April Newsletter

Environmental News and Upcoming Events

April is Earth Month

Earth Month is a month-long observance that includes Earth Day, held on April 22. The month is dedicated to celebrating the strides and continued efforts of the environmental movement. It is the time to establish new habits, relationships, and community-driven efforts to create the type of change we need in order to protect our planet’s future. A month of such activities broadens a time period with the hope that such activities will continue throughout the year.

This Earth Month focus your lifestyle on the the 10-R’s of Sustainability: Respect, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Renew, Recycle, Responsibility, Rethink, Repaint, and Restore.

Great American Cleanup
April 2, 2022

LIMITED SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE for our Great American Cleanup! It's not too late to join the largest cleanup event in Lee County. The Great American Cleanup takes place all throughout the county. We will be cleaning and beautifying waterways, shorelines, roadways, and parks to help keep our community clean and protect the environment.

Click here to sign-up at one of our many locations and help keep Lee County beautiful!

"Leave the Scene Clean" Art Contest Reception
Lovers Key State Park Discovery Center
April 4, 2022
We will be hosting our "Leave the Scene Clean" art contest award reception on April 4th from 4:30pm-7:30pm at the Lovers Key State Park Discovery Center at which time the artwork will be exhibited, and the winners will receive their awards. The reception and art exhibition is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

The art contest drew hundreds of entries from local students, representing public, private, and home schools in Lee County. The overall winning and honorable mention artwork will be on display at the Discovery Center during April in honor of Earth month.

The four overall winning illustrations will also be enlarged and appear on the side of a Lee County Waste Pro truck and printed on reusable tote bags.

KLCB would like to thank all the teachers, parents and students who participated.

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**Cape Coral Tropicana Park Cleanup**  
**Saturday, April 9th**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Keep Lee County Beautiful and Cape Coral Northwest Neighborhood Association Great American Cleanup at Tropicana Park on Saturday, April 9th. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program. Join us to help keep the park clean, green, and beautiful and stick around for the volunteer pizza party immediately following!

[Click here](#) to register today!

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**Global Youth Service Day**  
**Lovers Key State Park**  
**Saturday, April 16th**

Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes the millions of young people who improve their communities through service. GYSD is the largest service event in the world and the only one dedicated to the contributions that children and youth make 365 days of the year.

Keep Lee County Beautiful will be hosting GYSD on Saturday, April 16th at Lovers Key State Park. To register [click here](#).

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**Lee County Solid Waste Food Drive**  
**April 4 - 18, 2022**

Lee County Solid Waste’s fourth annual “Donated not Wasted” food rescue campaign encourages seasonal residents and visitors to donate unopened pantry items before returning north. Last year's campaign resulted in over 9,000 pounds of food diverted from potential disposal!
People can drop off unopened canned or dry goods from Monday, April 4th to April 18th at any Lee County library location and at the Parks & Recreation facilities located at the North Fort Myers Rec Center, Wa-Ke Hatchee Park Rec Center, Veterans Park Rec Center, Estero Rec Center, and the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve.

Earth Day
April 22, 2022

On April 22nd we celebrate Earth Day, and our Lee County cleanups and volunteering opportunities are in full swing and we’re excited to celebrate with all of you this year!

The first Earth Day occurred on April 22, 1970. It marked a growing consciousness of anthropogenic environmental damage in the United States and around the world. Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson first came up with the concept. He wanted to organize teach-ins across university campuses to bring awareness to air and water pollution issues. Soon the Senator’s team realized the event had the potential to reach all Americans; they named it Earth Day and engaged people and organizations across the country.

Celebrate Earth Day 2022 with Keep Lee County Beautiful and click here to become a member!

KLCB 1st Annual Bowling Bonanza
Gator Lanes
Sunday, May 15th

JOIN THE FUN at our 1st annual bowling fundraiser on May 15th at Gator Lanes in Fort Myers! It will be an afternoon of family fun with bowling, games, pizza, and prizes! Limited spots available so make sure to click here to secure your lane now!

Lee County Solid Waste will be holding Household Chemical Waste collection events on the following dates:

April 6th 10am-2pm - Bonita Springs
Bonita Springs Rec Center - 26740 Pine Ave.

April 20th 10am-2pm - Estero
Estero Community Park - 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.

Visit the Lee County Solid Waste webpage for a list of items that are accepted. You may also drop off items at the Topaz Court Solid Waste Facility M-F
Support Those That Support Us

Keep Lee County Beautiful would like to encourage you to visit, or use the services of these businesses that through their support have helped us work towards achieving our mission. With their assistance we have been able to engage the Lee County community and make a lasting change to improve, beautify, and protect the world we live in.

Ron Jon Surf Shop is the World's Most Famous™ Surf Shop! Load up the boards and head to the beach in style. Whether you need swimwear for the pool, skateboards for the sidewalk, skimboards for the beach, or surfboards and bodyboards for the surf, Ron Jon Surf Shop has got you covered. See what they have to offer by viewing their website.

For those who know Sam Lewis, Wear The Fund (WTF) is his Fort Myers-based company, which specializes in screen printing, embroidery and promotional items. A for-profit screen printing company that donates a % of every sale directly to an organization doing good (501c3), WearTheFund has been up and running since 2012. In that time, it’s partnered with 100+ different nonprofits and given upwards of $225,000 back to them. Visit their website to learn more.

One of southwest Florida's most beloved local restaurants, Bonita Brunch has welcomed guests to enjoy its vibrant fresh dishes, warm hospitality and a relaxed dining experience. From online ordering, catering to delivery with Uber Eats, Door Dash, GrubHub & Bitesquad; we’ve got you covered! Call 239-405-7415 or visit their website to view their menu.

Event Updates

IMPACT Service Break Beach Clean Up at Fort Myers Beach
March 7, 2022

Shout out to these University of Georgia students who were on an alternative spring break with IMPACT Service Breaks. The students did a cleanup at Fort Myers Beach and removed approximately 120 pounds of litter and debris! We thank them for their hard work and look forward to seeing them again next year.

Adopt-A-Shore Group from Midland Trust cleanup at Salty Sam's Marina

Thank you to our Adopt-A-Shore group from Midland Trust for cleaning up over 150 pounds of trash and debris from the mangroves around Salty
Sam's Marina! We love their teamwork and so appreciate their hard work helping to protect the environment and our wildlife.

Email Tisha@klcb.org for information on you can join our adoption program.

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**Winn-Dixie Community Bag Program**

Thank you to Winn-Dixie for selecting Keep Lee County Beautiful as the beneficiary of the Community Bag Program and thank you to all who purchased a reusable bag. The proceeds will support our educational programs, beach, waterway and roadside cleanups, tree plantings, and a variety of beautification projects here in Lee County.

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**Would you like to help keep Lee County Beautiful?**

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. is a non-profit that has always strived towards coordinating programs and events that will beautify and improve our local community. We are also strongly focused on protecting the environment by removing litter and debris throughout our county. One of our main goals is improving both our resident's and visitor's awareness of proper trash disposal and recycling procedures. Our ultimate goal is to someday not need to have large scale cleanup projects. To achieve all of our goals we need your help. If you would like to make a small, tax-deductible donation, please visit our membership page.

We thank you for your support!

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