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NOV. 13-DEC. 15
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Chamber After Hours
 December 13th - 5:30pm-7:30pm

AQUARIUM ENCOUNTERS®
 FLORIDA KEYS

Live music, great food & drink, raffles and more!

Membership Luncheon
 December 19th - 12pm-1pm



\$16 Please RSVP to
 erika@floridakeysmarathon.com or 305-743-5417

Please welcome our new members!

P5 Boxing & Fitness Club
 7949 Gulfstream Blvd.
 Marathon, FL 33050
 304-417-2990
 P5Boxinggym@gmail.com
 www.P5gym.com
 Contact: Brian Stevens

Dimitria Bailey
 154 Guava Avenue
 Marathon, FL 33050
 305-393-5049
 Dimitria.bailey@fdc.myflorida.com

My Keys Construction & Management
 Servicing the Middle Keys
 Marathon, FL 33050
 305-432-1680
 mykeysCM@gmail.com
 Contact: Michael Grant

KD's Dog Training
 440 89th Street Ocean
 Marathon, FL 33050
 678-898-8078
 Contact/Owner: Kaitlyn Drexler
 KD'sDogTraining@yahoo.com
 https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550697013546

Karolina & Gavin Mead
 1010 95th Street Ocean, Marathon, FL
 312-623-3997
 Supporter Members

Georgie's Coffee Shop
 Contact: Joann Laconti
 59299 Overseas Hwy
 Marathon, FL 33050
 info@georgiescoffee.com
 732-496-0534

Ai Engine
 Contact: Renaud Charrin
 29110 Orchid Lane
 Big Pine Key, FL 33043
 RenaudCharrin@aienginegroup.com
 650-447-7015
 https://www.aienginegroup.com/

Sunchasers Paradise
 Contact: Nicole & Larry Claytor
 1000 Manor Lane
 Marathon, FL 33050
 coastalescapell@gmail.com
 667-200-9983
 https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552345277091

All Keys Gamer
 Contact: Damien Pottage
 11400 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050
 allkeysgamer@gmail.com
 https://www.allkeysgamer.com/

Green Justice
 13 Man O War Dr.
 Marathon, FL 33050
 Contact: Marianne Cufone
 813-785-8386
 mcufone@greenjusticelegal.org
 www.greenjusticelegal.org
 non-profit

Overseas Canvas Company, Inc.
 100 Camino Real
 Marathon, FL 33050
 Contact: Harvey Cooper
 305-901-2234
 overseascanvascompany@gmail.com

Claire Montang- Miss Mortgage Loans
 88500 Overseas Hwy, Apt 207
 Islamorada, FL 33070
 305-916-8485
 Claire.montang@ccm.com
 https://crosscountrymortgage.com/Delray-Beach-FL-3125/Claire-Montang/

All Keys Computers & More
 5601 Overseas Hwy
 Marathon, FL 33050
 Contact: David Soper
 ino@allkeysit.com
 https://www.allkeyscomputers.com/

Legendary Jet Skis Marathon
 1410 Overseas Hwy
 Marathon, FL 33050
 Contact: Jen Davis
 jen@legendaryjetskis.com
 https://legendaryjetskis.com/

Jen Davis- Seafarer Realty
 1026 51st St. Gulf
 Marathon, FL 33050
 815-236-1328
 jen@seafarerrealty.com



Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 15

Total Members: 525

Visitor Center Recap

New Members: 4

Total Members: 77

Monthly Stats

October 2023

Total Visitors: 792

Daily Average: 22

Top State: Florida

Top Countries: Germany

Without Reservations: 14%

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:

membership@floridakeysmarathon.com

305-743-5417

Executive Membership Circle

Starfish Level

Seafarer Realty

Angelfish Level

First Horizon Bank

First State Bank

Florida Keys Media

Isla Bella Beach Resort

Florida Keys Electric Co-Op

Faro Blanco Resort

5 Star Air

Hawks Cay

MillionAir

Seahorse Level

Centennial Bank

Keys Federal Credit Union

D'Asign Source

Marlin Bay Resort & Marina

Fisherman's Community Hospital

Weekly Newspaper

Dolphin Connection

Wolfe/Stevens PLLC

Mt. Sinai Cardiology of the Keys

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

The Tackle Box

Florida Keys Cemetery

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 Erika@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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Membership Luncheon Hosted by Marathon Grill & Ale House

Photos courtesy of Sandra Lee Photography & Art Studio



The History of Diving Museum presents:

AQUANAUTS TO ASTRONAUTS



Learn about the connection between space and underwater exploration, and how the underwater realm prepares us for the conditions of space.



