.
- a story on the largest outdoor Wi-Fi network currently available in Catawba County, in and around downtown Newton
- a tour of the new “Dinosaurs” exhibits at the Catawba Science Center with Lead Naturalist Bruce Beerbower
- segments on the May 5 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Government Center in Newton, a bridge replacement over I-40 near Conover, the upcoming start of the Hickory Farmer’s Market, and Newton’s City-wide Cleanup that will be held on April 21.

“Catawba Communities” airs at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on Cable Channel 3 in Catawba County. Charter Communications also airs the program at random hours around the clock each day to ensure citizens have ample opportunity to view it. Several of the partner agencies also put the program on their You Tube channels.

For more information about “Catawba Communities”, you may contact the Catawba County Public Information Office at 828-465-8464 or send an e-mail to dave@catawbacountync.gov.

