

KMB Monthly

March 2026

Have drinks with KMB at Music on Main this Friday, March 6!



Join us this 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, so our executive team and board will be serving up beverages to the crowd on hand for live music.

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.

Great American Cleanup comes to Bradenton this Saturday, March 7

*Whether by land, sea or shore, volunteers are needed to help beautify a 3-mile stretch of Manatee Avenue West this Saturday, March 7 as part in the local celebration of the **Great American Cleanup**.*

The Bradenton-based event will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon along Manatee Avenue Causeway from west Bradenton to the eastern entry of Anna Maria Island.



Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate and can choose from several cleanup options based on interest and comfort level.

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Great American Cleanup (cont'd)

Volunteers will find cleanup parties at the following locations along Manatee Avenue.

"The Great American Cleanup is the perfect way to get outdoors and get active during our most beautiful time of the year," said KMB Executive Director Jennifer Hoffman. "This is going to be a great event for volunteers who want to help protect an area that needs extra attention because of all the visitors it attracts and because of all the traffic that passes on a daily basis."

The event will focus on improving local roadside areas and waterways along Manatee Avenue. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate and can choose from several cleanup options based on interest and comfort level.

Cleanup opportunities include a water-based cleanup for experienced paddlers bringing their own kayak or paddle craft, a beach cleanup at the King Fish Boat Ramp, and a causeway cleanup along the Palma Sola Causeway. Supplies will be provided while quantities last.

CLEAN UP LOCATIONS

Manatee Ave. Perico Island

1 King Fish Boat Ramp
752 Manatee Ave W

2 Neal Preserve
12301 Manatee Ave W

3 Palma Sola Boat Ramp
9500 Manatee Ave W

4 Palma Sola Causeway Park
9000 Manatee Ave W

KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Water-Based Cleanup** - BYO Kayaks and Paddle Craft
- Beach Cleanup** - Kingfish Boat Ramp
- Causeway Cleanup** - Palma Sola Causeway
- Roadside Cleanup** - Neal Preserve

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

The Great American Cleanup is the country's largest annual community improvement program, engaging millions of volunteers nationwide to remove litter, beautify public spaces and raise awareness about environmental stewardship.

Participants are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes, dress for the weather and bring reusable water bottles. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sign up for the Great American Cleanup today!



EARTH DAY *Manatee*

April 18, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bradenton & Palmetto

SAVE THE DATE: KMB to host cleanup, beautification events in Bradenton and Palmetto on Earth Day Manatee, April 18

Keep Manatee Beautiful (KMB) will host Earth Day Manatee on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on both sides of the Manatee River, with cleanup and beautification events in both Bradenton and Palmetto.

This year's event gives volunteers an opportunity to make visible improvements along major corridors, waterfront areas and historic community spaces in Manatee County's two largest cities.

On the Bradenton side, volunteers will meet near the Riverwalk skate park to assist with tree plantings along the Riverwalk, and with improvements along Manatee Avenue from 15th Street West to 15th Street East. Volunteers will also have a chance to plant red, white and blue flowers in downtown planters, in preparation for America's 250th birthday celebration this summer.

In Palmetto, projects include pressure washing sidewalks, beautifying the Welcome to Palmetto sign on 8th Avenue and cleaning and refurbishing a historic cemetery. Volunteers will also plant a patriotic array of flowers in downtown areas.

"We're so proud to be hosting Earth Day Manatee events with leaders from Bradenton and Palmetto," said **Jennifer Hoffman**, Executive Director of Keep Manatee Beautiful. "Throughout the year, we're helping our municipal partners spruce up and beautify public areas so residents and visitors will

see Manatee County's patriotic pride throughout the year."

Earth Day Manatee offers a range of sponsorship opportunities from \$5,000 (presenting) to \$250 (bronze) for businesses to consider. Individuals and families may also sponsor the event for only \$100.

Sponsorship funding goes toward plants, beautification supplies and restoration efforts across both Bradenton and Palmetto, positioning participating organizations as champions of environmental stewardship and community pride.