**MAY 20
-DEC 31
2023**





SANDRA LEE
PHOTOGRAPHY & ART STUDIO
PRINT SHOP & FRAMING
231-622-2066

MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR DECEMBER CLASSES

December 2 at 12pm - Painting a Snowman on 8x10 canvas / ages 4 and up (\$40)

December 2 at 2pm - Painting a wood Ornament / ages 4 and up (\$35)

December 2 at 4pm - Painting Jellyfish on 8x10 canvas / ages 4 and up (\$40)

December 2 at 6pm - Sip & Paint Palm Trees with holiday lights 11x14 canvas / adult /
BYO drinks (\$50)

December 6 at 1pm - The Art of Card Making / ages 4 and up (\$35)

December 9 at 12pm - Painting a wood Ornament / ages 4 and up (\$35)

December 9 at 2pm - The Art of Card Making / ages 4 and up (\$35)

December 9 at 4pm - Painting a Mermaid on 8x10 canvas / ages 4 and up (\$40)

December 9 at 6pm - Sip & Paint the Faro Blanco Lighthouse with holiday lights
11x14 canvas / adult / BYO drinks (\$50)

December 11 at 6pm - Sip & Paint a Parrot on 11x14 canvas / adult / BYO drinks (\$50)

December 12 at 6pm - Bring a bottle of wine to paint for a gift / adult / BYO drinks (\$50)

December 14 at 12pm - Paint a Seahorse on 8x10 canvas / ages 4 and up (\$40)

December 14 at 2pm - Paint a wood Ornament / ages 4 and up (\$35)

December 14 at 4pm - Paint a Spotted Eagle Ray on 8x10 canvas / ages 4 and up (\$40)

December 14 at 6pm - Sip & Paint 2 Earring Sets for gifts / adult / BYO drinks (\$35)

December 19 at 6pm - Sip & Paint Wine Bottle w/ fairy lights / adult / BYO drinks (\$60)

December 21 at 6pm - Sip & Paint an Octopus on 8x10 canvas / adult / BYO drinks (\$40)

SandraLeePhotographyStudio@gmail.com

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Rules

- Minimum purchase of \$20 per business to X-Off
- Must keep receipts (turn in with card) as proof of purchase(s)
- All purchases must be made between: Nov. 13- Dec. 15, 2023
- Only 1 card per household, no sharing of cards
- Every card entered has a chance to win

Prizes (3 total/separate drawings & winners)

- Drawing for cards with 1 Row Completed: Prize = \$150
- Drawing for cards with 2-3 Rows Completed: Prize = \$400
- Drawing for cards with 4+ Rows Completed: Prize = \$600

Turn-in your Bingo sheets to the chamber office on or before Dec. 15th by 5pm to be eligible for drawings & prizes!

Chamber business offices are open Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm

(12222 O/5 Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050; 305-743-5417)

The Marathon Chamber of Commerce has the final decision on prize



2024

OFFICIAL VISITOR & NEWCOMER GUIDE

Official Publication of the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce



The Official Marathon Visitor & Newcomer Guide is designed to promote Marathon as a premier vacation and island living destination to prospective visitors and newcomers. The guide's high quality, full-color format is packed with photos and useful information about our unique area.

A limited amount of advertising space is available to those chamber businesses wishing to promote their business to this highly targeted and responsive audience.

BENEFITS FOR OUR ADVERTISERS

EXTREMELY TARGETED & QUALIFIED READERS

This guide is the Official & Only fulfillment piece mailed directly to all Marathon Chamber inquiries.

