

# KMB Monthly

Jan/Feb. 2026

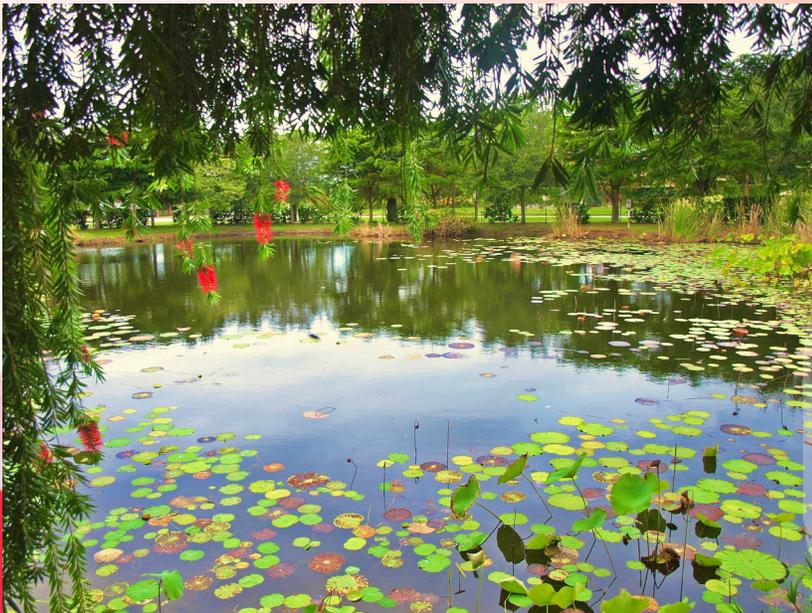
## WILL YOU BE MINE?

### KMB volunteers invited to Valentine's Day Party at Palma Sola Botanical Gardens

Keep Manatee Beautiful is hosting a Valentine's Day Volunteer Party to celebrate you, our tremendous volunteers!

Join us on Wednesday, February 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Palma Sola Botanical Garden for a relaxed evening of appreciation, connection and conversation. We'll have lite bites and drinks as we say thank you for the time, energy and heart you share keeping Manatee beautiful.

We hope you can join us for this special night of gratitude and celebration. ❤️



Please join us for a

### Valentine's Day Volunteer Party

Palma Sola Botanical Garden  
9800 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Bradenton, FL 34209

**12 February**

Start at 5:30pm  
lite bites and drinks

RSVP at (941) 795-8272  
or  
[keep@manateebeautiful.com](mailto:keep@manateebeautiful.com)

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A KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

### About the Venue

**Palma Sola Botanical Garden** is a 10-acre in northwest Bradenton, near Robinson Preserve. It is a protected warm micro-climate that remains frost-free. Because of these unusual environmental conditions, the Park is able to showcase collections of rare palms, fruits, flowering trees and other subtropical plants.

# FEBRUARY CLEANUPS

**FIRST TUESDAY**

**KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL CLEANUP**

815 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E Bradenton, FL



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**FEBRUARY 3**  
**PRIDE PARK**  
**4:30-6:30 P.M.**

**FIRST SATURDAY**

**KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL CLEANUP**

11800 Erie Rd. Parrish



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**FEBRUARY 7**  
**OLA MAE SIMS PARK**  
**9-12 A.M.**

**Keep Manatee Beautiful** hosts twice-monthly volunteer cleanups across parks and public spaces throughout Manatee County, making it easy for residents to get involved and give back.

**First Tuesdays** are afternoon cleanups designed with adults and working folks in mind and typically last about 90 minutes. **First Saturdays** are especially popular with families and teens earning service hours. Saturday cleanups often run a bit longer as we tackle larger areas with the help of more volunteers.

Whether you have a little time or a few hours, these cleanups are a hands-on way to care for our community and environment.



Join us!  
**Jim Costa Memorial BOWLEES CREEK COMMUNITY CLEANUP**  
Help Keep Bowlees Creek Clean & Beautiful

Saturday, February 14 | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Bahia Mar West Marina (6918 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34243)

**Volunteer Cookout to Follow | Prizes for Most Unique Items Collected**

Bahia Mar West Marina is partnering with Suncoast Aqua Ventures and local groups to protect the ecosystems of Bowlees Creek. Volunteers will be assigned to land, water, and mangrove areas. Kayaks, paddleboards, and shallow-draft boats are encouraged. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring a reusable water bottle. **Advanced registration required. Visit [suncoastaquaventures.com/events](http://suncoastaquaventures.com/events)**

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Hosted in Honor of Jim Costa



## Enjoy Live Music & Benefit a Local Charity (OURS!)



Join us Friday, March 6, from 6–9 p.m., for Lakewood Ranch's popular **Music on Main** block party at 8100 Lakewood Main Street.

Keep Manatee Beautiful is the featured nonprofit benefiting from the event. Enjoy live music, food vendors, activities for kids and the lively Main Street atmosphere, then stop by the KMB tent for beer or wine. Proceeds from alcohol sales during our shift directly support KMB's programs and cleanup efforts across Manatee County!

Bring your friends, enjoy a great night out and raise a glass to help Keep Manatee Beautiful.

## A Flurry of Events

We have an absolutely packed February and March with an exciting lineup of events where you can connect with neighbors, have fun and make a positive impact in our community.

We begin with our **Volunteer Valentine's Day Party** on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Palma Sola Botanical Garden. It's going to be a relaxed evening of appreciation with light bites and drinks as we celebrate the time, energy and heart our volunteers share in keeping Manatee beautiful.

March opens with **Music on Main's First Friday** on March 6, where KMB will be serving alcohol from 4:30-9:00 p.m. while Mixed Signal entertains the crowd. This free concert series and block party features local food vendors, beer trucks, sponsor booths and family activities with alcohol proceeds benefiting our organization.

Saturday, March 7 brings our **Great American Cleanup** from 9 a.m. to noon, part of a nationwide effort to preserve our neighborhoods and waterways. Volunteers can choose to be part of a water-based cleanup at King Fish Boat Ramp (bring your own kayak or paddle craft), beach cleanup, or causeway cleanup at Palma Sola Causeway up to 75th Street. We're focusing on the corridor leading to our island, ensuring it remains clean green, and beautiful.

These four events are in addition to our four routine **First Tuesday** and **First Saturday** events along with a very special cleanup of Bowlees Creek planned for our great volunteer partner Jim Costa. So, needless to say, we have our work cut out for us, but I hope you'll join us for one (or more!) of these events as we all work to Keep Manatee Beautiful.



**Jennifer Hoffman**  
Executive Director  
Keep Manatee Beautiful





# Monthly Cleanups



**A**

## February First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. Feb. 3 @ 4:30 p.m.

Pride Park  
815 63rd Ave. E., Bradenton

**C**

## March First Tuesday Cleanup

Tues. March 3 @ 4:30 p.m.

Sutton Park  
1036 6<sup>th</sup> St. W.  
Palmetto

**B**

## February First Saturday Cleanup

Sat. Feb. 7 @ 9 a.m.

Ola Mae Sims Park  
11800 Erie Road  
Parrish

**D**

## March First Saturday Cleanup

Sat. March 7 @ 9 a.m.

Neal Preserve  
12301 Manatee Ave. W.  
Bradenton





# 2026 Events

## First Tuesdays

## First Saturdays

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

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