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**OCTOBER EDITION OF CATAWBA COMMUNITIES FEATURES THE START OF A NEW YEAR AT HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STORMWATER DANGERS, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The October 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 now airing on Charter Communications' Government Channel (Channel 3), and will air throughout the month on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

This month's program include an overview of the new year for the Hickory Public School System; a look at the problem and remedies of stormwater runoff; tips on how to be better prepared to meet an emergency or disaster; a look at the expanded Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant in Hickory and more.

"Catawba Communities" brings information to the public about what governments and related agencies are doing, the various things that create the quality of life in these communities, and upcoming events. Partners include the City of Claremont, City of Conover, City of Hickory, Town of Maiden, City of Newton, Catawba County, Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, Catawba Valley Community College, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, and Greater Hickory Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Highlights of the October show include:

- An interview with Hickory Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Walter Hart and Public Information Officer Beverly Snowden on the start of a new school year and new activities in the Hickory Public Schools.
- An overview of the causes of stormwater runoff, why it can be a problem and what can done to remedy runoff.
- Details on the recent expansion of the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant in Hickory
- Advice on being fully prepared for an emergency or disaster including how to build a Disaster Supply Kit
- Fall leaf pickup schedules across the county
- Halloween and trick or treating safety tips
- The Halloween "Spooktacular" to be held on October 27 in downtown Newton
- A preview of the November 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection at L.P. Frans Stadium in Hickory.

"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](mailto:dave@catawbacountync.gov).