

# **Presentation on the State of the Solid Waste (Sanitation) Utility**

**Public Meeting between the  
Town of Lake Park and the  
Lake Shore Drive Homeowners' Association**

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**March 23, 2023**



# Background



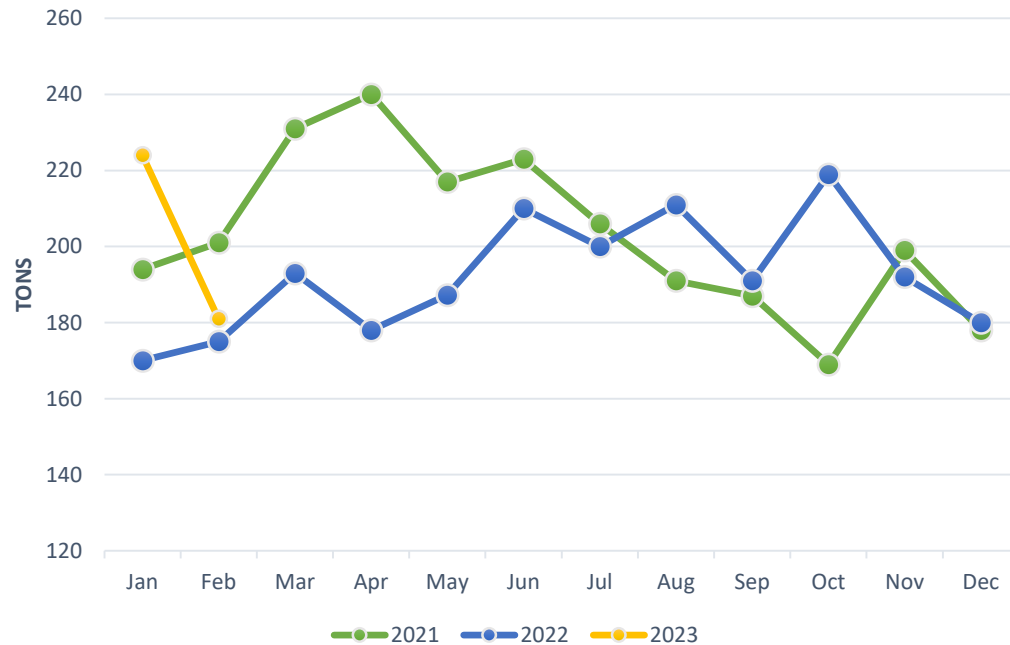
- The Town is required to provide solid waste collection and disposal services
- The Town, through the PWD, operates an in-house Solid Waste (Sanitation) Utility
- Collects solid waste from residential and commercial properties
- First line of defense for the health of the community