LOW COST

Less than 6 cents each to reach more than 25,000 in-person & online visitors with a full-page color ad. Advertising options start at less than \$50/month.

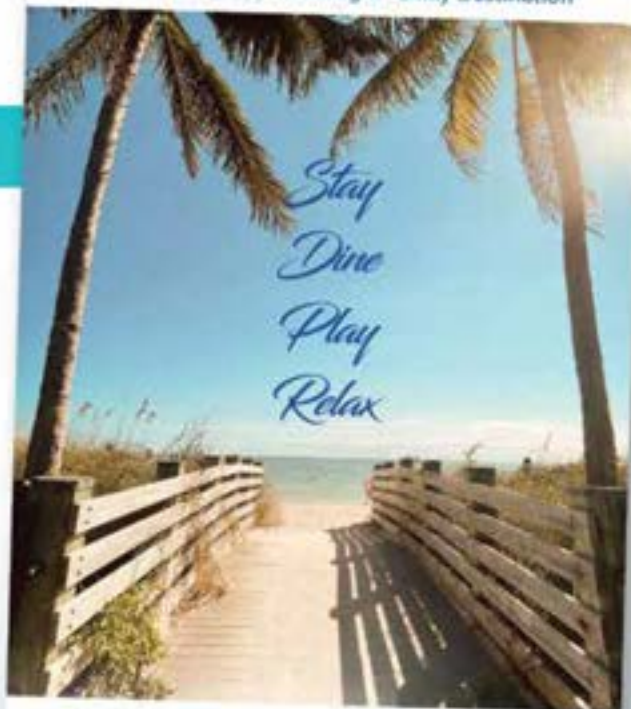
FREE AD DESIGN

Professional quality, full-color ad design and production are included at no additional charge.

DISTRIBUTION

- Guaranteed quantity of 20,000 copies of this guide to be printed and distributed
- Guides are mailed by us directly to visitors requesting info about Marathon and the FL Keys
- Additional Guides are handed out in our Marathon Visitor Center and exclusively at:
 - ◆ Marathon Publix Store
 - ◆ "Official" Keys Visitor Centers (Key West, Lower Keys, Islamorada, and Key Largo)
- Guides are available for free download via our website, so advertisers receive a strong digital presence as well
- A limited quantity of Guides will be made available exclusively (upon request) to advertisers for distribution to their customers

The Islands of
Marathon
FREE VISITORS GUIDE
Your Florida Keys Boating & Family Destination



www.FloridaKeysMarathon.com

Advertising Deadline: November 30, 2023

Publication Date: January, 2024

Contact Erika at 305-743-5417

or Erika@FloridaKeysMarathon.com

OFFICIAL VISITOR & NEWCOMER GUIDE

Advertising Rates & Specifications

Full Page	\$1,900
Half Page	\$1,200
Quarter Page	\$800
Eighth Page	\$450

Premium Positions

Outside Back Cover	\$2,500
Inside Front Cover	\$2,300
Page 3	\$2,300
2 Pg Spread/Map Gatefold	\$3,500

ACCEPTABLE AD FILE FORMATS:

ALL FILES MUST BE MACINTOSH COMPATIBLE. Adobe Illustrator (.ai); PDF (high resolution only); TIFF or JPG (minimum 300 dpi resolution); EPS. NO MICROSOFT PUBLISHER FILES WILL BE ACCEPTED. All fonts and strokes must be converted to outlines, and document must be flattened to one layer. If file isn't in CMYK color mode, it will be converted to CMYK. Some colors don't look exactly the same in RGB and CMYK. This is just a reality of the printing world.

