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CARROLL COUNTY TO CHANGE CONVENIENCE CENTER HOURS

Carrollton, Ga. (June 3, 2015) - In an effort to use government funds more efficiently and to keep taxes low, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners has approved a plan to adjust schedules of the county's waste disposal convenience centers.

Before making the changes, which will take effect Aug. 3, months of study of the current schedules were evaluated to determine the most cost effective, yet convenient, uses of the facilities, said board Chairman Marty Smith.

"Our Number One priority is to be good stewards of taxpayer money," said Smith. "This change will result in an annual savings for the county of about \$190,000 per year, yet our citizens will still experience a high level of service."

Smith said the county worked with long-time local government experts to conduct a study of each facility and how we compared to other counties around our area. Traffic of each center was noted in addition to proximity of one center to another. Schedules were adjusted based on usage flow and location.

As a result of the evaluation process, it was recommended that Carroll County close the Lovvorn Road center, next to the University of West Georgia stadium, because of low volume and the proximity of the Simonton Mill Road and Newnan Road centers. Closing the facility will likely result in more usage of the Simonton Mill center, which would increase efficiency of the program. This alone will save taxpayers more than \$48,000 per year in operating costs.

Smith noted other considerations supporting the closing were the county does not own the Lovvorn Road property and that officials at UWG, owners of the property, endorsed the closing with future expansions of that area of campus.

As for the other centers, Newnan Road, Dyer Road and Temple schedules will remain unchanged, continuing on a 78-hour-per-week schedule.

"No other county in the west Georgia area offers this level of accessibility," said Smith. "While other counties have more volume and fewer hours, we wanted to err on the side of our citizens by keeping these centers on their original schedules."

Other centers' hours have been adjusted to better reflect actual usage, resulting in the bulk of the cost savings to taxpayers. The new schedules are:

Tyus, Whitesburg and Bowdon Junction: Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Monday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Bowdon, Lowell and Simonton Mill: Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Kansas-Jake: Monday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

The eight month study concluded the recommended schedules would reduce center hours from 858 per week to 550 hours per week but would still provide citizens convenient disposal options every day.

"We were determined to maintain a high service level while improving efficiency and have accomplished that goal with this plan," said Smith, who noted the current "cost per visit" ranged from 31 cents at the busiest center, Dyer Road, to \$2.31 at Kansas-Jake.

The county is in the process of publishing convenience center cards for citizens to keep for reference concerning the new schedules that also include recycling information. Keep Carroll Beautiful, the local Keep America Beautiful affiliate and a partner of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, also will distribute the publication to encourage recycling efforts.



1 HIGHWAY 5 WEST
 3059 West Highway 5
 Tyus Community • 770-258-0565
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2 HIGHWAY 5 EAST
 3048 East Highway 5
 Lowell Community • 770-854-5461
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

3 SAMMY DUKE ROAD
 Off Wellington Mill Road
 Whitesburg • 770-838-9799
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

4 NEW HOPE ROAD
 200 New Hope Road
 Off Highway 100 South of Bowdon
 770-258-0772
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

5 SIMONTON MILL ROAD
 439 Simonton Mill Rd
 Off Highway 166 West • 770-838-9711
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

6 NEWMAN ROAD
 1107 Highway 16 South
 Next to WGTC & Across from Sheriff's Office
 770-838-0892
Mon-Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Sun 12 to 6 p.m.

7 KANSAS-JAKE ROAD
 101 Kansas-Jake Rd
 Bowdon • 770-258-5313
Mon 7-3, Wed 11-7, Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

8 DYER ROAD
 25 Dyer Rd • Off Highway 61
 770-838-9586
Mon-Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Sun 12 to 6 p.m.

9 HOLLY SPRINGS ROAD
 125 Holly Springs Rd
 Bowdon Junction • 770-838-0215
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

10 OLD VILLA RICA
@ TAYLOR'S GIN ROAD
 Temple • 770-562-8862
Mon-Sat 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Sun 12 to 6 p.m.

Transfer station (former landfill) @ Simonton Mill site: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Sat 8-11:30 a.m.

RECYCLING INFORMATION ON OTHER SIDE

Carroll County Convenience Centers



The Carroll County Board of Commissioners operates 10 convenience centers strategically located throughout the county. Site locations & hours of operation are listed on the other side of this card.

The convenience centers accept recyclables, household garbage, furniture & metal (excluding appliances designed to hold Freon). There is no charge for this service.

NOT ACCEPTED: Carpet, electronics (including TVs), building materials, wood, tires, shrubbery, trees, limbs & commercial debris. The county transfer station, next to the Simon-ton Mill center, will accept these items for a disposal fee. For details, phone 770-832-1233.

GO GREEN & Recycle!

Each convenience center offers a variety of recycling services. Accepting locations are listed below, in blue, for each recyclable.

ALUMINUM: Beverage & soda cans, aluminum foil, pie plates & trays that are rinsed & not contaminated with food waste are acceptable. Rinse all recyclables. Examples of what cannot be recycled: Any items that are heavily contaminated by food waste. **All sites.**

TIN: Any juice cans, vegetable cans, soup cans. Rinse cans. Labels may remain. Examples of what cannot be recycled: Paint & aerosol cans. **Sites: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.**

MIXED PAPER: Mail, telephone books, magazines, window envelopes, newspapers & inserts, white & colored office paper. Remove all metal or plastic. Keep paper dry; no bags or strings. No shredded paper. **All sites.**



CARDBOARD: Cereal, shoe & pizza boxes, corrugated cardboard. Flatten cardboard before disposal. Examples of what cannot be recycled: Waxed cardboard, including milk & juice containers, paper plates, food-contaminated cardboard, cardboard with plastic liners that cannot be removed. **All sites.**

GLASS: Glass food & beverage containers (clear, green, brown, blue). Keep clear glass separate from colored glass. Rinse & remove lids; labels may remain. Examples of what cannot be recycled: Light bulbs, plate glass, ceramics, clay pots, mirrors, ovenware, plates, drinking glasses. **Sites: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8.**

PLASTIC: Milk jugs, water bottles, beverage bottles marked with numbers 1-7. Caps may be included. Please rinse containers. Examples of what cannot be recycled: 5-gallon buckets, toys, motor oil & antifreeze containers, plastic bags, plastic wrap. **Sites: 1, 6, 7, 8.**

OTHER RECYCLING OPTIONS: Keep Carroll Beautiful, the local Keep America Beautiful affiliate, promotes beautification & recycling efforts by providing a wealth of resources to the residents of Carroll County to expand recycling accessibility and convenience. Visit the KCB website, keepcarrollbeautiful.org, to discover options for recycling beyond what the convenience centers or transfer station can provide.

For more information about recycling at a convenience center near you, please call the site numbers located on the other side of this card or visit:

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