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Commissioners recognize Manasota Beach Pavilion contractors

During Thanksgiving weekend 2006, vandals set fire to the Manasota Beach Pavilion in Englewood causing thousands of dollars in damage to the structure. Within hours of the incident, local contractors were offering to assist with rebuilding the beachfront pavilion. The pavilion was reopened by the July 4th weekend of 2007.

“Before we could even think about asking the local business community to help out, these contractors were on the phone calling us wanting to know how they could help,” said John McCarthy, general manager Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. “I was overwhelmed by their offer. It shows how much the local business community cares about the parks.” On Tuesday, Nov. 27, the Sarasota County Commission will officially recognize the local contractors who helped rebuild the popular gathering spot.

The businesses that stepped forward to do the work and who will be recognized are Kimco Construction Inc., Borntreger Aluminum Inc., Brad Trotten Carpentry Inc., Flash Custom Metal Roofing Inc., HD Supply Lumber & Building Materials, Superior Painting Inc. and Payton Stucco Inc. The companies combined contributions totaled more than \$30,000.

Manasota Beach, located at the west end of Manasota Beach Road, covers 14 acres and has almost 1400 feet of Gulf beach frontage that includes dune walkovers, a beach volleyball court and restrooms. The bayside of the beach, which features access to the Intracoastal Waterway, offers boat ramps, kayak launching, boat docks and fishing.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Manasota Beach.