



KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL



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Keep Manatee Beautiful Celebrates Earth Day 2023 with Green Activities and Recycling Initiatives

On Earth Day 2023, Keep Manatee Beautiful partnered with local organizations and volunteers to celebrate our planet and encourage eco-friendly practices in our community. The event took place at Palmetto High School and brought together participants of all ages to engage in green activities and recycling.

The day began with volunteers from Keep Manatee Beautiful and Palmetto High School joining forces to plant gardens and tree beds, as well as clean up the campus. This collaborative effort aimed to beautify the school grounds and provide students with a greener and more pleasant environment for learning and recreation.

In addition to the on-site activities, the event offered free trees to local citizens. This initiative not only contributes to a greener community but also encourages individuals to take responsibility for their environment and become stewards of the earth. By planting trees, citizens can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and create habitats for various species.

The Earth Day celebration also included a recycling drop for small appliances, making it easier for community members to dispose of their e-waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Recycling electronic waste is crucial, as it helps conserve valuable resources, reduces pollution, and minimizes the amount of waste sent to landfills.

The Earth Day 2023 event hosted by Keep Manatee Beautiful at Palmetto High School served as a reminder of the importance of participating in green activities and recycling. It emphasized the role each individual can play in preserving our planet for future generations. By continuing to support such initiatives, we can work together to make Manatee County a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable place to live.

Newsletter Highlights

KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATES EARTH DAY 2023 WITH GREEN ACTIVITIES AND RECYCLING INITIATIVES

SEA TURTLE SEASON BEGINS IN MANATEE COUNTY: A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND PROTECT

AREAS SERVED

- BRADENTON
- PALMETTO
- CITY OF ANNA MARIA
- HOLMES BEACH
- BRADENTON BEACH
- PARRISH AND BEYOND

UPCOMING EVENTS

05.06.23 9AM-NOON
FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP
BRADENTON RIVERFRONT

05.19.23 8AM-2PM
UNDERWATER CLEANUP



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APRIL MOOSE AFTER EASTER BEACH CLEANUP



Keep Manatee Beautiful partnered with the Moose Lodge for the "Moose After Easter Beach Cleanup," where 22 dedicated volunteers collected 138 pounds of trash. This successful collaboration not only improved the beach's appearance but also contributed to a cleaner and healthier environment for everyone to enjoy.



Keep it clean, keep it green

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Sea Turtle Season Begins in Manatee County: A Time to Celebrate and Protect

The beginning of sea turtle nesting season in Manatee County is an exciting time for wildlife enthusiasts and environmentalists alike. As these fascinating marine creatures make their way to our shores, it is essential to understand the importance of their presence and how we can contribute to their protection. Sea turtles are ancient reptiles that have been around for over 100 million years. There are seven species of sea turtles, five of which are known to nest in Florida: the loggerhead, green, leatherback, hawksbill, and Kemp's ridley. Manatee County beaches are primarily nesting grounds for loggerhead sea turtles, which are listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Nesting season in Manatee County typically starts in May and lasts through October, with peak activity in June and July. During this period, female sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Around two months later, the hatchlings emerge and make their perilous journey to the ocean.

Despite their beauty and importance to marine ecosystems, sea turtles face numerous threats, including habitat loss, pollution, climate change, and human disturbances. To ensure the survival of these majestic creatures, it is crucial that residents and visitors alike do their part to protect them.

Here are a few simple actions you can take to support sea turtle conservation in Manatee County:

1. Avoid shining bright lights on the beach at night, as they can disorient nesting females and hatchlings.
2. Remove beach furniture and fill in holes in the sand, as they can impede a turtle's movement.
3. Keep a safe distance from nesting turtles and never disturb them.
4. Properly dispose of trash, particularly plastic, to prevent marine pollution and accidental ingestion by turtles.
5. Report any injured or stranded sea turtles to the local wildlife authorities.

As we celebrate the beginning of sea turtle season in Manatee County, let's remember the vital role these creatures play in our marine ecosystems and work together to safeguard their future. By adopting responsible practices and spreading awareness, we can ensure that sea turtles continue to grace our shores for generations to come.



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INTRODUCING NEW VOLUNTEER PORTAL



Keep Manatee Beautiful

Enhancing Our Environment Together

NEW VOLUNTEER PORTAL

Introducing the Keep Manatee Beautiful Volunteer Portal! We are excited to welcome you to our online platform, designed to connect environmentally-conscious individuals with a variety of volunteering opportunities in Manatee County, Florida. Our mission is to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of our community through litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction initiatives. By registering on our Volunteer Portal, you can easily discover and join events or projects that align with your passion for the environment. Together, let's make a tangible impact and promote a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for Manatee County. Sign up today and start your journey toward environmental stewardship!

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EARTH DAY 2023



You can make a difference

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNDERWATER CLEANUP MAY 19 2023



MAY 19

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

UNDERWATER CLEANUP UNDER THE BRIDGES OF MANATEE RIVER

- NEEDED: DIVERS AND LAND VOLUNTEERS
- BOATS FOR DIVERS
- SKIFFS FOR TRASH COLLECTION
- KAYAKS OR JET SKIS FOR TRASH TRANSPORT

SIGN UP AT:

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QUESTIONS: 941-757-7294



Keep Manatee Beautiful is dedicated to promoting community awareness and involvement in litter prevention, recycling, and beautification throughout Manatee County.

Keep Manatee Beautiful is a nonprofit organization that inspires community involvement through its commitment to making Manatee County a cleaner and more beautiful environment. Established in the Spring of 1991 as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Florida Beautiful, Keep Manatee Beautiful has developed networks of volunteers who help provide grassroots solutions to

Littering | Recycling | Illegal Dumping | Beautification | Solid Waste Disposal

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