

## Utilities Department Recycling Update

Recycling Rate 24%. Last FY was a 20% overall. This is a big increase for us. We hope with weekend recycling we will be able to drive this up.

### Weekend Recycling starts April 22, 2017

- We have goals to meet to get there.
- First is Saturday pickup. We need 150 lifts to reach the goal. This means 150 carts for the combined businesses. We have the complete list to reach the goal, but still have a few businesses to visit to complete the list.
- We are also tracking Sundays. We need 150 lifts for Sundays and they need to be already receiving Saturday recycling pickup.
- If any of you or if you are friends with a business that has need for weekend recycling, please have them contact Dee Dee at 305-809-3776 or by email.

### Street Recycling

- Still working with Public Works on getting new street containers. We need probably 200 new containers just for the Duval area. Money will be budgeted for next year for the purchase. Meanwhile we are picking garbage cans that can be moved and turned into recycle cans. (these are also included in reaching the weekend recycling goals)
- Buying the cigarette collection containers for the sides of some of our street cans on Duval. We will add the cigarettes to our cigarette recycling program.

### Special Event Recycling

- We have laid out a new strategy and we are working with Public Works and Waste Management to implement them.
- These include different collect methods during the special events.

### Commercial Recycling

- We will have a monthly add running in Our Keys Magazine once a month. It will focus on a different local business each month, highlight what they are doing, and let you know how recycling can save your business money.
- A mailer should be going out this month to all businesses with outline of program, prices and contacts.

### Residential Recycling

- A mailer went out a few weeks ago with all the information needed for residents to recycle properly and contact WM and City as needed.

### Keep Key West Beautiful

- Adopt a Beach Program is going well. We are getting businesses and groups to adopt beaches and commit to 6 cleanups a year.

- We received the FDOT grant for this year. \$15,000. Using it for buying signs for the Adopt a Programs, buying educational material to hand out to the public, cigarette containers, pickers, garbage bags, etc.
- We will be adding adopt a block and adopt a canal to the program soon also.

#### Earth Day Cleanups

- Some of the local schools have already signed up to do a cleanup at their schools for Earth Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Some of the schools also clean up the surrounding neighborhoods. These are counted and picked up by Utility Department.