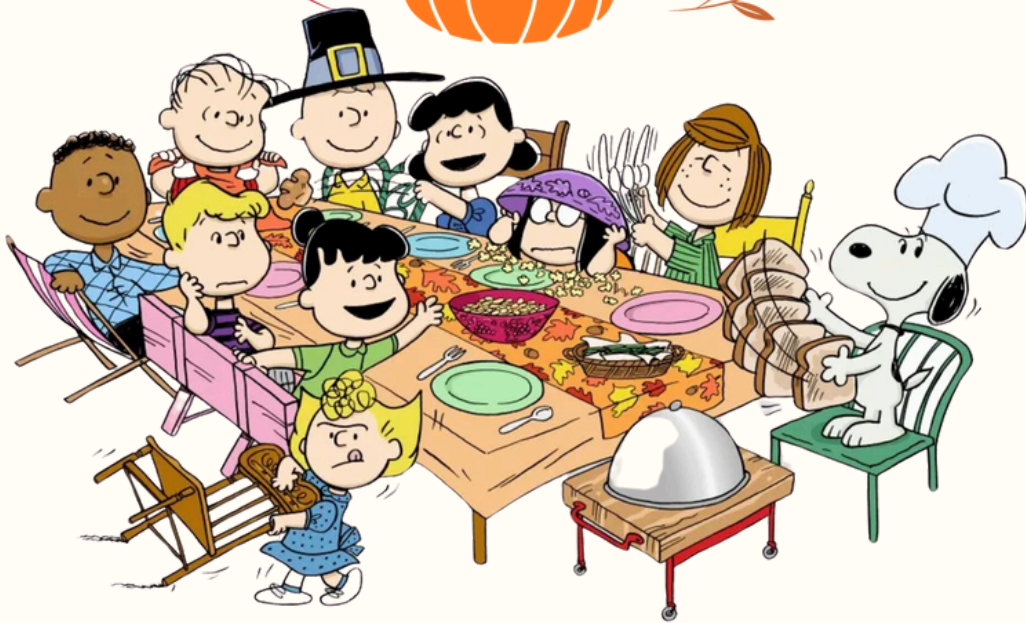


The KMB Monthly

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Happy Thanksgiving



KMB, volunteers spring into action after Helene, Milton wreak havoc across region

Much to be thankful for!

What a difference a month makes! After Hurricanes Helene and Milton swept through, the damage across Manatee County was overwhelming. But for 25 sweaty days in October, a total of 280 volunteers turned out to clean the debris left behind by the commercial haulers.

Over 1,680 hours, KMB volunteers cleared streets, parks, and waterways. Together, we collected a truly amazing **145,000 pounds** of debris.

We at Keep Manatee Beautiful are beyond grateful for every single one of you. You didn't just clean up public areas; you restored hope and reminded us all of what makes Manatee County so special.

Because of your hard work, our home is cleaner, safer, and more beautiful than before. You're the heart of Keep Manatee Beautiful, and your dedication inspires me every day.

To everyone who picked up a bag, grabbed a rake, or simply showed up to help—thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You've made a lasting difference, and we're proud to have you in our community.

Let's keep this momentum going as we continue working toward a cleaner, greener Manatee County—together!

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Jennifer Hoffman
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Keep Manatee Beautiful



Scenes from October



Anna Maria Island

Damage was worst throughout Anna Maria Island. But 136 volunteers contributed 816 hours and collected **68,500 pounds** of trash and debris during the month. WOW!!



Palmetto

Twenty volunteers contributed 120 hours and collected **500 pounds** of debris in downtown Palmetto.



Bradenton

Bradenton Mayor Gene Brown and City crews joined KMB to clear debris from Old Main Street and downtown Bradenton. All together, 124 volunteers contributed 744 hours and collected **76,000 pounds** of debris!

Upcoming events



**FIRST TUESDAY
CLEANUP**

Tot Park
1100 Third Ave. E,
Bradenton

Dec. 3, 4:30 p.m.



*Check this space in the next
KMB Monthly for our full
slate of planned cleanups
in 2025!*

*If you have ideas
for cleanup locations, please
email keep@manateebeautiful.com*