

KMB Monthly

November 2025



We've moved! (again)

But we're so *thankful* to be in our new offices. **Keep Manatee Beautiful** is movin' on up! Read more about when and why we're moving, plus see our full calendar of year-end events AND grab handy tips on making your Thanksgiving more sustainable than ever in this month's **KMB Monthly!**



KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL

A KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



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**NEW
LOCATION**

**MANATEE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
8TH FLOOR, OFFICE 843A**

1112 MANATEE AVE WEST, BRADENTON, FL 34205

Movin' up in the World

I'm excited to share that Keep Manatee Beautiful has a new home! After many years in a small office tucked away in West Bradenton, we've officially moved to the eighth floor of the Manatee County Administration Building in downtown Bradenton. If you've never been to the Admin Building, that's the one pictured on page one of this month's newsletter, and it's the building you drive past along Manatee Avenue when you pass the courthouse and judicial center.

Our new space is bright, comfortable, and welcoming — with an incredible view of the Manatee River that stretches all the way to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge and the skyline of St. Petersburg. It's a daily reminder of the beauty we work to protect and preserve here in Manatee County.

This move was made possible thanks to the county's recent purchase of a new office building in Lakewood Ranch, which prompted several departments to relocate and created an opportunity for us to settle into this beautiful space. We're so grateful for the county's continued support and for recognizing the importance of our mission in keeping Manatee County clean, green and beautiful.

Our new location is also perfectly situated as a central meeting place — just steps away from county offices and within minutes of both the Bradenton and Palmetto city halls. Those two cities have been among our most enthusiastic supporters, and being so close to their leadership makes it easier than ever to strengthen those partnerships, coordinate projects and collaborate on community cleanups.

I love being able to provide our small-but-mighty KMB team with not only the professional workspace they deserve, especially in a location that's so convenient to reaching our many partners and cleanup events. It's going to be so, so nice to be able to meet government leaders, corporate partners and other non-profits where they are, here in the heart of Bradenton.

Another great aspect of our new location is being on the same floor as the Manatee County Natural Resources Department. Having our teams just down the hall from one another will make it easier than ever to collaborate on shared goals, from community cleanups and coastal restoration to public education and environmental stewardship.

We're thrilled to begin this new chapter in such a professional workspace. If you're visiting the County Administration Building, please stop by and say hello. We're on the 8th floor — second from the top! Visitors can take elevators to the 8th floor and look for signage leading you to the short walk to our offices. We'd love to show you the view and share a bit about the projects that continue to make Manatee County such a special place to call home.



Jennifer Hoffman
Executive Director
Keep Manatee Beautiful

Happy Halloween!



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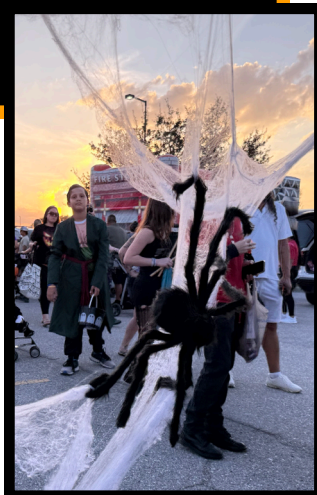
Look for us at the downtown Bradenton Public Market on the **final Saturday** of each month now through May, 2026.

We'll be giving away 200 trees each month!



**SHERIFF'S
SPOOKTACTICAL
NIGHT**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 5:30 - 8:30 PM
MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS CENTER





Upcoming Events



A November First Saturday Cleanup

Saturday, Nov. 1 @ 9 a.m.
Ft. Hamer Boat Ramp
1605 Ft. Hamer Road
Parrish

C December First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. Dec. 2 @ 4:30 p.m.
Connor Park
505 Fifth Street West
Palmetto

B November First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. Nov. 4 @ 4:30 p.m.
Lewis Park
3120 1st Ave. W.
Bradenton

D December First Saturday Cleanup

Saturday, Dec. 6 @ 9 a.m.
Coquina South Boat Ramp
2651 Gulf Dr. S.
Bradenton Beach

Even MORE UPCOMING EVENTS !





2525 27TH STREET EAST
BRADENTON, FL 34208

FRIDAY, NOV. 7
PASSING OF THE  *Key* AT 10 AM | MIXON IN *Bloom*
10:30 AM - 1 PM

 **LIVE MUSIC, PLANTINGS,
FOOD TRUCKS & FUN!**

JOIN US IN
*Reestablishing
Our Roots*

**LEND
A HAND
& Plant
a Seed**



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us for a whole
neighborhood cleanup!

JOIN US!

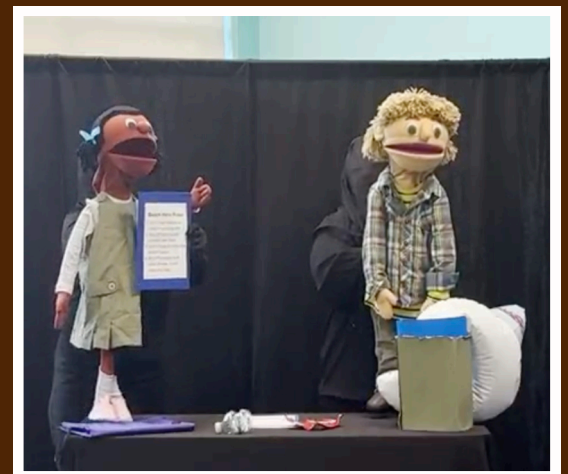
Saturday, November 8
9am to Noon
Meet corner of
9th Ave W and 12th St W



SCENES FROM SEPTEMBER



Palmetto Downtown Main Street Executive Director **Karon Dixon** led the way on a cleanup of Sutton Park in September. The event was in preparation of a visit from Tampa Bay 28 which featured Palmetto in its In Your Community series. Thank you, Karon!