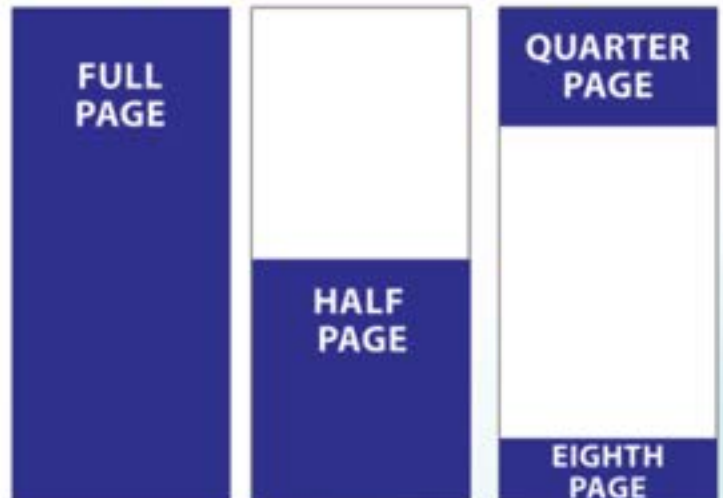
IF WE'RE DESIGNING YOUR AD...

you don't need to worry about the above paragraph! Design work includes initial layout plus one revision. (Additional work will be billed to the advertiser at an hourly rate.) For questions call Chris Scali at 386-451-3456, or email: Chris@S2Advertising.com

100% Payment for advertising must be made in advance, at the time of ad placement.

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or Erika@FloridaKeysMarathon.com

For two-page spread specs contact Chris Scali at Chris@S2Advertising.com
 386-451-3456



Full Page: 3.156" x 8.125"

Full Page Bleed: 4.25" x 9.25"

(Full Page Live area: 3.5" x 8.5")

Half Page: 3.156" x 3.938"

Quarter Page: 3.156" x 1.891"

Eighth Page: 3.156" x .875"



**Greater Marathon Chamber of
Commerce
&
First Horizon Bank**

Presents:

**After hours at
Aquarium Encounters**

**December 13th
5:30 - 7:30 pm**

We hope to sea you there!





Membership

Luncheon

Tuesday

December 19th

Noon-1pm

\$16

RSVP Required

Limited Seating

Speaker: Community Foundation of the
Florida Keys, Elizabeth Brown



*Topic: Tools, resources,
and grants for not for profits*

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF THE FLORIDA KEYS**

RSVP to Erika@floridakeysmarathon.com or call 305-743-5417

FREE!

BUY YOUR
RAFFLE
TICKETS!
052005 500250

Zonta Club of Marathon
Presents:

Festival of Trees 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov 28th...5pm - 8pm

Wednesday, Nov 29th...5pm - 8pm

Pick Your Background - Complimentary Professional Photos

Thursday, Nov 30th...5pm - 8pm

Friday, Dec 1st...3:30pm - 10pm

Saturday, Dec 2nd...10am - 8pm

Cookies with Santa and the Grinch 10am - 12pm

Drawing for Winning Tickets at 8pm

Sunday, Dec 3rd...8am-12pm Tree Pickup



Zonta Club of Marathon



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

5270 OVERSEAS HWY MARATHON, FL 33050

WWW.ZONTACLUBOFMARATHON.COM



JOIN US FOR OUR

Small Business Holiday Party

FOOD, DRINKS, LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES AND
EVEN SANTA.

SMALL BUSINESSES CAN
PURCHASE AN ENTIRE TABLE OR
JUST A FEW SEATS

CALL FOR MORE DETAILS:

Faro Blanco Resort Collection
(305) 780-7325



HOLIDAY MARKET 2023

**Saturday, December 2, 2023
9am to 4pm - rain or shine**

**Join us in our Holiday Garden
filled with Vendors, Artisans, Plants
and Food Trucks**

No Pets Please!

**GARDEN CLUB
of the UPPER KEYS**

**Francis Tracy Garden Center
94040 Overseas Highway
Tavernier, FL 33070 MM94 Bayside**

LOVE OUR LOCALS' DAY!



You're Invited!

DECEMBER 2ND



LIVE MUSIC

9:00-2:30

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Sprayground, Narrated Sessions, Membership discounts, and more!
58901 Overseas Hwy, Grassy Key, FL 33036

DOG FRIENDLY!

10:00 AM



BIRTHDAYS

Celebrate our 40th Anniversary and the birthdays of our animal family!

11:00 AM

GREAT FOOD

Food available for purchase at Anchor's Cafe

ALL DAY

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE!



