

'Clean Your Block Party'



Photo courtesy Keep Martin Beautiful

Keep Martin Beautiful students, volunteers and coordinators from left to right are Meghan Mickiewicz, Jordan Tompkins, Chris Pinkston, Adriana Mancini, Tiffany Smith, Kylee Willis — all residents of Palm City and Josh Kincaid at the Keep Martin Beautiful and Students4H2O Beach Cleanup in April.

Volunteers took action to clean, revitalize and beautify Martin County as part of the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

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MARTIN COUNTY — Two thousand pounds of litter later, Keep Martin Beautiful, a non-profit, volunteer based organization dedicated to creating and sustaining a cleaner, greener, more beautiful

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community, successfully concluded the 2016 Great American Cleanup. Throughout March and April, Keep America Beautiful affiliates across the nation participated in various activities such as litter and marine debris removal, new community garden preparations, neighborhood landscaping and beautification, home repairs and painting, household hazardous waste removal and new recycling initiatives as a part of the Clean Your Block Party.

Over the past eighteen years since the creation of the Great American Cleanup, it has become the country's largest community improvement program with more than 4 million volunteers in 20,000 communities across the nation taking action to create positive change and lasting impact in their own neighborhoods. Martin County's participation in the Great American Cleanup rallied more than 200 volunteers who donated approximately 1,400 hours of their time to the beautification of our community.

"Our volunteers clearly made impactful improvements around town through their tireless commitment to the Great American Cleanup and our new Clean Your Block Party initiative," said Keep Martin Beautiful president Craig Ahal.

Thank you to the 2016 Great American Cleanup Sponsors: Ace Hardware Stuart; Captec Engi-

"We were very impressed by the amount of time and effort our volunteers devoted to improving our community. While we have diverse volunteers ranging from civic clubs and school groups to business owners and retirees, everyone has a common goal in mind: protect, enhance and beautify our environment in Martin County."

Craig Ahal, Keep Martin Beautiful President

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For more information and upcoming volunteer opportunities call Keep Martin Beautiful at 772-781-1222, email events@keepmartinbeautiful.org or visit www.keepmartinbeautiful.org or Facebook message us at [facebook.com/KeepMartinBeautiful](https://www.facebook.com/KeepMartinBeautiful).