

KMB Monthly

April 2026

Earth Day Manatee Registration now open

4/18/2026

Spring is here, and we're getting ready for one of our favorite days of the year!

*On **Saturday, April 18**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Keep Manatee Beautiful is bringing Earth Day Manatee to both sides of the Manatee River – and we'd love for you to be part of it.*

This year's event is bigger and more festive than ever, with projects spanning Bradenton and Palmetto that will leave a real, visible mark on our community.

***In Bradenton**, we'll meet in the grass in front of the Riverwalk skate park (parking is available behind the hospital parking garage). Together, we'll plant 12 new trees along the Riverwalk and add a burst of red, white and blue flowers near the Welcome to Bradenton sign on Manatee Road – a little head start on America's 250th birthday celebrations this summer!*

***In Palmetto**, we'll gather at Riverside Park near the seahorse for a special tree dedication and plaque ceremony honoring the city's sesquicentennial. From there, we'll plant patriotic blooms at the Welcome sign and refresh our downtown planters along 8th Avenue West to 10th Avenue West. And at Sutton Park, there will be a chalk art festival with an Earth Day theme – and cash prizes for winning artists!*

No experience needed – KMB provides all the supplies. Just show up in clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty and bring your enthusiasm!

We're also looking for volunteer leads for each portion of the event. If you're interested in taking on a leadership role, we'd love to hear from you.

Ready to sign up or want more details? Visit www.ManateeBeautiful.com/EDM or reach out to us at donate@manateebeautiful.com. Let's make Manatee County shine! 🌍

***Sign up for
Earth Day Manatee!***



Support Keep Manatee Beautiful during Giving Challenge, April 15-16

The 2026 Giving Challenge is just two weeks away – noon on April 15th through noon on April 16th – and we'd love for you to think of Keep Manatee Beautiful when it's time to give! Head over to the link below, and make your donation directly through GivingChallenge.org. It's quick, it's easy, and best of all, every donation between \$25 and \$100 is matched dollar-for-dollar by The Patterson Foundation, so your gift goes twice as far. (Instead of one donation, consider multiple smaller donations on behalf of your family members. That way we'll receive more matching opportunities from Patterson!)

Your support fuels everything we do to keep Manatee County clean and beautiful. Mark your calendars, share with your friends, and join us on April 15th! ❤️

givingchallenge.org/organizations/keep-manatee-beautiful-inc



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Community Foundation of Sarasota County



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026
6-9 p.m.

Made in Manatee: Paradise Found

Supporting



SHELTAIR AVIATION
SRQ AIRPORT PRIVATE TERMINAL

Keep Manatee Beautiful (KMB) is excited to announce a first-of-its-kind evening fundraiser this spring. On Saturday, May 30, beginning at 6 p.m., join us for **Made in Manatee: Paradise Found** at the beautiful new Sheltair Aviation Center, 814 Clyde Jones Road, just minutes from SRQ Airport.

The evening will feature locally sourced food and drinks, authentic local storytelling and a shared celebration of the lands, waterways, and public spaces that make Manatee and Sarasota counties such a special place to live. It's an opportunity to enjoy the very best of our community while supporting the work that keeps it beautiful.

Designed to become KMB's signature annual fundraiser, **Made in Manatee: Paradise Found** is a tradition we hope will grow in spirit and impact each year. Every dollar raised goes directly toward KMB's programs to protect and enhance our local environment for residents and visitors alike.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter and on our website at www.ManateeBeautiful.com/MiM

We hope to see you on May 30!





April – May Events

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April First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. April 7 @ 4:30 p.m.