12:00 PM

RAFFLE DRAWING

Every attendee is entered to WIN a Dolphin Encounter or a Meet the Dolphin program! Only a few will win.

RAFFLE WINNER PROGRAMS

Bring your swimsuits! The lucky winners will partake in the program they won.

1:00 PM



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END OF THE YEAR FUNDRAISER

to benefit Forgotten Felines of the Florida Keys

Join us Monday, December 4th, from
6-9 pm at Skipjack Resort, Blu TikiBar

VISIT
WWW.FORGOTTENFELINESOFTHEFLORIDAKEYS.COM

19 Sombrero
Blvd
Marathon, Fl

*Select beer & wine
Buffet style finger
foods*

*Kindly hosted by
SkipJack*

\$20 person

Please RSVP

All ages welcome

*Bracelets will be
provided.*

Blu Bistro
by
SKIPJACK
RESORT - SUITES - MARINA

Karaoke with Dj
Dez of Fiji
Entertainment



The Tackle BOX

MARATHON • FL KEYS

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305-289-0540

SAILFISH

FREE Monthly FISHING SEMINAR
MONDAY, December 4th@6PM
50/50 RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES!




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MARATHON, FLORIDA 33050
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Shady Palm Art
Gallery

ART CLASSES



Acrylic Pour with class December 7th 1:00-3:pm

Join us for Ingeborg Frye's Acrylic Pour class. November 16th 1-3pm \$87.00. You will be pouring 3 amazing paintings, a 6x6 on gesso board, 6x8 on canvas board and 8x10 on canvas. This class is for everyone! beginners to advanced painters. The class size is between 4-6 people to provide a more attentive class for you are participants.



Register at
Shadypalmarktgallery.com
+1 (305) 998-4165

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305-434-2433

BOOT KEY HARBOR



27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 9, 2023 @ Dusk

Ahoy Skippers...Enter your boat from Dinghies to Yachts, Power & Sail!
Entree is Free and Open To All, Each Vessel Entered will Receive 2 Free Limited Edition
Boot Key Parade T-Shirts

Captain's Information

Once registered (see below) you will be added to a group text and/or email blast, that will keep you informed regarding event details and when new sponsors contribute.

Awards, Gifts & Prizes Values

Best Boat Overall	\$300
Best Boat Under 30 Feet	\$100
Best Boat Over 30 Feet	\$100



Text, Call or Email To Register

*Please Note: we will be attempting to collect FREE shirt sizes at time of registration.



Illene Clark
561-542-2727
iclark317@comcast.net



Roger Haines
305-766-9462
roger@us1graphics.com



Sponsors

Key Colony Beach 2023 Christmas Boat Parade

Brought to you by KCB Fishing and Boating Club and KCB Community Association

Sunday December 10th @ dusk

Boats of all sizes and shapes are welcome, entry is free - open to all!

Best in Parade - \$1,100

**Karen Raspe
Realtor**



**Berkshire Hathaway
Home Services
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Knight Gardner Realty**

**Best in Class - Under 30 ft.
\$500
Marathon Power Squadron**



**Best in Class - Over 30 ft.
\$500
Marathon Power Squadron**



**Brightest and Most Colorful, Most Creative, Most Spirited Crew
\$150 Gift Certificate to Restaurant of Captain's Choice
30 ft. And Under - Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate Company
Over 30 ft. - Key Colony Beach Realty, Inc.**



**To sign up contact Steve DeCrow
sed6420@gmail.com
or call 5188595662
by December 9th.**

**Overnight
docking on
Saturday
and Sunday
nights
available
upon
request**



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The UPS Store
We Print Everything but Money



Shady Palm Art
Gallery

PAINT PARTY



**Holiday Wine Class Set
of 2. December 15th
12:00-2:00pm**

Join Starfish Designs for our Holiday Wine Glass Paint Party and paint your own set of Holiday Soldiers on Wine Glasses. NO artistic ability necessary - we walk you thru it all! All supplies are included - just need you! Fee is \$55 per person and includes the class and firing of the wine glasses so they will be usable and washable for the future!

