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DeKalb Interim CEO Lee May Talks Trash at CrossRoadsNews Health and Wellness Expo

County's proposed Sanitation Division service change takes focus

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County Interim CEO Lee May, in collaboration with the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, discussed the proposed sanitation service change with county residents on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Stonecrest Mall.

During the CrossRoadsNews 10th Annual Health and Wellness Expo, Interim CEO May detailed the importance, benefits and next steps of the proposed one-day-a-week sanitation service change, and engaged residents in a question-and-answer session.

“We welcome every opportunity to educate residents on the long-term benefits of this important proposed sanitation service change,” said Interim CEO Lee May. “This forum was an excellent opportunity to share critical information with county residents and engage them in a robust discussion on the subject.”

The Sanitation Division’s informational booth provided expo-goers with important information on its Single Stream recycling program and an opportunity to sign up for the program, as well as ask questions about the proposed service change.

The following outlines the proposed one-day-a-week 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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Interim CEO May leads the discussion with CrossRoadsNews 10th Annual Health and Wellness expo-goers on the County's proposed one-day-a-week sanitation service change



CrossRoadsNews 10th Annual Health and Wellness expo-goers participate in Interim CEO May's discussion on the county's proposed sanitation service change

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Interim CEO May poses with his daughters and attendees of the CrossRoadsNews 10th Annual Health and Wellness Expo

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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