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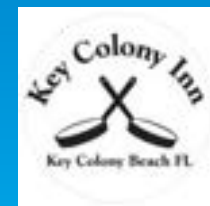
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Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 4

Total Members: 562

Visitor Center Recap

Total Members: 74

Monthly Stats

November 2024

Total Visitors: 887

Daily Average: 23

Top State: Florida

Top Countries: Canada

Without Reservations: 5%

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 Amanda for more info:
membership@floridakeysmarathon.com
305-743-5417

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Centennial Bank

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Fisherman's Community Hospital

Keys Federal Credit Union

Million Air

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The Weekly Newspaper

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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 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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2025 is Here, Ready or Not!



I hope you all had a great Holiday and New Year's! While the holidays are a great time of year, it is nice to get back into normal routines post holidays. More importantly it signifies a new year, and a time for new opportunities. Specifically opportunities to succeed and prosper regarding our businesses and careers.

With a great and busy Christmas and New Year's week, we are looking forward to hitting our stride this winter and spring for our high season. While it's a stressful time, it's good to be busy and in-demand. Especially after experiencing a traditional (slow) fall season as far as tourism, traffic, etc. We ended the TDC's FY down about 4% in bed tax collections compared to 2023, which was comparatively down from other districts in the FL Keys. While this is always disheartening, it again signals our tourism market reverting back to normalcy. All other destinations have been open and are being ultra-aggressive in their marketing, and visitors are taking advantage of those opportunities. I do look forward to our markets continued growth, mortgage rates continuing to drop, etc. as we move into 2025.

I am also very excited for the future of our TDC, under new leadership via Kata Franker. Kara recently spoke at our December luncheon, outlining all the changes, and plans for 2025 and beyond. I am confident she will take our TDC to new heights, which in turn positively affects you, our valued business-members.

Finally, per my usual January/New Year's words of wisdom, here are a few important items to think about, and look into implementing in 2025:

-Sound Budgeting & Cash Flow (I like to include this most year's, because its so very important):

Update your budget (if you haven't already) the best you can, understanding it's difficult with the swings we have seen the past two years. If possible use 2019 (pre-pandemic) figures with a relative bump of 10-20%. Your Marathon Chamber (contact us anytime) can help you in updating your budget, better understanding cash flow, as well as any other financial reports that will help you make sound decisions that will positively affect your business.

-Staff Retention & Benefits: Most of you (us) are thin on staff, and strive to maintain staffing levels, if not increase them. So how can you accomplish this?

Staff not only go where the money is, but where the quality of work and benefits are! Make changes to improve the workplace morale, as well as adding any benefits (401K plans with matching, healthcare, PTO, etc.) you can to retain and recruit quality staff.

-Education & Resources: we should never stop learning/improving, and your Marathon Chamber is here to help with that. Please contact us for any/all your educational needs. We also partner with our SBDC (Small Business Development Center) who offers 1-1 consulting, training, and resources that are all FREE for businesses!

-YOUR Health: without YOU your business (and family) cannot operate at its best/peak capacity. Ensure you are taking care of yourself, exercise, eat right, and get an annual healthcare checkup and physical. Baptist actually offers executive physicals, which are a great way to get a full and complete workup on your state of health. We want you to enjoy the fruits of your labors, this can only be accomplished if YOU are healthy and well (mentally and physically).

Finally, thank you for being a member of The Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce in 2024, and we look forward to again serving you in 2025.

If you have any questions about your membership renewal invoice please call us anytime. Want to know more about what the Marathon Chamber can do for you and your business? Please call us to set up an orientation/member benefits meeting; we will travel to your place of business if need be. Our mission is to serve and support you; and we look forward to doing just that yet again in 2025.

Here's to a healthy, safe, and fruitful 2025!

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MARATHON NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

First Day Hike

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at 9am

Curry Hammock State Park

Join us for our First Day Hike on January 1, 2025, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM!

This ranger-led hike will take you through the 1.5-mile winding nature trail, where you'll experience the "Real Florida" as we journey through the rockland hammock.

Florida Keys Watercolor Society 2025 Kickoff Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 10am-12pm

Event by Peter Sterling Turner and What's Up Florida Keys?