Register at
Shadypalmarktgallery.com
+1 (305) 998-4165

A tropical beach scene with palm trees, a blue sky, and a blue ocean. A string of colorful Christmas lights is draped across the top and bottom of the image. The text is overlaid on the scene.

Tropical Holiday Fun Fest

DECEMBER 15, 2023
6PM-8PM
CITY OF MARATHON COMMUNITY PARK

PRODIGY DANCERS,
SANTA, GRINCH, BOUNCE HOUSE
AND SO MUCH MORE FUN!!

SAVE THE DATE



CRANE POINT HAMMOCK
MUSEUM & NATURE TRAIL

Winter Wonderland

December 16th, 2023



*Happy
New Year
Celebrate with*

us at

Havana Jack's

Enjoy a delicious New Years menu

&

Cocktail specials!

Complimentary toast at Midnight

Live Music 4PM to 8PM

The Lady A Band

Local DJ 9PM- 'Till

DJ Trae

Book your table today!



Havana Jack's

401 E Ocean Dr.

Key Colony Beach, FL 33051

(305) 743-4849

POINTE BAR

HOLIDAY DRINK MENU

NUTCRACKER WHISKEY SOUR **\$16**

A classic and sophisticated cocktail with whiskey, fresh lemon juice, egg white, Monin® Hazelnut and Amaretto Syrup.

WINTER 75 **\$15**

A refreshing blend of dry gin, lemon juice, Monin® Winter Citrus syrup and topped with champagne, a perfect balance of sweetness and citrus.

SMOKED BERRY AMARETTO-RITA **\$15**

A favorite with a twist, the Margarita combines tequila, cranberry juice and Monin® Amaretto Syrup, resulting in a refreshing drink.

FILBERT'S OLD FASHIONED **\$16**

A classic cocktail made with bourbon or whiskey, muddled sugar, bitters, and a twist of orange zest.



MOCKTAILS

**HONEY NUT CIDER** **\$12**

A classic favorite, the cider combines apple cider, cranberry juice, Monin® Honey Syrup, Monin® Hazelnut Syrup and Old Fashion Aromatic Bitters, resulting in a tangy and refreshing drink.

CRAN-PEARY SHRUB **\$12**

Made with apple cider vinegar, cranberry juice, club soda and Monin® Pear Syrup, the cran-peary offers a smooth and refreshing experience with a perfect blend of sweet and tart notes.

11TH ANNUAL
FLORIDA KEYS
Celtic Festival

JANUARY 6 & 7, 2024
SAT 10-7 & SUN 11-5

GREAT BANDS
FOOD & FUN!

ALBANNACH
THE SCREAMING ORPHANS
THE BYRNE BROTHERS
WEST OF GALWAY

CELTIC & KEYS FOOD, BEER & VENDORS
HIGHLAND GAMES, DRAKE IRISH DANCE
POLICE PIPE & DRUM OF FLORIDA,
CHILDREN'S GAMES AND MORE!

ADVANCE \$10/DAY
AT THE GATE \$12/DAY
GET TICKETS ONLINE NOW
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MARATHON COMMUNITY PARK
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The Florida Keys
& Key West
Come as you are!



Surprise Them in *Paradise*

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

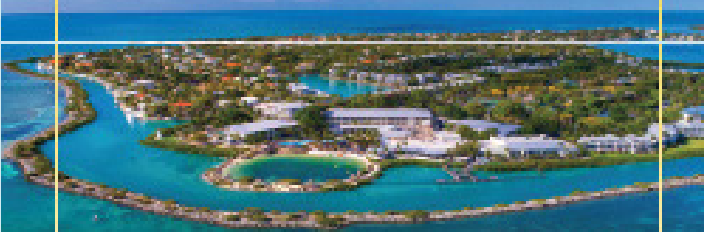
Create lasting memories this holiday season by gifting a Hawks Cay experience. Treat your friends and family to seaside dining, soothing spa sessions, thrilling offshore fishing, and more.

Stop by the Island Time Gift Shop, or call 305.743.7000 to purchase a gift card today!



