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Meetings Set for Shelby County's Proposed Trash Collection and Recycling Service

Residents in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County can hear more about Shelby County's proposed trash collection and recycling service at one of several community meetings starting next month.

"It is important we hear directly from citizens about our idea to provide trash collection and recycling services. We continue to see more and more illegal dumpsites throughout the county. The County has to spend thousands of dollars to clean up these sites," said Mayor Luttrell.

Currently, independent trash removal companies serve the 36,000 residents in the unincorporated neighborhoods. Although a Shelby County ordinance requires residents to contract with private trash company, many residents don't, which results in trash, garbage, furniture and other debris dumped along the roadsides and other areas.

"Last year, the County had to clean up 390 illegal dumpsites. Additionally, the Shelby County Health Department answered almost 600 calls about garbage left at homes not served by a trash collection company," said Tom Needham, Director of Shelby County Public Works.

The trash pick-up service would cost residents in the unincorporated areas approximately \$25 a month, which would be added to their Memphis, Light, Gas and Water bills.

The County would contract with several trash companies already serving the unincorporated neighborhoods to remove the house-hold trash, yard waste, and curbside debris. Recyclable items would also be picked up every two weeks.

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Trash Collection Meetings
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Here's the County's community meeting schedule about the trash collection plan:

All meetings start at 6 p.m.

- Southeast Shelby County Area
September 6, East Shelby Branch Library, 7200 E. Shelby Drive

- Eads and East Shelby County Areas
September 13, Fisherville Civic Club, 12017 North Macon Road

- Woodstock and Millington Areas
September 18, Woodstock Middle School, 5885 Woodstock Club Road

- Bolton and Brunswick Areas
September 20, Bolton High School, 7323 Brunswick Road

- Northaven and Shelby Forest Areas
October 2, Northaven Elementary School Auditorium, 5157 Circle Road

The Shelby County Commission will be updated about the proposal in late October. Citizen comments received at the community meetings will be included in the program report.

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