



**KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL**

Keep it clean, keep it green



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## Environmental beautification is an important aspect of community development that has numerous benefits for individuals

Environmental beautification is an important aspect of community development that has numerous benefits for individuals, communities, and the environment. When communities take pride in their surroundings and work together to maintain and improve them, it not only enhances the physical environment but also promotes mental health and community pride. Keep Manatee Beautiful is one organization that recognizes the benefits of environmental beautification and actively works to promote it in their community.

One of the primary benefits of environmental beautification is the positive impact it has on mental health. Numerous studies have shown that spending time in nature and aesthetically pleasing environments can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Exposure to natural environments has also been linked to improved cognitive function and attention span. When individuals have access to beautiful outdoor spaces, it can provide a sense of escape from the demands of daily life and promote relaxation and rejuvenation.

Environmental beautification also promotes community pride and engagement. When communities come together to improve their environment, it fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility for the well-being of the community. This shared sense of purpose and accomplishment can strengthen social bonds and promote a greater sense of community identity. Additionally, when communities take pride in their surroundings, it can improve the image and reputation of the community, which can attract new residents and businesses. Keep Manatee Beautiful is one organization that understands the importance of environmental beautification in promoting mental health and community pride.

## Newsletter Highlights

ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTIFICATION IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER HOFFMAN

### AREAS SERVED

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04.01.23** 9AM-NOON  
FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP  
BOYD BRIDGE
- 04.22.23** EARTH DAY CLEAN UP
- 05.06.23** 9AM-NOON  
FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP  
RIVERWALK



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They are dedicated to educating and engaging the community in beautification efforts through initiatives such as litter prevention, community cleanups, and landscaping projects. These efforts not only enhance the physical environment but also promote a sense of pride and ownership among residents.

In addition to the mental health and community benefits, environmental beautification also has positive environmental impacts. Planting trees and creating green spaces can improve air quality, reduce the urban heat island effect, and provide habitat for wildlife. Litter prevention and cleanup efforts can also prevent pollution and protect waterways.

In conclusion, environmental beautification is a vital aspect of community development that provides numerous benefits for individuals, communities, and the environment. Keep Manatee Beautiful is one organization that recognizes the importance of these benefits and actively works to promote environmental beautification in their community. By promoting a sense of community pride and ownership and improving mental health through exposure to aesthetically pleasing environments, environmental beautification can improve the overall quality of life for individuals and communities alike.

## FT. HAMER BOAT RAMP CLEAN-UP UPDATE!



Keep Manatee Beautiful is thrilled to announce the successful results of the Ft. Hamer Cleanup event. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of 91 volunteers, 915 pounds of trash were picked up from the Ft. Hamer area. This cleanup effort not only enhances the beauty of the environment but also protects the natural habitat and improves the overall health of our local ecosystems. Keep Manatee Beautiful would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed to this cleanup effort and helped to make a positive impact on our community.

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# Climate Change, Recycling, and Sustainable Living.

Climate change, recycling, and sustainable living are some of the most pressing issues that our community faces today. Climate change is caused by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial processes that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Recycling can help reduce waste and conserve natural resources by reusing materials that would otherwise end up in landfills. Sustainable living involves making conscious choices to reduce our carbon footprint by using renewable energy sources, consuming less, and using environmentally-friendly products. By educating ourselves and taking action, we can make a positive impact on our environment and create a better future for ourselves and generations to come.



## QUICK TIPS

1. Reduce, reuse, and recycle: One of the best ways to beautify the environment is to reduce waste and reuse materials as much as possible. By recycling, we can keep materials out of landfills and reduce the amount of litter in our environment.
2. Plant trees and flowers: Planting trees and flowers is an easy and effective way to beautify the environment. Trees can provide shade, improve air quality, and create habitats for wildlife. Flowers can add color and beauty to public spaces and improve the overall aesthetic of a community.
3. Participate in community cleanups: Participating in community cleanups is a great way to contribute to the beautification of the environment. By removing litter and debris from public spaces, we can create a cleaner and more attractive environment for everyone to enjoy. Additionally, community cleanups provide an opportunity for individuals to connect with their community and feel a sense of ownership and pride in their surroundings.

# Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP APRIL 1ST 2023



### 1ST SATURDAY'S CLEANUP | BOYD BRIDGE

TERRA CEIA, 6251 US-19

APRIL 1ST 2023

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## EARTH DAY CLEANUP APRIL 22ND 2023

Come celebrate Earth Day with us by participating in our litter cleanup event around Palmetto High School! All supplies will be provided and food trucks will be available, so join us for a fun and meaningful day of cleaning up our community and protecting the environment.



You can make a difference

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## FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP MAY 6TH 2023

Calling all volunteers! Join us on May 6th, 2023, the first Saturday of the month, for a community clean-up event at Riverwalk Park in Bradenton. Let's work together to make our park a cleaner and more enjoyable place for everyone to enjoy!

## 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

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**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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