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DeKalb County Hosts First in a Series of “Rolling Forward to One” Informational Community Meetings

County educates residents on proposed Sanitation Division initiative

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County Super District 7 Commissioner and Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Chair Stan Watson, DeKalb County District 4 Commissioner and Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Chair Sharon Barnes Sutton, in collaboration with DeKalb County Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Infrastructure Morris Williams and the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, hosted the first in a series of “Rolling Forward to One” community meetings **Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015**. The event, held to educate residents regarding the proposed change in DeKalb’s sanitation service delivery, was held at the Wade Walker Park Family YMCA.

Sanitation Division Director William Malone presented the county’s newly proposed approach to recycling and solid waste collection, a Sanitation Division initiative recently recommended by Interim CEO Lee May. The cost-saving initiative, named “Rolling Forward to One,” promotes a one-day-a-week recycling and solid waste collection plan, and the institution of free county-provided solid waste containers for county residents.

“This proposed initiative will be instrumental in ensuring greater efficiency of our sanitation collection service operations,” said Interim CEO Lee May. “It is critical we continue to educate our residents on the benefits of this initiative, the biggest service change in our county’s history.”

The following outlines the proposed recycling and solid waste collection initiative:

- **Residential customers will not experience a rate increase.**
- **Standardized containers.** The standardized use of 65-gallon green county-provided trash containers will ensure neighborhoods are cleaner and neater with the reduction of loose trash.
- **One-day-a-week waste pickup.** Currently, garbage is collected twice a week for DeKalb County residents. On the first collection day, Sanitation picks up more than 66 percent of countywide garbage. This leaves a much lighter second-day collection.
- **Consolidated collection.** With consolidated collection, all waste (solid waste, recycling and yard trimmings) will be collected on the same day.
- **Additional benefits to county residents.** The program will include a renewed focus on recycling education for county residents and additional roadside litter collection by Sanitation employees.

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DeKalb County Government officials host the first in a series of “Rolling Forward to One” community meetings to discuss potential recycling and solid waste collection service level changes. Left to right: Sanitation Division Director William Malone discussed the county’s proposed service level change; Keep DeKalb Beautiful Director Gordon Burkette; Super District 7 Commissioner and Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Chair Stan Watson

County residents will have another opportunity to receive information and engage in dialogue with DeKalb County Government officials about the proposed initiative at an upcoming community meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.**, at the **Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library, 5234 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084**.

The initiative is expected to be heard for a vote at an upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting.

DeKalb County is Georgia’s third largest county with more than 700,000 residents calling it home. Known for its business and education hub, growing international community and natural wonders, DeKalb County Government is administered by [Interim Chief Executive Officer Lee May](#), and legislative policy is set by a seven-member [Board of Commissioners](#).

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