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Shelby County Intensifies Effort to Cleanup Roadside Trash

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., has ordered more Shelby County Corrections Center inmate crews to pick up debris along streets in the unincorporated areas.

"I hear every day from citizens about the appearance of our roads. We are taking a more strategic approach to litter, not only by doing weekly sweeps of problem areas but continually keeping the media and neighborhood associations apprised of our efforts each month," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Eight additional inmates will pick up trash in the unincorporated areas near Millington, Woodstock, Northaven, South-East Shelby County, North-East Shelby County and Cordova. **"The four-man inmate crews will be out Monday through Friday with additional D.U. I. offenders working on Mondays and Saturdays. We'll document our progress daily,"** said Tom Needham, Director of Shelby County Public Works.

"We're pleased to have 24 inmates out each weekday picking up trash. It saves the County money by using workers from the corrections center," added Bill Gupton, Director of the Shelby County Corrections Center.

Roadside trash cost the County \$350,000 last year, which paid for personnel, equipment, fuel and dump fees at area landfills. **"With more crews on the roadways, those costs are likely to rise this year. However, we've budgeted for the additional resources. The appearance of Shelby County needs to improve in order to retain and attract new businesses and residents,"** said Mayor Luttrell.

Crews will also be on the lookout to identify litter offenders. Information on letters, magazines and other documents will be shared with the Shelby County Sheriffs' Office for possible charges.

Shelby County Public Works also has hidden cameras in various locations in the unincorporated neighborhoods that are monitored daily by the Public Works Division. Offenders can be arrested for Illegal Dumping and in some cases, face Felony charges for large amounts of trash and other debris.

Complaints about roadside trash in the unincorporated areas can be called-in to the Shelby County Mayor's Action Center at (901) 222-2300 or filed by email at the Shelby County Government website: www.shelbycountyttn.gov on the homepage under "Report a Concern."

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