Local Love

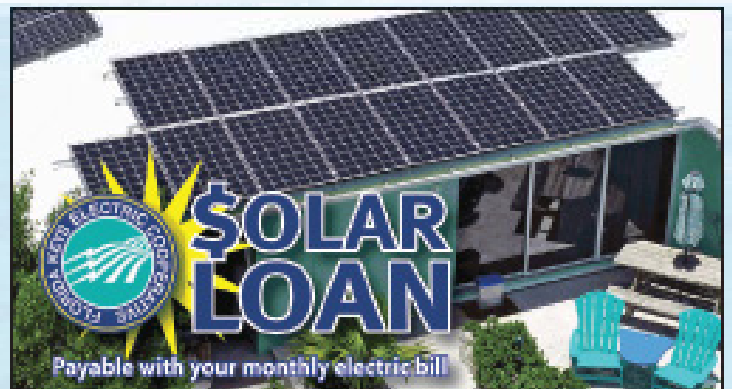
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Happy Holidays to you, your staff, and families! We are truly grateful for another quiet storm season, as well as getting back to some normalcy this year. Course not all normalcy is warranted, as I know some of you would have liked a busier fall/off-season this year. I think we all are aware that the post pandemic gravy train has ended, but I am not worried as we have a strong base as a destination and community. If I have learned anything in my fifteen-plus years here at your Marathon Chamber, it is that are business-members are some of the most resourceful leaders and professionals I have ever seen! While we have seen many changes, both good and bad, I know we will always work together to keep moving forward.

December also marks the end of our fiscal year; and the beginning of a new year with tons of potential for us all! December also signifies your chamber membership renewals, so please be sure to keep a look out in your mailbox and inbox for your annual Chamber Membership Renewal invoice (you can pay online now: <https://floridakeysmarathon.com/product/marathon-chamber-payments/>). Should you have any questions about it please contact us as we are happy to help as always. As you frequently hear me say, we are grateful for your involvement and membership with the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce, especially during 2023. We look forward to serving you for yet another year in 2024!

As we wrap up 2023, I was very proud we were again able to contribute towards our annual scholarships and not-for-profits. Your Chamber was able to award over \$7,000 in donations to local not for profits that benefit our businesses as well as our local economy and community (FIRM, Middle Keys Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Marathon Rotary, KAIR, American Cancer Society, and more). We also awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships to MHS students and to you all, our valued members via the Board's Continuing Education Grant program. Lastly, we will have also awarded \$15,000 in business beautification grants to help some of our business-members look their best, and thus improve Marathon's visual appearance.

We hope you will participate in our Chamber Bingo program, designed to encourage local shopping during this holiday season, and players will all be eligible to win some great cash prizes simply for playing (more info and bingo card inside this newsletter).

As we say good-bye to a more normalized 2023, we are hopeful 2024 will yield another strong, safe, and steady year for your businesses and families. In the meantime we will continue to creatively and effectively serve you however is necessary to support, advocate, educate, and promote your business to fellow members/locals as well as visitors.

The Marathon Chamber Board of Directors, staff, ambassadors, and I are all committed to working for and with you and your staff. Please be sure to get involved in our beneficial programs; ask questions, and let your Marathon Chamber work for you. Have a wonderful holidays, Christmas and New Year's later this month; be safe in any of your travels, and see you at our December business after hours and luncheon, and of course in 2024!

Most Respectfully,

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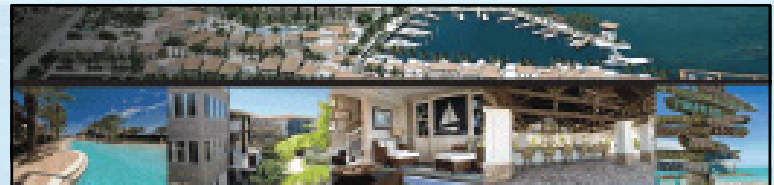
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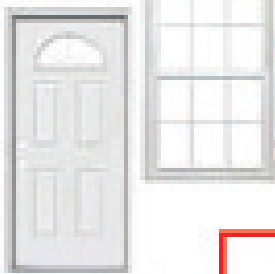
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