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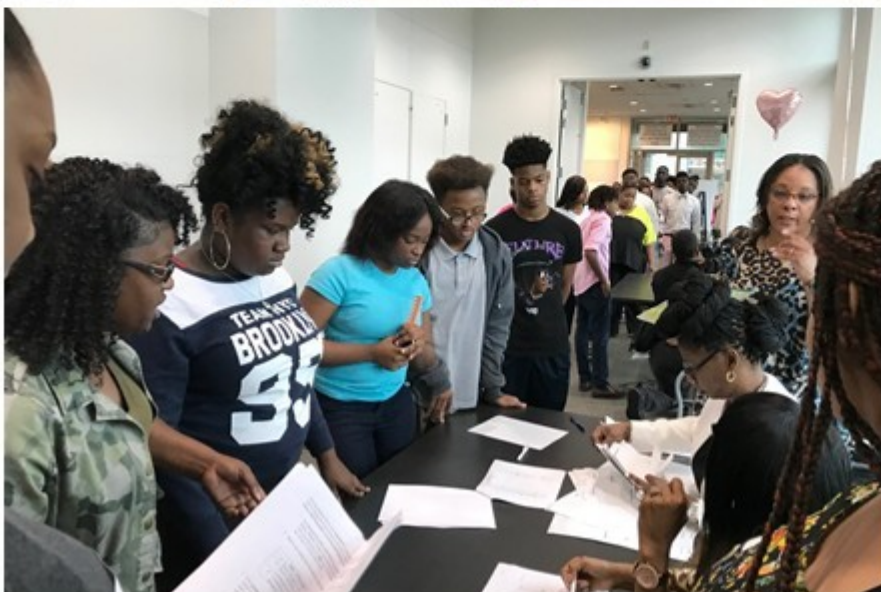
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Kickoff Event for Shelby County Mayor's Fight Blight Team



Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., greeted today the 100 young people and nine adults chosen to be on the ***County Mayor's Fight Blight Team*** at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library.

The orientation session was the kickoff for the work teams as they begin their weekday duties to pick up roadside litter in key areas of the county. Mayor Luttrell wanted to provide job opportunities for young people to help address the growing litter problem in our community.

"I'm pleased we were able to hire these young people and their supervisors. They'll provide a vital service this summer," said Mayor Luttrell.

The young people, ages 14 - 24, will be paid \$9 per hour. The nine supervisors, all over 21 years of age, will be paid \$12 an hour. The work teams will fan out Monday through Friday in various Zip Code areas from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The non-profit organization *Clean Memphis* will assist the County in planning the cleanup routes. **"We're pleased to work alongside of Mayor Luttrell in this initiative. This will remind young people how easily trash damages the image of our community,"** said Janet Boscarino, Executive Director of Clean Memphis.

The ***County Mayor's Fight Blight Team*** will continue through July with a closing ceremony to be held on July 28th.

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