newsletter

November 2026

Chamber AMBASSADORS

Mike Puto, Sandra Bradshaw, Julie Johnson, Christina McIntyre & Patti Childress

Chamber After Hours
November 11th
Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm

Chamber Luncheon
November 17th
Tuesday 12-1 pm

Monthly Stats
September 2026
Total Visitors 391
Daily Average- 13
Top State- Florida
Top Country- Germany
Without Reservations-4%

New Members This Month: 4
Total Members: 487
New Visitor Center: 0
Total Members: 65

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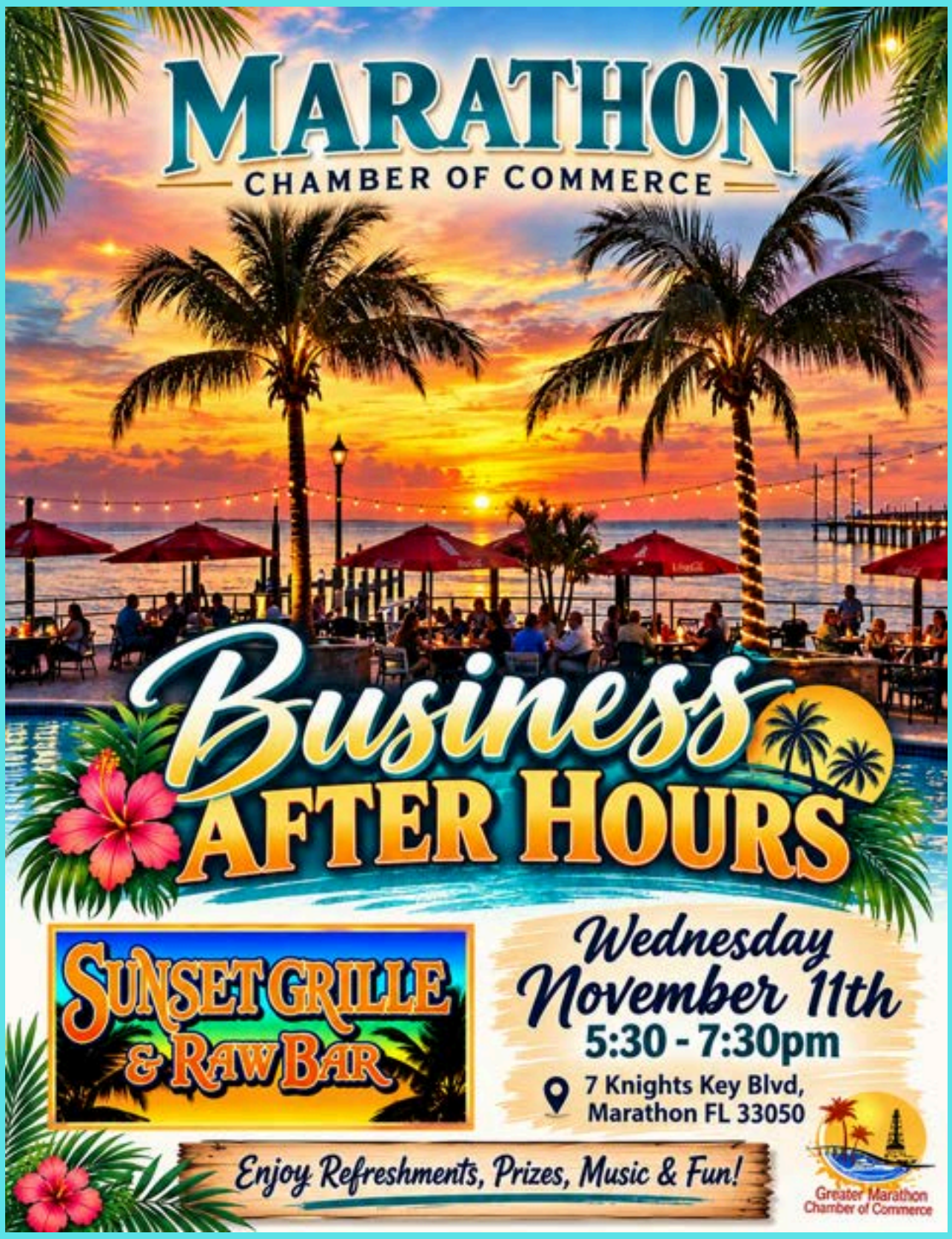
MARATHON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Business
AFTER HOURS
SUNSET GRILLE
& RAW BAR
Wednesday
November 11th
5:30 - 7:30pm
7 Knights Key Blvd,
Marathon FL 33050
Enjoy Refreshments, Prizes, Music & Fun!
Greater Marathon
Chamber of Commerce

