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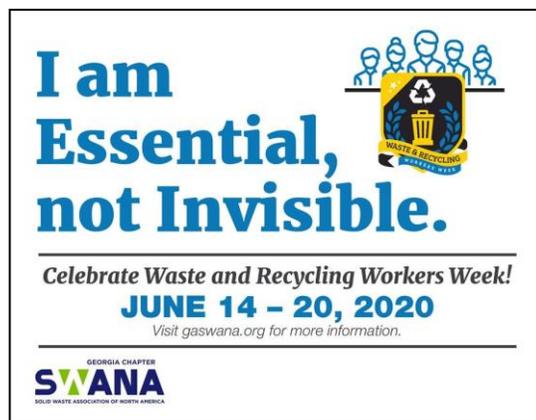
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Camden County Celebrates Waste and Recycling Workers Week

WOODBINE, Ga. – June 12, 2020 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is joining with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Georgia Chapter in celebrating June 14-20, 2020, as Waste and Recycling Workers Week. This week-long awareness effort is focused on recognizing the contributions of solid waste workers as essential workers.

Joining other counties, municipalities, and organizations across the state, Camden County is working to elevate the status of solid waste management industry workers with the theme of *"I am Essential, not Invisible."* This week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that solid industry workers make in communities throughout the world and especially in Camden County.

"We are proud to participate in this state-wide effort as we come together to ensure that solid waste workers are recognized as essential and need to be valued as employees that protect our health," said Kevin Barkley, Director of the Camden County Solid Waste Authority.



Locally, Camden County Solid Waste plans to hold a cookout to recognize Solid Waste employees. After the recent retirement of many long-tenured workers, current employees represent over 100 years of experience and service with the Camden County Solid Waste Authority.

"We recognize the need to remove the cloak of invisibility on solid waste workers by demonstrating the vital role they provide in maintaining the safety and health of communities across Georgia," said Suki Janssen, SWANA-Georgia Chapter President.

Waste and recyclable material collectors are in the top five most dangerous jobs in the United States. SWANA-Georgia Chapter wants to bring awareness to protect solid waste workers and elevate the importance of the tasks they perform for Georgia citizens. If you would like to know more about Waste

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and Recycling Workers Week or SWANA Georgia Chapter, please visit gaswana.org or visit SWANA-Georgia Chapter on [Facebook](#).

The Camden County Solid Waste Authority operates three sites in Camden County, including a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill, a Construction and Demolition (C & D) landfill, and the Old Still Road Yard Waste Site.

About SWANA-Georgia Chapter: For more than 50 years, the Solid Waste Associate of North America (SWANA) has been the leading professional association in the solid waste field. Founded in 1962, the association has 10,000+ members. The Georgia Chapter serves almost 200 members throughout Georgia and other areas through conferences, certifications, publications, and technical training courses. SWANA-Georgia represents industry leaders from every discipline in solid waste management. Our chapter provides multiple benefits to our members, including the opportunity to hear about the latest technologies and/or developments in our industry and to network with other solid waste professionals. Our mission is to educate, innovate, and communicate.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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