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## **KEEP TAMPA BAY BEAUTIFUL HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF COMMUNITY CLEANUPS**

**Tampa, FL – October 22, 2024** – Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful (KTBB) has recently completed a series of impactful community cleanups, with more events on the horizon. These efforts, part of the organization’s ongoing mission to promote environmental stewardship, have mobilized volunteers to clear storm debris left by recent hurricanes, helping the community recover while keeping local parks and waterfronts beautiful.

On **October 15**, KTBB volunteers gathered on **Davis Islands** for a major cleanup effort, focusing on litter removal and recycling. The initiative continued on **October 17** with cleanups at **Picnic Island** and **Al Barnes Park**, where volunteers focused on relocating storm debris to facilitate efficient collection.

The cleanup momentum carried forward to **October 18**, when volunteers turned their attention to **Reed Park** and **Desoto Park**, working to clear litter and hurricane debris, ensuring it was ready for pickup. Today, **October 22**, the organization is hosting a special "Cleanup with a Cause" at **Al Lopez Park**, focusing not only on hurricane debris removal and beautifying the park, but also contributing to the health of our ecosystem by helping to reduce pollutants that may be linked to ailments like cancer.

Looking ahead, more cleanups are planned, including **Robles Park** on **October 24** and **Stephen J. Wortham Park** on **October 26**, where volunteers will continue assisting with the removal of hurricane debris. The month will culminate with the annual **Hallo-Clean** event on **October 31** at the **Lowry Park Boat Ramp**, where volunteers will combine a fun, festive atmosphere with the crucial task of debris removal from the area before Halloween festivities begin.

“We are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work of our volunteers,” said **Sarah-Nicole Green, Environmental Coordinator at Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**. “These cleanups not only help beautify our parks and waterways but are also crucial in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes, ensuring storm debris is cleared and ready for proper disposal.”

Through these cleanups, KTBB continues to engage community members in hands-on environmental action, working together to keep Tampa Bay’s parks clean and safe for all.

### **About Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting a culture of environmental stewardship through volunteer and educational opportunities. By working closely with local communities, the organization strives to protect the natural beauty of Tampa Bay while enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

For more information on upcoming cleanups or how to get involved, visit [keepampabaybeautiful.org](http://keepampabaybeautiful.org).