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New Save Manatees Postage Stamp to be Issued on Manatee Appreciation Day

What: The U.S. Postal Service will commemorate the new Save Manatees postage stamp on Manatee Appreciation Day. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag #SaveManateesStamp. Who: Michelle Krysiak, postmaster, Silver Springs, FL, Post Office Patrick Rose, executive director, Save the Manatee Club When: Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9 a.m. Where: Silver Springs State Park (silversprings.com) 5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Silver Springs, FL 34488 **RSVP**: Those interested in attending should RSVP at usps.com/savemanateesstamp. **Background:** The gentle West Indian manatee is a vulnerable marine mammal. Manatees inhabit Florida's inland waterways and warm areas of the coastal Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Every day, a West Indian manatee eats up to 10 percent of its weight in aquatic plants. Adults can reach 11 feet long and 1,500 pounds. Manatees are slow swimmers and slow to reproduce — a female has one calf at a time and may tend to it for two years. Media Webinar: Additionally, the Postal Service will be hosting a media webinar on March 26, 2024, at 10 a.m. EDT. Speakers from the Postal Service and the conservation community will discuss the new postage stamp and manatee conservation efforts. If you are interested in participating, email sue.brennan@usps.gov to RSVP and additional information will be provided.

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