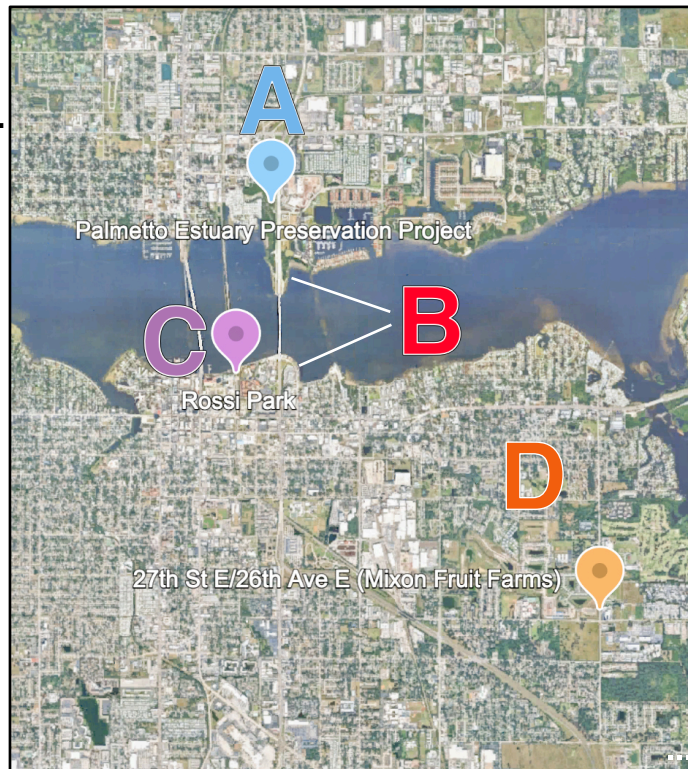
Estuary Park Preserve
98 U.S. Hwy 41
Palmetto

B

Earth Day MANATEE

Sat. April 18

Bradenton & Palmetto



C

May First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. May 5 @ 4:30 p.m.

Rossi Park
1036 6th St. W.
Palmetto

D

May First Saturday Cleanup

Sat. May 2 @ 9 a.m.

























Mixon Farms
2525 27th St. E.
Bradenton



























2026 Events

First Tuesdays

First Saturdays

 Jan. 6 Emerson Point Preserve	 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto
 Feb. 3 Pride Park	 815 63rd Ave. E., Bradenton
 March 3 Sutton Park	 1036 6th St. W., Palmetto
 April 7 Estuary Park Preserve	 98 U.S. Hwy. 41, Palmetto
 May 5 Rossi Park	 444 3rd Ave. W., Bradenton
 June 2 Coach Eddie Shannon Park	 501 17th St. E., Palmetto
 July 7 Taylor Park	 309 8th Ave. W., Palmetto
 Aug. 4 Palma Sola Causeway	 9917 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton
 Sept. 1 Conner Park	 505 5th St. W., Palmetto
 Oct. 6 Mineral Springs Park	 1312 2nd Ave. E., Bradenton
 Nov. 3 S.R. 64 Boat Ramp	 3020 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton
 Dec. 1 Neal Park	 1740 Ballard Park Dr., Bradenton

 Jan. 2 Sunshine Skyway Bridge Cleanup	 7901 U.S. 19, Terra Ceia
 Feb. 7 Ola Mae Sims Park	 11800 Erie Rd., Parrish
 March 7 Neal Preserve	 12301 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton
 April No First Saturday cleanup this month	 April 18 Earth Day Celebration (Details coming soon)
 May 2 Mixon Farms	 2525 27th St. E., Bradenton
 June 6 Riverside Boat Ramp	 857 Riverside Dr., Palmetto
 ** Sunday, July 5 ** Beach Cleanup	 52nd Street beach access, Holmes Beach
 Aug. 1 Rowlett Middle Academy	 400 30th Ave. W., Bradenton
 Sept. 5 S.R. 64 Boat Ramp	 3020 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton
 Oct. 3 Ft. Hamer Park	 1605 Fort Hamer Road, Parrish
 Nov. 7 Pride Park	 815 63rd Ave. E., Bradenton
 Dec. 5 Cornerstone Church of Lakewood Ranch	 14306 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch

NOTE: First Saturday cleanups begin at 9 a.m. First Tuesday cleanups begin at 4:30 p.m.