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Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 4

Total Members: 525

Visitor Center Recap

New Members: 4

Total Members: 77

Monthly Stats

June 2023

Total Visitors: 737

Daily Average: 21

Top State: Florida

Top Countries: Canada

Without Reservations: 17%

Member Referral Program:

Anytime a current member of the Chamber successfully refers another business to join, they will receive \$25 in "Chamber Bucks!" Chamber Bucks can be used to attend monthly luncheon meetings or for advertising opportunities through our website or newsletter.

Events:

Please let us know about upcoming events or community news for our newsletter, social media pages and online calendar. Or submit your own events to our online calendar.

Visit www.floridakeysmarathon.com and Click to Submit Your Event or contact Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com

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New/Current Member Orientation:

We want to ensure you are able to take full advantage of your chamber membership.

Please set up a Member Orientation with Erika to learn more about how you can maximize your membership with us and utilize member benefits that will help you and your business.

Contact Laura for more info:

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Additional opportunities to advertise to Chamber members and visitors include:

Monthly Travel Email Blast

Our Travel email blast goes out to a growing list of visitors (5,700+ including travel writers) The email blast will consist of up to 20 business listings (includes picture/logo, contact info and website link) upcoming events and featured business spotlight. This blast is a great way to get noticed by travel writers and potential visitors. The cost is only \$35/month to participate. Contact (305) 743-5417 or info@floridakeysmarathon.com

Newsletter Ad or Flyer

Take advantage of our advertising opportunities with a flyer or ad space! Contact Jeanine@floridakeysmarathon.com for pricing

Member Email Blast

We will send your email/flyer to all of our Chamber members and their staff (1,400+ recipients) Cost is \$50/email and you chose the date and frequency of the blast. Contact Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com for an application

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MARATHON NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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Aug 5, 2023

Family Color Run

The Family Color Run is a fun, 5k run event where participants are showered with brightly colored, non-toxic powder or paint at various points along the route in vibrant hues of red, blue, green, yellow and pink. Be a part of this fun and festive event. \$25 per person includes race shirt, goodie bag, medal, plus food and drink. Race starts at 11 a.m. at Marathon Community Park, 200 36th Street Ocean. For more information contact Lara at hapykeys@gmail.com.

Sunday August 6th

3-6 pm FIRM Charity Mini Golf Tournament

Sponsorship & Prizes needed! \$15 per golfer 4-6 per team! Call or Email Wayne Carter to donate prizes or for more info at CEO@MLKAR or 305-743-2485

Aug 8, 2023

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for Kick off at Dockside. Making strides of the FL keys.

Aug 20, 2023

Marathon Community Theatre:

Drag Queen "Beach Blanket" Bingo. Play bingo with host JJ Mills. If you dress in your best 1960s Beach Party costume, you can battle it out on the runway for the best costume prize. Costumes are welcomed but not required. 18 and over only; \$10 entry. Doors and concessions open at 4 p.m., bingo from 5 to 7 p.m.

May 2023 – Dec 2023

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Best Pulled Pork: Smoked 'Que - Craig & Ashley Thompson

People's Choice: Pits 'N' Giggles

Best Overall: Smoked 'Que

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- All our BBQ competition teams for a delicious job!
- Hammer, Andre, RD, Ronnie, Kiki and Kristina for all their help!
- Charlie Brown, and their Crew for running the soda booth!
- Don Hiller and Donny Barrios with the MCSO crew for help with set up and security!
- Marathon Fire & Rescue!
- Thank you to Patrick, Dave, Richie, & Bill for running the Chamber Food booth!
- Our amazing staff at your Marathon Chamber: Daniel, Erika & Laura!
- Sandra Lee Photography for the best photo coverage!

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AUGUST 2, 2023 | 6 P.M.

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AUGUST 12, 2023 | 10 A.M.

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AUGUST 5, 2023 | 10 A.M.

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BrewBQ, Chamber Board Elections, & more



Hoping you all survived another lobster mini-season. As we move into fall (it's been a very hot summer), we welcome students back to our schools, prepare for a slower time of year, and looks towards the winter, holidays, and more.

I am happy to report we had a very hot, but fun BrewBQ a few weeks ago. The event was a success. We are especially proud of our BBQ competition teams who entered as they all showed up and showed out with some amazing BBQ pork belly burnt ends and pulled pork. Between the music, our sponsors, vendors, craft beer selection, volunteers, my amazing chamber staff, and park/city staff it was a team effort and success.

As we move into fall, we are gearing up for our chamber board of directors elections which take place in September. If you are a member in good standing you can run for a seat on the board if you like. Please email or call me anytime with any questions you may have. It's a great board and organization, and an impactful way to give back to your business community.

Later this month we hope to see you all at our networking events for a great time amongst members. We will be at the Marathon Theater and Cinema on August 9th at 5:30pm and our Luncheon will be on Aug. 16th (12-1pm) at the Key Colony Inn restaurant. Please RSVP for the luncheon, our speaker will be Leah Stockton who runs our United Way of the FL Keys, who will discuss the updated ALICE Report data and how it related to our workforce housing and staffing issues for local businesses.

Have a great August everyone! We have wrapped up our member renewals so if you haven't paid your 2023 chamber membership renewals yet we will unfortunately have to suspend your membership, but you can always join again anytime, which we would very much like to see. Online payment on our website is now available for your convenience, or contact us to get signed up. We greatly appreciate your membership with us and look forward to continuing to serve, support, promote, and advocate for your business.

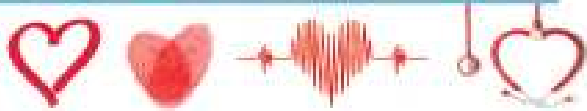
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