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County Has Website Link for Trash Collection Options

Residents in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County can now register their opinions on line about the County's proposal to offer trash collection and recycling services.

The internet link is in the *Popular Pages* section on the home page of Shelby County Government's website www.shelbycountyttn.gov, in the top left corner.

"This will make it convenient for people to share their opinions with us. We know some folks won't be able to attend community meetings being held about our proposal for trash collection services," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The next community meeting about trash collection and recycling services is tonight in Eads at the Fisherville Civic Club, 12017 North Macon Road at 6 p.m.

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

The county had to clean up 390 illegal dumpsites last year. Additionally, the Shelby County Health Department answered almost 600 calls about garbage left at homes not served by a trash collection company.

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.

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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.

Here's the schedule for other community meetings about the trash collection plan:
All meetings start at 6 p.m.

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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