LOCALS ONLY

Marathon Community Theatre

Duration: 2 hr

Are you ready to dive into creativity? Whether you're a seasoned artist or just discovering the world of water-based media, Florida Keys Watercolor Society is where your artistic journey begins. Join a vibrant community of like-minded artists, connect with others who share your passion, and unlock new techniques to take your art to the next level. From watercolor to acrylics, our society celebrates all forms of water-based painting. Share your work, learn from experts, and get the support you need to grow your craft.

Don't just paint—become part of something bigger. Splash into creativity today.

Visit www.fkwcs.com or call 786-309-4595 to learn more and join Florida Keys Watercolor Society. Please come to our 2025 Kickoff Members Meeting on Jan. 7th @ 10:00 AM in the Marathon Community Theater.

Tides & Tails Paint party

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6pm-8pm

Event by Florida Keys SPCA @ Faro Blanco Resort

Tides & Tails Paint Party:

Join us for another fun and relaxing Paint Your Pet happy hour hosted by Painting the Keys at Courtyard by Faro on January 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Tickets can be purchased online at paintingthekeys.com, and a portion of every ticket sale will go towards supporting our Marathon campus. Enjoy food and drinks, as 20% of all sales from food and beverages will also be donated to our Marathon campus!

Please be sure to send a photo of your pet to Randall at 561-707-4527 or randall@betheshow.com by December 30th!

We can't wait to see the amazing pet portraits you'll create while enjoying a fun and relaxing evening with fellow animal lovers. So, gather your friends, bring your enthusiasm, and let's make this Paint Your Pet happy hour a memorable night filled with art, laughter, and the joy of giving back. See you there!

Immerse Yourself! Fish by Fish: Local Action, Global Impact for Marine

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7pm

Event by History of Diving Museum

82990 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL, United States, Florida 33036

RSVP to attend in-person here: <https://forms.gle/eM2TfgCjSqPjseWDA>

Register to attend virtually over Zoom here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>

Join Jill Kuehnert and Michaela Peterson of REEF - Reef Environmental Education Foundations, as they take us through actions YOU can take to help save our reefs.

This presentation will show that small steps, like learning about marine life or contributing an hour to citizen science, can truly add up to impactful, lasting change for our oceans. They will highlight REEF's mission to empower people of all backgrounds and abilities to take action for ocean health -- through fish surveys and other accessible conservation activities, through education programs, and through visiting their new Ocean Exploration Center when it opens next year. Come early to see the History of Diving Museum's brand new featured exhibit - Dive Into Art: Fintastic Fish of Florida! This exhibit features artworks created by students across the Keys, as well as by the Art Guild of the Purple Isles. These creations will have a theme of reef conservation, as well as sustainable fishing and aquaculture, complete with more information about these essential practices that help organizations like REEF achieve their goals.

Thank you to this month's sponsor: Monroe County Tourist Development Council

January Tours- Dive into Art Opening Week

Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11am-3pm

Event by History of Diving Museum

82990 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL, United States, Florida 33036

Join the History of Diving Museum for complimentary guided tours of the exhibits, which are only offered once a month. These tours are included with your admission, and will take place at 11 AM and 2 PM, Saturday, January 18th. These tours will help kick off the opening of the Museum's brand new featured exhibit - Dive Into Art: Fintastic Fish of Florida, which will showcase artwork from students across the Keys, as well as from the Art Guild of the Purple Isles. This year's theme will focus on sustainable fishing, conservation, and aquaculture. No reservations are necessary. Each tour lasts roughly 1 hour. Be sure to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time!

Monroe County Plant Clinic- Home Depot Marathon

Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 9am-12pm

Event by UF IFAS Extension Monroe County Master Gardeners

The Home Depot Marathon

MONROE COUNTY PLANT CLINICS

UF/IFAS, Monroe County Extension Service offers free plant clinics. Master Gardener Volunteers will be onsite at regional plant clinics to help assist with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications/problems, and other services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

Photo: Clear photos of the issues you are having will help master gardeners with diagnosis. Make sure photos are in focus and take one of the whole plant and some close-ups of the problem(s).

Plant Sample: Samples should include healthy material and material showing issue(s) to be identified. Bring material in a plastic bag and, if possible, collect on the same day as the plant clinic, otherwise keep sample refrigerated.

Insect Sample: Samples should be placed in a jar or other suitable container. Collect more than one specimen if possible. Insects may be dead or alive.

Cirque Ma'Ceo – Returns to Marathon

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7pm-8:30pm

San Pablo Catholic Church

Cirque Ma'Ceo is BACK in MARATHON by popular demand!