Sustainable Living Empowerment Group (SLEG), run by our own education programs manager **Michele Laughrey**, recently performed a "Beach Hero" show for students at Braden River Elementary. It was SLEG's one-year anniversary of sharing environmental messages with local kids. Great job, Michele!

SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO GIVE THANKS

IDEAS TO HELP YOU GO GREEN ON TURKEY DAY '25

CUT CARBS (CARBONS)

It's not always possible to avoid travel during the holidays, but when you do, consider carpooling, using public transportation, or even hosting a local Thanksgiving to reduce the carbon footprint.

SHOP LOCAL!

Support local farmers by buying produce that's in season. Local produce has a much smaller carbon footprint, but it's also fresher and often more flavorful. Thanksgiving favorites like sweet potatoes, squash and cranberries are often available at farmers' markets.



TRIM THE FAT

Overcooking is one of the biggest culprits of food waste.

Use a portion planner to calculate exactly how much food you need based on the number of guests. Aim for about 1.5 pounds of turkey per person, which accounts for bones and some leftovers but prevents cooking excess.

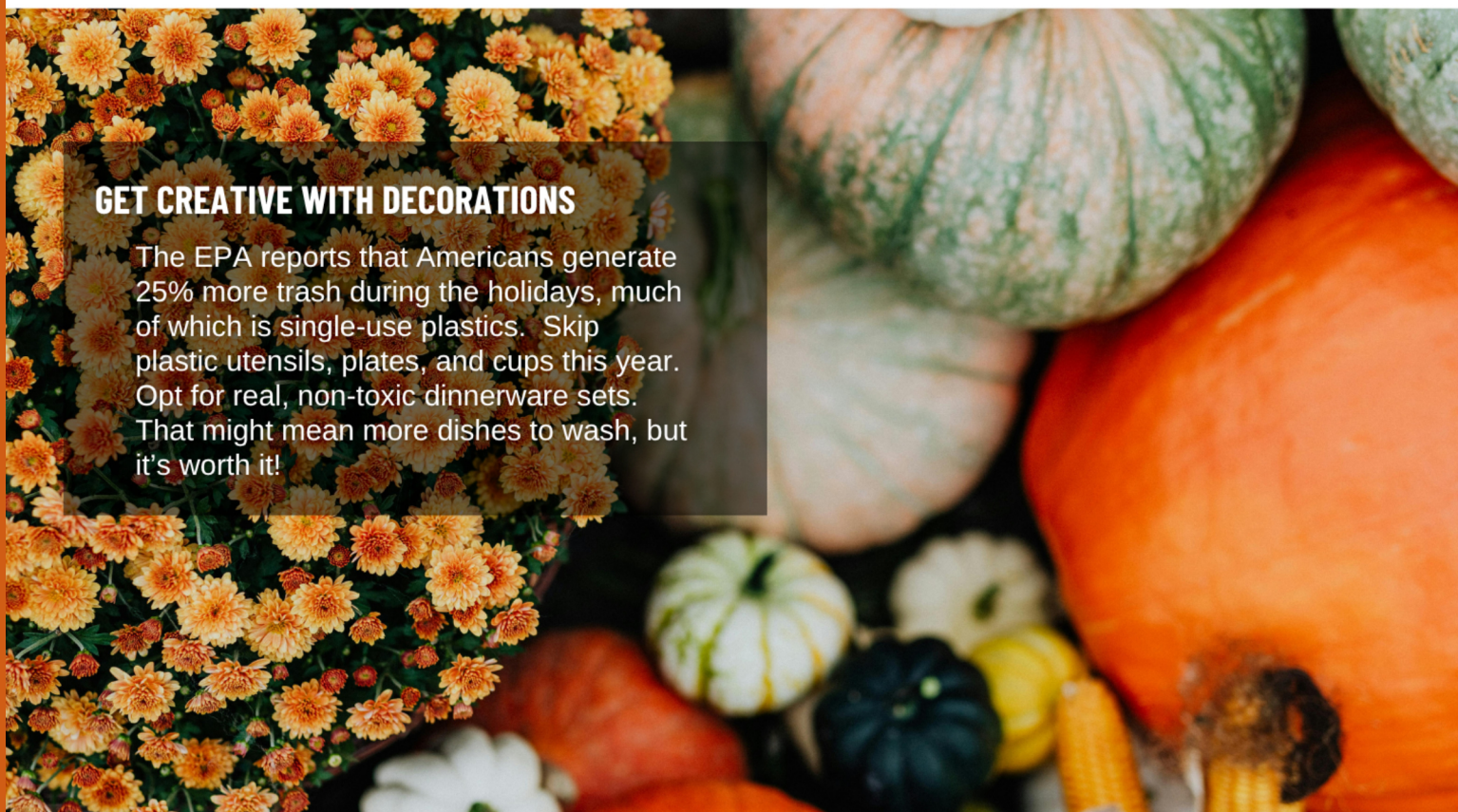


SAY NO TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

The EPA reports that Americans generate 25% more trash during the holidays, much of which is single-use plastics. Skip plastic utensils, plates, and cups this year. Opt for real, non-toxic dinnerware sets. That might mean more dishes to wash, but it's worth it!

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*Happy
Thanksgiving*