

Do you keep Martin County beautiful?

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PALM CITY — When we all do a little, no one person has to do a lot. Whether it's recycling to reduce waste that ends up in the landfill or picking up litter left behind on a beach, together the residents of Martin County make this community a better place to live, work and play.

But some residents go the extra mile to make it more beautiful for everyone and Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) wants to know about it. Making the conscious effort to care about the environment is an important part of our daily lives and for this reason, KMB developed a program to recognize and reward members of the community that turn its mission into a reality through outstanding efforts to prevent and reduce litter, promote recycling, and revitalize and beautify communities in Martin County.

KMB hosts its annual Environmental Stewardship Awards as a way to honor these contributions from Martin County's 'green' leaders. KMB is currently seeking nominations for individuals, businesses, civic and nonprofit groups, and government agencies in Martin County.

Each year there are many different award categories and this year a new award in the special recognition category is the River Advocate Award. This award will recognize an individual, group or business that shows leadership in advocating for the protection, improvement and health of the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon. With so many community members stepping up to help the state of our river, there is no better time to recognize their efforts than at the 2014 Environmental Stewardship Awards.

There is no entry fee and self nominations are highly encouraged, as few people know the project details as well as those that completed them. The deadline to submit a nomination is Dec. 12. Nomination forms can be found online at [HTTP://www.keeptmartinbeautiful.org](http://www.keeptmartinbeautiful.org). Winners will be announced on Feb. 5, 2014 at Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club in Palm City.

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Youth/School Group
- Non-Profit/Civic Group
- Business

- Government Agency
- Individual/Unsung Hero

Areas of Focus include:

- Litter & marine debris prevention and removal
- Recycling programs/activities
- Beautification
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Innovative projects
- Environmental Stewardship

If you are interested in sponsoring the Environmental Stewardship Awards, call 781-1222 or email events@keepmartinbeautiful.org for sponsorship information.

To review a list of the 2013 nominees and winners visit the Keep Martin Beautiful website at <http://www.keepmartinbeautiful.org>.

About Keep Martin Beautiful

Keep Martin Beautiful is a 501(c) (3) non-profit community organization founded in 1994 as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Its mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Martin County through litter prevention, promotion of recycling, improvement of solid waste management practices, and beautification and community revitalization activities. KMB signature events and programs include the annual Environmental Stewardship Awards Ceremony, International Coastal Cleanup, Great American Cleanup, Adopt-A-Road program, Adopt-A-Street program and other educational and outreach activities. Find KMB on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/KeepMartinBea...>, follow KMB on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/KMBmartin> or visit <http://www.keepmartinbeautiful.org>.

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