

# NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

#### **Division 13**

COUNTIES SERVED | Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell,
Mitchell, Rutherford, Yancey

# **April 2021 Edition**

# **Help NCDOT Combat Roadside Litter**



NCDOT staff, contractors and volunteers have already <u>removed millions of pounds of litter</u> from roadsides statewide.

There is more work to do and it is not too late for you to volunteer for the <u>2021 Spring Litter Sweep</u>, taking place April 10-24. Even <u>multi-platinum</u> <u>country music artist Luke Combs</u> is getting involved.

NCDOT has also recently launched a mobile-

<u>friendly version</u> of the <u>Swat-A-Litterbug web tool</u>, which allows people to report others who contribute to highway pollution.



# **News Near You...**New Road Creating Connections in Madison County

MARS HILL – A road construction project increasing commercial access to the Mars Hill area started in late March.

Crews from NHM Constructors of Asheville are building a nearly half-mile frontage road connecting Crossroads Parkway and Calvin Edney Road that will link access to I-26 exits 9 and 11, east of the interstate in Madison County.

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# NCDOT Celebrates Women's History Month

In recognition of Women's History Month, NCDOT hosted a series of roundtable discussions featuring a diverse group of female engineers and leaders from across the agency.

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## Wanda Austin Appointed to Lead Highway Division 14

Wanda Austin has been appointed as the new Division 14 Engineer.

Austin is the second woman in NCDOT's history to lead an NCDOT highway division. Congratulations, Wanda!

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# Watch for Me NC Announces 2021 Partners

The Watch for Me NC Program, which aims to protect the lives of pedestrians and bicyclists statewide, has announced three new partner communities that will join the safety initiative this year.

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# **First Drone Bridge Inspection**

Earlier this year, the Marc Basnight Bridge became the first bridge in the state to be inspected using a drone.

Drone use will make inspections faster, save money and reduce the need for lane closures.

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### **Improve Safety Throughout April**

The Governor's Highway Safety Program would like to note that April is National Distracted Driver Awareness Month and Alcohol Awareness Month.

April 26-30 is also <u>National Work Zone</u> Awareness Week.

Please do your part to keep other travelers and roadway workers safe.

### N.C. Students Win National Aviation Art Contest

Five students from North Carolina won big after placing in the 2021 National Aviation Art Contest. Their artwork will move on to compete in the international competition.

### **See the Winners**





### Find Out What's New on NCDOT Now

There's a new NCDOT Now episode every Friday. Keep up to date on transportation news, projects and events.

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