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Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 7

Total Members: 551

Visitor Center Recap

New Members: 2

Total Members: 79

Monthly Stats

May 2023

Total Visitors: 773

Daily Average: 23.5

Top State: Florida

Top Countries: UK

Without Reservations: 15%

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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July 4th Fireworks!

A full day of beachside activities
Patriotic parade starting at 11 a.m.
from Marathon High School to Sombrero Beach
and fireworks starting at approximately 9 p.m.
hosted by the City of Marathon and the Rotary Club of Marathon.
US1 Radio 104.1 will play patriotic music
along with the fireworks display.
Boaters are encouraged to watch from the beach
or even offshore of Sombrero Beach. Admission is free.
Visit floridakeysmarathon.com for more information.
Monroe County operates the Florida Keys Marathon Airport
in Marathon.

July 9th 5-7pm

Drag Queen Bingo
ADMISSION IS \$10 and includes two first round bingo cards!
Hurry - LIMITED SEATING - Tickets Sell Fast!
July's theme is RED, WHITE & BLUE!
Come in you best costume and walk our host's runway -
you may win a prize!!!!
Costumes welcomed - not required!
This event is 18 and up only
ID required at the door.

July 14th & 15th

3rd Annual BrewBQ
at Marathon Community Park
200 Ocean, 36th St, Marathon, FL 33050
Friday: 5pm – 9pm
Saturday: 11am – 8pm
The Florida Keys BrewBQ celebrates great craft beer and BBQ,
live local music, fellowship and much more!
Please join us the weekend of July 14th & 15th
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July 21 & 22 @ 7pm

July 23 @ 3pm Matinee

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July 22nd

Hemingway Days Caribbean Street Fair
The annual Hemingway Days Caribbean Street Fair,
presented by Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) –
Monroe County, Inc., will take place on Key West's Duval Street
from 10:00 AM until 10 PM Saturday, July 22nd — with the
famed avenue closed to vehicular traffic and open to fun.
The popular street fair benefits Literacy Volunteers of America
(LVA) – Monroe County, Inc., founded in 1984. LVA provides free,
confidential, one-to-one and small group literacy tutoring for
Monroe County adults and families who read and write at a fifth
grade level.
For information call or text Mary at 305–304-0578.

SATURDAY, July 29th

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BrewBQ is HERE!



July is here, which is crazy to think we are half way through 2023 already! It also means we are close to our 3rd annual FL Keys BrewBQ, which will take place July 14-15 at Marathon Community Park. We are very excited about this event coming back, which will help to bolster our scholarship funds so the chamber board can award more scholarships to local students and to you our valued members via our continuing education grant program.

Please be sure to reach out to us if you are interested in being a volunteer, vendor, or to compete in our amateur BBQ cooking competition. More info on the event at: www.KeysBrewBQ.com.

Please also note we will not be hosting our business after hours and luncheon this month due to the BrewBQ, which we really want to focus on in order to put on an amazing event for you all.

I want to also mention what an amazing staff we have here at your Marathon Chamber & Visitor Center. Our google rating is holding strong at a 4.9 out of 5 stars, a testament to the amazing ladies working in our Visitor Center (Sandra Lee, Rhonda, and Debby). Also, behind the scenes here at the Chamber Erika and Laura (happy three-year anniversary Laura) are doing such a wonderful job for us. If your business relies on visitors it is a no-brainer to advertise your business in our Marathon Visitor Center, and only and official visitor center in the middle keys. We only allow our valued chamber-members to advertise here of course.

Have a great July everyone! Please remember (if you haven't already) to send in your membership renewal dues (chamber and visitor center) that were sent out previously. Online payment on our website is now available for your convenience. We greatly appreciate your membership with us and look forward to continuing to serve, support, promote, and advocate for your business. Please never hesitate to contact me to help you in any way. Hears to a safe and profitable July, and see you at the BrewBQ July 14-15 (please note event is Friday evening and all day Saturday)!

Most Respectfully,

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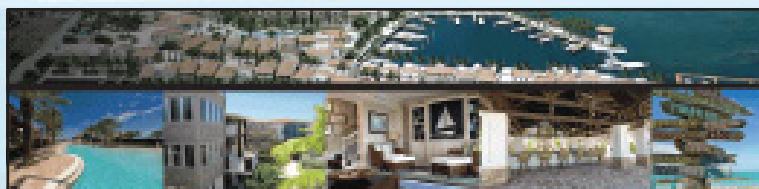
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