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Where:

San Pablo Catholic Church

550 122nd St. Ocean Marathon, FL 33050

TICKETS: www.CirqueMaCeo.com

DATES: January 29 - February 2

SHOWTIMES:

- Wednesday: 7:00 PM
- Thursday: 7:00 PM
- Friday: 7:00 PM
- Saturday: 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- Sunday: 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM

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Speaker: Mayor Lynn Landry,
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Topic: State of the City, 2025 plans,
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Tickets are on sale now, with prices starting at \$20 for children (ages 3-12) and \$45 for adults. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable journey. Visit <https://tickets.cirquemaceo.com> and secure your spot today

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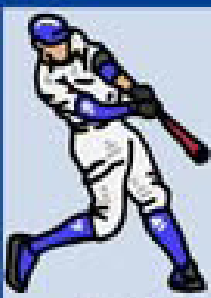
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End: 10:30 a.m. Post Card Inn

Marathon to Big Pine Key

Start: 1:30 p.m. from Marathon Fire Station
across the 7 Mile Bridge

End: 2:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Beach

Saturday, Jan. 11

Key West and Boca Chica

Start: 10:30 a.m. from Boca Chica Naval Base to
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City of Key West

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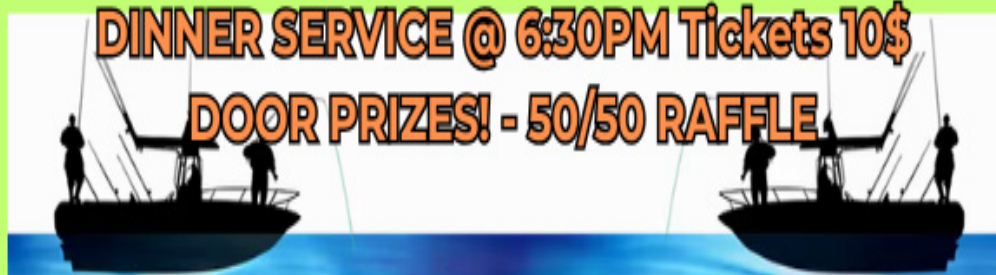
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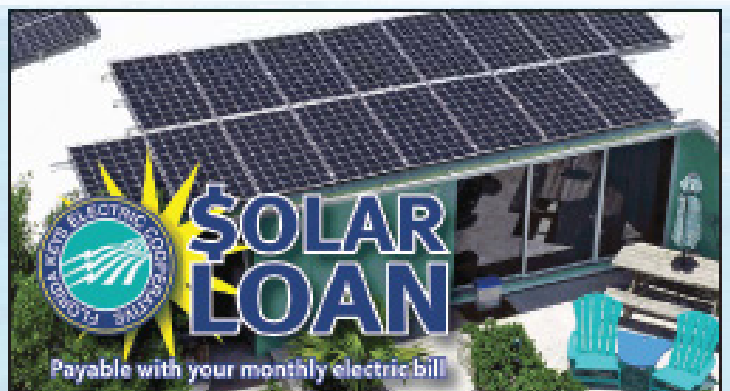
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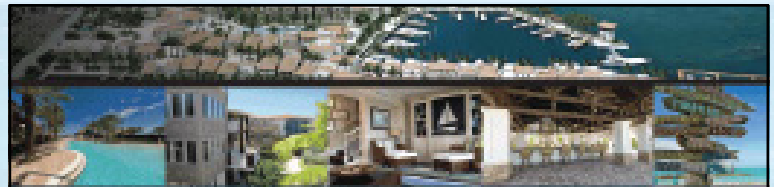
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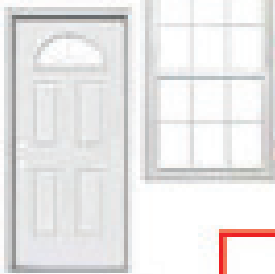
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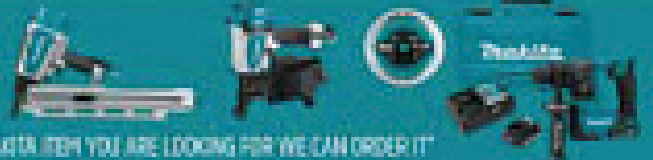
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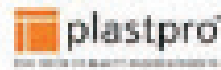


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