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## **FEBRUARY EDITION OF CATAWBA COMMUNITIES FEATURES NEW HICKORY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, START SOMETHING HERE**

The February 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 showing on Charter Communications’ Government Channel (Channel 3) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

The program includes an interview with Dr. Walter Hart, the new superintendent of the Hickory Public Schools; a look at the Start Something Here web portal; CVCC’s plans to recognize Black History Month and much 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 now 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 February show include:

- an interview with Hickory Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Walter Hart.
- information from Keep Catawba County Beautiful on the proper recycling of plastic bags.
- a conversation with Steve Hunt, executive director of Catawba Valley Community College's Multicultural Affairs Office, on the college’s plans to recognize Black History Month in February.
- details on Catawba County Social Services’ new Aging Plan, a guideline for developing a more senior-friendly community.
- a look at Operation Pill Stopper, the Sheriff’s Office’s collection point for unwanted prescription drugs to allow for their proper disposal.
- the Start Something Here web portal, a single place to learn about life, work and play in the Catawba Valley
- information on the upcoming Red Hot Spelling Bee in the Newton-Conover City Schools

“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 will have ample opportunity to view it. Several of the partner agencies will also put the program on their You Tube channels.

For more information about “Catawba Communities”, you may call the Catawba County Public Information Office at 828-465-8464.