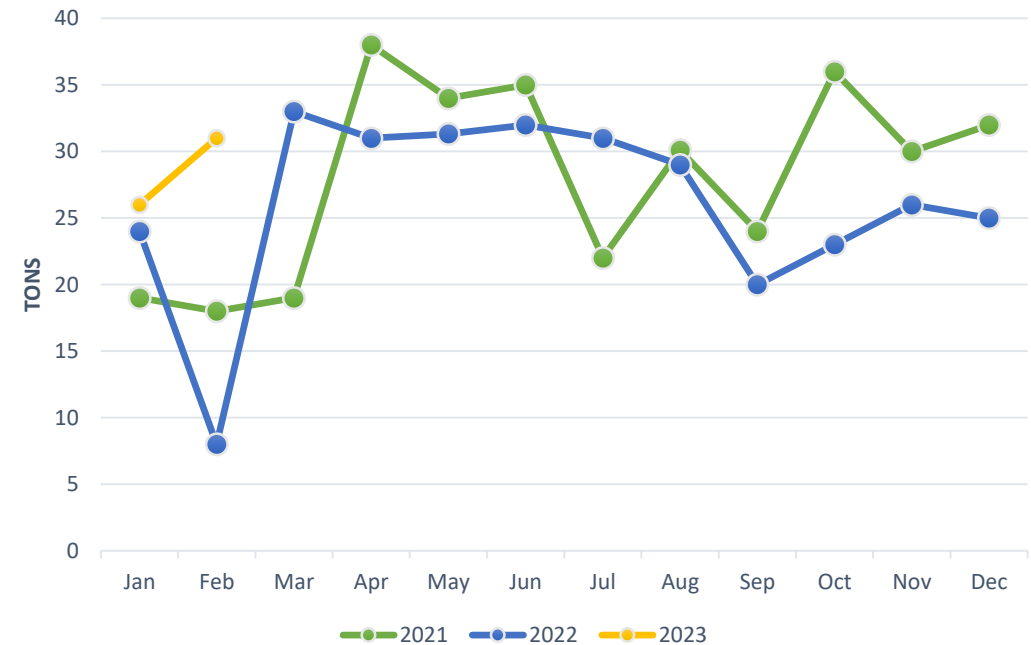
# Recent Productivity



## Residential Garbage Collection



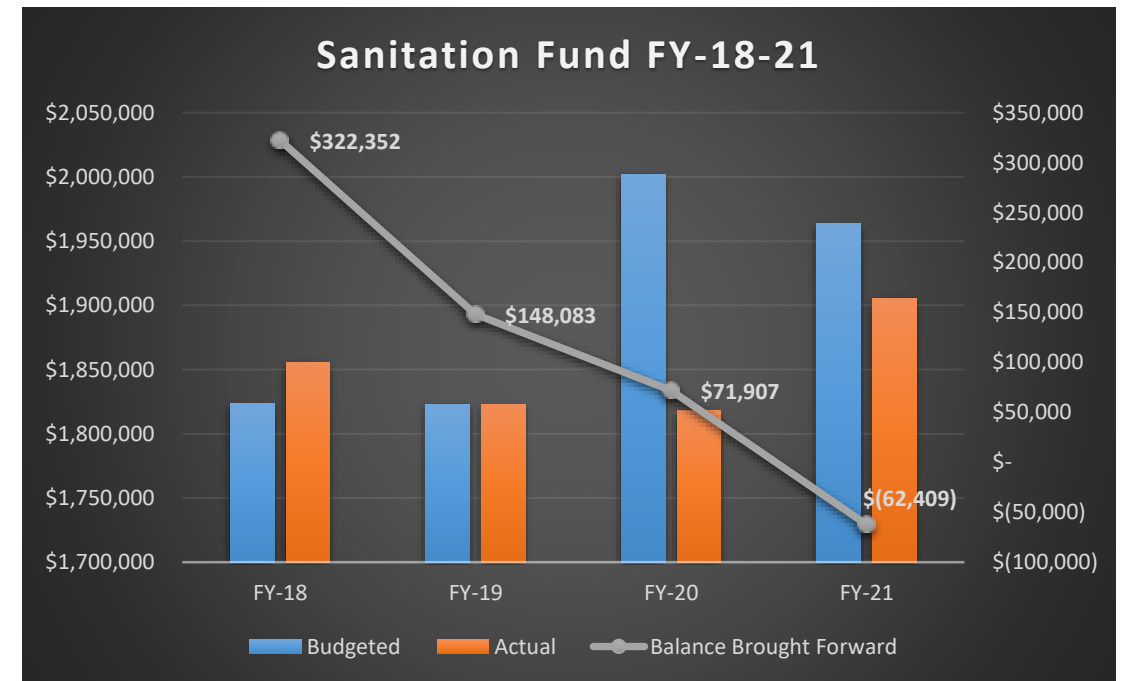
## Residential Recycling Collection



# The Sanitation Fund



- Operates as a self-supporting Enterprise governmental fund
- Has historically fluctuated, borrowed from Reserves
- Impacted utility operation, rate stability, and planning for current/future needs
- Inconsistently covered the Utility's operating expenses



# Sanitation Equipment



- Currently operates ten (10) trucks with an average years in service of **7.8 Years**
  - Nine of 10 trucks are past their recommended service life
- Results in frequent out-of-service periods and extended lead times for parts & service



# Recent Sanitation Rate History



- No regular Rate updates until **2020**, despite increasing operational costs
- Completed Sanitation Rate Study in **2020**, recommended incremental rate adjustments
- Residential and Commercial Rates increased 9% in **2020**
- Completed Commercial & Multi-Family Classes Rate Study in **2022**
- Residential Rates increased by 10% in **2022**
- Commercial Rates increased by 19.7% in **2022** (Commercial NAV also discontinued)

# 2022 Sanitation Rate Study



- Multi-Family Dwellings:
  - Currently, the Sanitation Code treats multi-family dwellings more favorably than single-family dwellings
    - Single-family/<5 unit multi-family dwelling = **\$258.37**
    - >5 unit multi-family dwelling = **\$174.97** (**38.5%** lower than single-family)
  - Multi-family (5 units or greater) w/ dumpster service: **88% (44 of 50)**
  - Residential Single-family and Multi-family dwellings have differing solid waste generation rates and collection requirements

# Multi-Family (5+ Units) Example



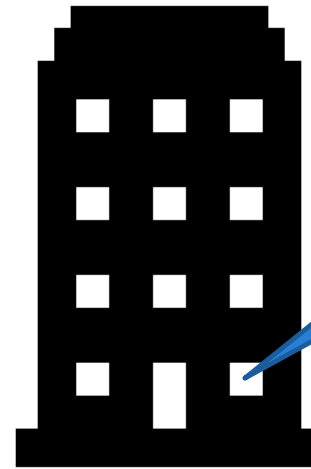
Qty: 2, .5-CY Carts/Week

## Single-Family Home

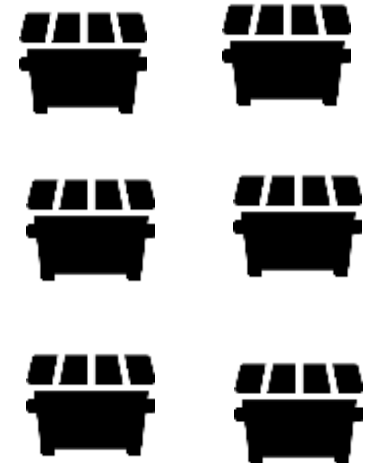
Annual NAV Assessment: **\$258.37**

Average # of Occupants: 3.4 occupants (per US Census)

