

## How is Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. improving Lee County?



## The Clean Scene

Serving Lee County Since 1989!

Our mission is to inspire, educate, and engage the Lee County community in improving, beautifying, and protecting our environment.

## January Newsletter

### Environmental News and Upcoming Events

#### Keep Lee County Beautiful Needs Your Help



Like many local businesses, KLCB lost their office during the hurricane. Any donation will help us as we rebuild and support our efforts in cleaning up the county and beaches. No matter the amount, 100% of any donation stays local in Lee County. [Click here](#) to donate now!



Make sure to follow KLCB on [Facebook](#) and/or [Instagram](#) to stay the most up to date. We are diligently working on planning multiple cleanup events across Lee County. Each have to be assessed for the safety of our volunteers. We will continue to work together to help make Lee County beautiful once again.

#### A Warm Welcome to Jenn



KLCB is excited to welcome Jenn Downes as the new Education Specialist. After almost 11 years in the classroom, Jenn has decided to switch gears to pursue her passions. She is a mother of two boys, Joshua and Bradley, and a wife of 10 years. At about age fifteen, Jenn started volunteering with Keep Lee County Beautiful and is excited to start spreading the passion she has for protecting the local environment!

#### Art Contest Entry Deadline Extended

Our "Leave The Scene Clean" art contest entry deadline has



been extended to January 31, 2023. The contest is open to all K-12 public, private, home schooled students in Lee County.

Email [Tisha@klcb.org](mailto:Tisha@klcb.org) or [click here](#) for the updated rules and entry form.

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## Environmental Awards Nominations



Do you know a person, business, or community group that's done something to help our natural environment and make a positive impact in Lee County? Now is your opportunity to recognize them. Nominations are now open for our Environmental Stewardship Awards. Nominations are due by Feb. 1, 2023.

Awards will be presented at our awards breakfast at the Riverside Community Center on March 2, 2023.

[Click here](#) to nominate someone today!

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## Hurricane Recovery Resources



[Click here](#) to explore the Lee County debris website to gain information such as sorting information, collection data, timelines, photos, videos and other important information about Hurricane Ian debris collection efforts.

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## Event Updates

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### Fort Myers Beach Cleanup at Critical Wildlife Area



KLCB has the best volunteers and we can't thank them enough! Over 150 volunteers cleaned the Critical Wildlife Area on the south end of Fort Myers Beach. We bagged 10,000 lbs. of trash/debris, piled another 10,000 lbs., and geo-tagged large items needing heavy equipment for removal. The volunteers made a huge impact!

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### Fort Myers Beach Cleanup with Jones Fish



SHOUT OUT to Jones Fish Lake Management and their 80 volunteers who took time out of their company retreat to come to Fort Myers Beach and help with cleanup. They gathered almost 500 pounds of trash/debris on the beach from the Lani Kai Island Resort to the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina. We are thankful for their time and effort!

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### Cape Coral Cleanup



THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that joined us for the City of Cape Coral cleanup event! The city staff and volunteers were divided into 12 zones across Cape Coral cleaning up trash & debris. The KLCB volunteers worked over 4 hours collecting trash from 8 miles of roadways in the Gator Circle area. We are so grateful for their hard work and dedication!

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### Tunaskin Beach Cleanup



Thank you to the over 300 volunteers who canvased 3+ miles of Fort Myer Beach collecting trash & debris. We are so grateful for Tunaskin Aquatic Apparel for organizing the event with Mid Island Water Sports of Fort Myers Beach, Courtney's Cocktails and Charms, and Jimmy Finch Cultivating Hope. We are so proud to be part of this community.

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### Shady Oaks Park Cleanup



BIG SHOUT OUT to these volunteers who cleaned up 375 pounds of trash/debris from Shady Oaks Park in Fort Myers! We are thank for their hard work and for GHD Engineering Group for partnering with us as we continue to clean up across Lee County!

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### New Year's Day Beach Cleanup

Give it up for all of the volunteers who joined us for the New Year's Day cleanup on Fort Myers Beach! Over 250 volunteers cleaned various locations across the island. A BIG thank you to Beach Talk Radio for organizing the event and for their support! Shout out to Jimmy's Java, FK Your Diet, Norm's Beach Parking, and Wahoo Willie's. We are so grateful for our local

advocates across the county.



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Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc., established in 1989, is the county's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. This local nonprofit forms public-private partnerships and programs that engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments.

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