Businesses and organizations interested in sponsoring or participating can contact Keep Manatee Beautiful at donate@manateebeautiful.com

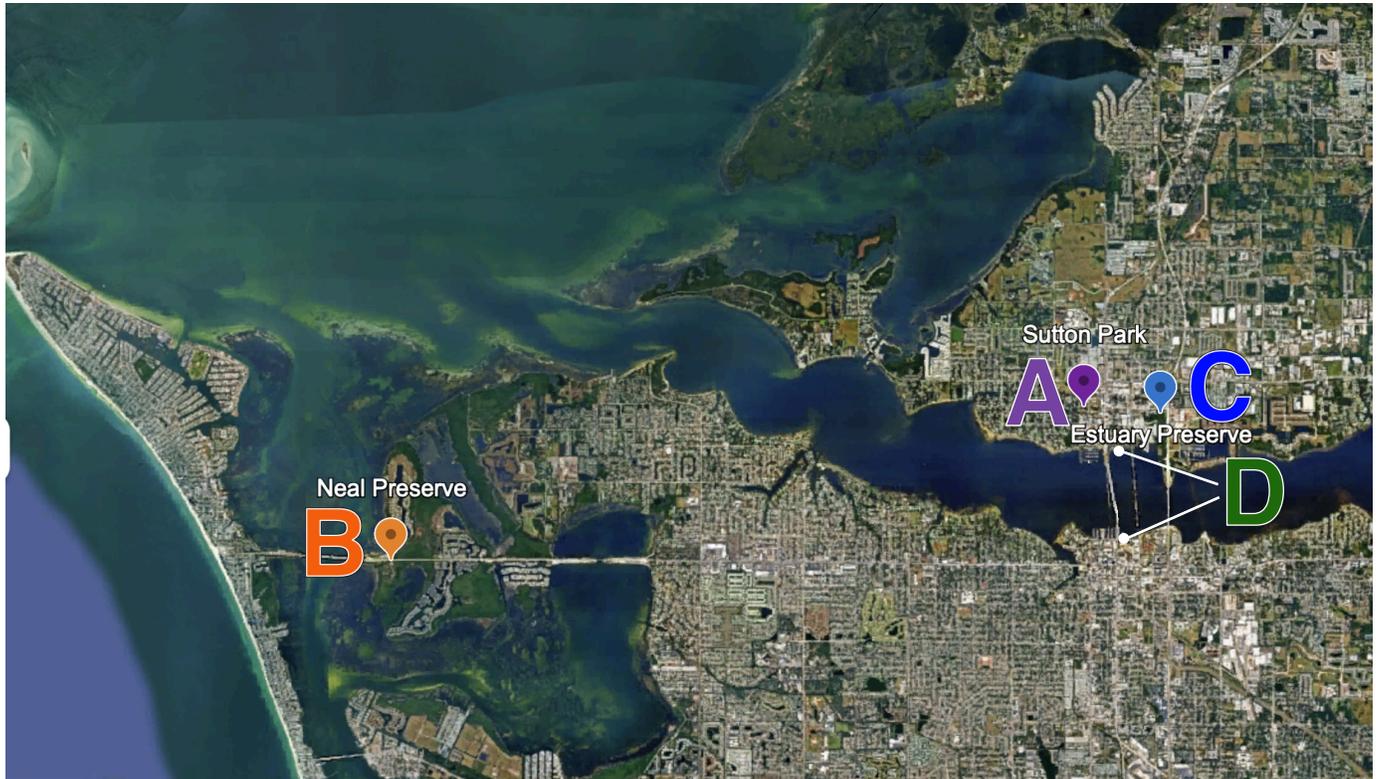
KMB will provide supplies (gloves, shovels, gardening tools, etc.), so volunteers only need to come wearing comfortable work clothes.

Companies looking to show their support for Earth Day Manatee may participate through a sponsorship of the event. Presenting sponsors (\$2,500), Gold sponsors (\$1,500) and Silver sponsorships (\$500) are available for corporate partners. Sponsorships for individuals or families are available for a \$100 contribution. To become a sponsor, please email Donate@ManateeBeautiful.com

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Monthly Cleanups



A **March First
Tuesday Cleanup**
Tues. March 3 @ 4:30 p.m.
Sutton Park
1036 6th St. W.
Palmetto

C **April First
Tuesday Cleanup**
Tues. April 7 @ 4:30 p.m.
Estuary Park Preserve
98 U.S. Hwy 41
Palmetto

B **March First
Saturday Cleanup**
Sat. March 7 @ 9 a.m.
Neal Preserve
12301 Manatee Ave. W.
Bradenton

D **Earth Day
MANATEE**
Sat. April 18
Bradenton & Palmetto



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.