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DeKalb Hosts Sanitation Service Change Community Meeting

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County Super District 7 Commissioner Stan Watson and DeKalb County District 1 Commissioner Nancy Jester, in collaboration with the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, hosted a community meeting to educate residents about the county's proposed one-day-a-week sanitation service change. The event was held on Monday, Feb. 2 at The Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library, 5234 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084.

The cost-saving initiative 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.

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.

County residents will have additional opportunities to ask questions and receive information about the proposed initiative at upcoming community meetings. The next community meetings regarding the sanitation service change will be held on **Monday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the **Redan Recreation Center, 1839 Phillips Road, Lithonia, GA 30058**, and at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Scott Candler Library, 1917 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30032**.

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Left to right: DeKalb County District 1 Commissioner Nancy Jester, Super District 7 Commissioner and Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Chair Stan Watson, Keep DeKalb Beautiful Program Manager Gordon Burkette and Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Infrastructure Morris Williams host a community meeting to discuss potential sanitation recycling and solid waste collection service level changes

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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