Total Allowed Set Out Volume: **1 Cubic Yard/Week**



Unit 103



Qty: 2, 4-CY Dumpsters x 3/Week

## EA Lake View Condominium Unit:

Annual NAV Assessment: **\$174.97**

Average # of Occupants: 3.4 occupants (per US Census)

Total Allowed Set Out Volume:

**As much as 24 Cubic Yards/Week**



# 2023 Solid Waste Rate Study



## ■ Goals/Scope of Work for Rate Study:

- Data Request, Acquisition/Compilation, and Review
- Customer Sales, Revenue Forecast, *Cost of Service Determination and Rate Design*
- Development of Projected Revenue Requirements
- Prepare Solid Waste Rate Analysis Report



# Next Steps and Key Dates



- **March-April 2023: Complete Solid Waste Rate Study**
- **June 8, 2023: Public Workshop**
  - Present study findings, rate recommendations
  - Discuss transition strategies for multi-family 5+, etc.
- **June 21: Presentation of Report to Town Commission**
- **July 2023:**
  - Coordinate with PBC Solid Waste Authority and Tax Collector's Office (the County) to remove Multi-family (5+ units) properties from tax roll
  - TRIM Cycle: Maximum proposed solid waste assessment rates due to the County (excludes dumpster fees)

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- **August 2023:**
  - Coordinate with HOAs to set up billing accounts
- **September 2023:**
  - Town Commission approves Master Fee Schedule for FY-24
  - Tax Cycle: Final Solid Waste Assessment Rates due to the County
- **Oct 2023 (FY-24):**
  - Implement New Residential & Commercial Rates
  - Begin billing HOAs' for Sanitation Services

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## ■ New Service Request Portal

- Request Service
- Report Issues



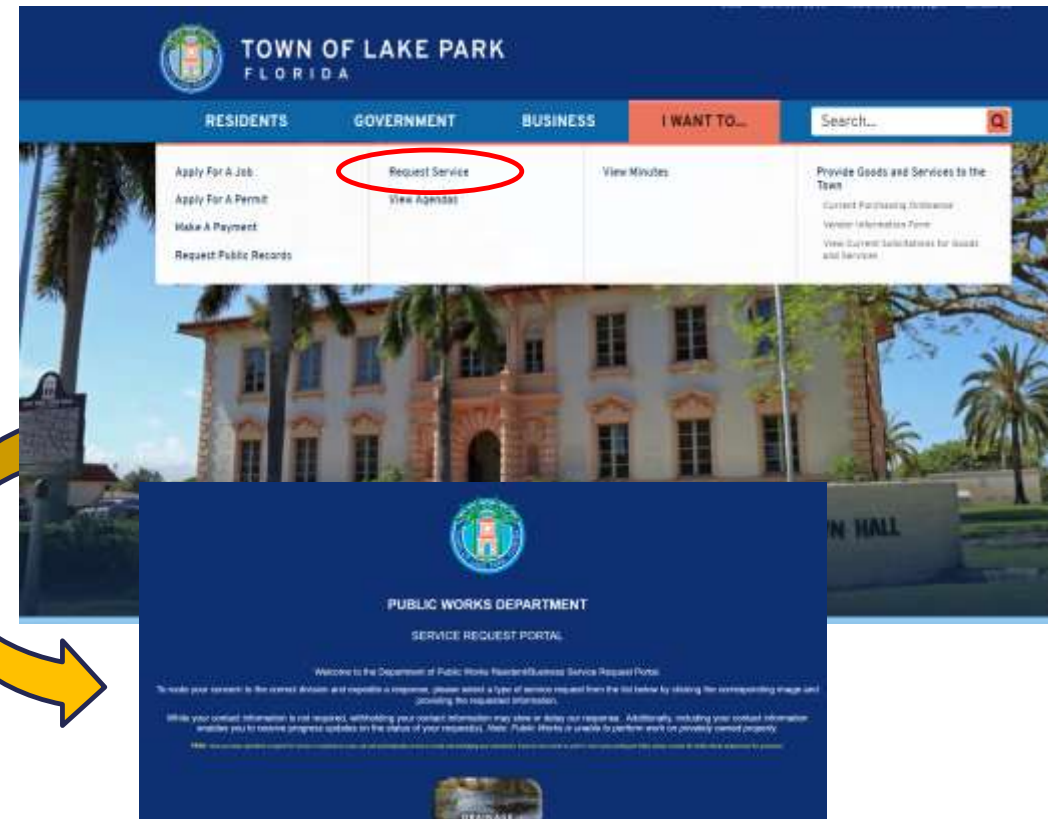
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## **Discussion/Questions**