



**KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL**

Keep it clean, keep it green



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## It's YOU the volunteer who makes the difference! GET INVOLVED!

Manatee is a beautiful place to live. The people are friendly, the weather is great, and it's a beautiful place to live. But there's one thing that can make the community even better: volunteers!

Volunteers are an essential part of keeping Manatee beautiful. With so many people coming together to pick up litter, clean up after storms, and beautify our community, we're all able to enjoy our surroundings in a more beautiful way.

If you're interested in volunteering for your community, there's no time like the present. There are many ways you can get involved—whether it's taking part in a beach cleanup or helping out at one of Manatee's many beaches.

Did you know volunteering is good for your health! It can help reduce stress and anxiety, increase self-esteem, improve sleep quality and moods... the list goes on. If that's not enough to convince you, maybe this will: Volunteering helps build community bonds between neighbors who are working together toward a common goal. It also gives people an outlet for their creativity—you never know what kind of ideas might come from throwing yourself into something completely different than your normal routine!

If you've ever visited a beach in Manatee, you'll know how important these volunteers are. A lot of work goes into maintaining these spaces so that everyone can enjoy them safely and comfortably at all times of the year!

## Newsletter Highlights

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MEET OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER HOFFMAN

### AREAS SERVED

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

03.04.23 9AM-NOON  
FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP  
FT.HAMER BOAT RAMP



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If you want to know more about volunteering opportunities in Manatee or how you can get involved with any upcoming events hosted by Keep Manatee Beautiful or other organizations like ours (including First Saturday Cleanups), please reach out via our website [www.manateebeautiful.com](http://www.manateebeautiful.com) or send us a message on Facebook. We would love to hear from you.

## RIVERSIDE PALMETTO CLEAN UP UPDATE!



February's First Saturday Clean Up, sponsored by Keep Manatee Beautiful was a huge success. Over 50+ volunteers from all over the county gathered at the Palmetto Riverside Park to pick up litter and beautify their community.

After just a few hours of working together, volunteers collected 903 pounds of trash! The event was spearheaded by Keep Manatee Beautiful's Executive Director, Jennifer Hoffman. "I am so proud of all the volunteers who came out to help us make our county a cleaner place to live and work in. We had people from all walks of life come together for one common goal: to make Manatee County a better place for everyone," said Hoffman.

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Introducing our Executive Director:

# JENNIFER HOFFMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Jennifer Hoffman is the Executive Director of Keep Manatee Beautiful. She came to Manatee from Dallas, Texas where she held positions as Vice President of Earth Day Texas, and Director of Outreach at Texas Discovery Gardens. She has tapped into her prior experiences to enhance the programs offered by KMB. She encourages everyone, of all ages and abilities, to volunteer and explore what is beautiful in nature around you.



## QUICK TIPS

Recycling is a great way to help the environment. It reduces the amount of waste in landfills, conserves natural resources, and creates new products from old ones.

Littering is also a big problem in our society. It's bad for wildlife and can cause pollution in rivers and oceans. If you see someone littering, please tell them to pick up their trash!

Reusing items instead of throwing them away is another way to help out the environment. For example, when you have an item that needs fixing, consider repairing it instead of buying a new one.

# Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

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# FIRST SATURDAY CLEANUP MARCH 4TH 2023

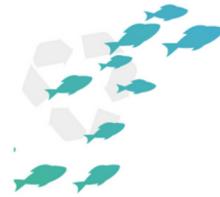


## FT. HAMER BOAT RAMP

1605 FORT HAMER ROAD

**MARCH 4TH 2023 9AM-NOON**

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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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