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Shelby County Government Now Using Cameras to Curb Illegal Dumping



Hidden cameras recently bought by Shelby County Government are already catching people who illegally dump trash, tree limbs and construction debris. Within a day of installation last week, a camera showed a woman dumping debris in the Northaven area.

“This is an important addition to our fight against blight. The cameras are giving us 24-hour presence in areas known for illegal dumping. Additionally, we continually work closely with neighborhood leaders and concerned citizens to develop leads about problem areas,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

In 2013, Shelby County Public Works crews removed 320 tons of illegally dumped debris on county-owned vacant lots and along the roadsides in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County.

“The new cameras cost \$18,000. However, that’s a small price based on the \$100,000 we had to pay last year to remove all the debris,” said Shelby County Public Works Director Tom Needham.

Shelby County Public Work employees are working daily with Shelby County Sheriff’s Deputies to identify violators caught on camera.

“We want to enhance the quality of life for residents living near county-maintained properties and right-of-ways. As such, people need to think twice before they illegally dump trash. We’ll now have their picture and the evidence needed for a criminal charge,” added Mayor Luttrell.

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