EXECUTIVE *Members*

Angelfish Level

D'Asign Source
Faro Blanco Resort
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First State Bank
Florida Keys Electric Co-op
Hawks Cay Resort
Hotwire Communications
Isla Bella Beach Resort
Key Squared Construction
Marathon Garbage Service
The Tackle Box

Seahorse Level

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MARATHON NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Let us know about upcoming events or community news for our newsletter, social media pages and online calendar.
Submit your own events to our online calendar.
Visit www.floridakeysmarathon.com and Click to Submit Your Event.

November Upcoming Events

Tropi-Fall Festival at Grimal Grove
Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 1pm-5pm
Event by Grimal Grove
258 Cunningham lane, Big Pine Key, FL, United States, Florida 33043

Intro to Mosaics in Marathon
Saturday, November 14th, 2026 at 3pm – 5:30pm
Event by Beach Life Mosaics and Fairfield Inn & Suites Marathon Florida Keys
Fairfield Inn & Suites Marathon Florida Keys
www.beachlifemosaics.com/projects

Hawks Cay Turkey Trot 5k
Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 7AM
Event by Hawks Cay Resort
REGISTER
bit.ly/5kturkeytrot

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet
Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 2pm
Event by Hawks Cay Resort
61 Hawks Cay Blvd, Duck Key, FL. 33050

Thanksgiving Buffet at Pelican Point
Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 2pm-4pm
Event by Isla Bella

Maximizing Business Visibility

Exploring Advertising Opportunities with the Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Travel Email Blast

Our Travel Email Blast is an excellent avenue to reach a growing audience of over **5,700 visitors**, including travel writers. This email includes:

- Up to **20 business listings** featuring your business's picture/logo, contact information, and website link.
- Details on **upcoming events**.
- A **featured business spotlight**.

The cost to participate is only **$35/month**.

Newsletter Ad or Flyer

Make the most of our advertising opportunities by placing a flyer/ad in our newsletter, or our Weekly Eblast. This is a great way to maximize your business exposure.

Member Showcase Email Blast

Reach out directly to all our Chamber members and their staff—over **1,400 recipients**—with your email or flyer. Customize your advertising by choosing the date and frequency of the blast.
The cost is **$50/eblast**.

Events

Have an upcoming event or community news? Share it with us for inclusion in our newsletter, social media pages, and online calendar. You can also submit your events directly to our online calendar. Visit **floridakeysmarathon.com** and click on "Submit Your Event".

For pricing and more information, please contact **info@floridakeysmarathon.com**.

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Dear Valued Member,
Hoping this finds you well, and that you had a great Halloween! As we move into November and get ready for Thanksgiving and holiday season; make time to start planning (if you haven't already) for 2027. Specifically your business plan, goals, budget, etc. As they say, failing to prepare is preparing to fail, so get your plans in place asap. Even if they are just rough drafts or outlines, it is much better to have something rather than nothing. Should you want any assistance with goal setting, planning, budgeting, etc. please call me anytime as I have experience in doing this for businesses and am glad to assist as-needed, ensuring full confidentiality of course. We also have additional resources via our SBDC FIU office which provides FREE consultations to local businesses.

Also, here are a few important chamber meetings and programs this month I want to make you are aware of, hopefully you can participate and attend as we always love seeing our valued members:
· November 11th: Chamber Business After Hours at Sunset Grille (5:30PM; see attached flyer)
· November 17th: Chamber Luncheon at Porky's Bayside Restaurant & Marina: New Marathon Mayor Debbie Stryuf will give The State of the City, updates, & more (12-1PM; see attached flyer) · Save the Date & SIGN UP: December 5th will be our 3rd annual 7 Mile SantaCon event and poker run! Stay tuned for more info, but for $60/person you get a fun poker run, free drinks, prizes, and an amazing time.

Additionally, I want to again acknowledge and thank our Board members who termed off the Board this year. They truly made a positive difference for your Marathon Chamber and personally for me in their direction and leadership: Taylor Konrath-Quarles, Milly Perez, and Cara O'Neill. We also wish to again welcome and congratulate our newly elected Board members: Leslie Christensen, Alex Rickert, Dale Coburn, Scott Williamson, Teri Hiller, Robyn Still, and Tony Piscetello.

Lastly, we had an amazing 2026 Chamber Business Awards & Installation Banquet last month, with over 220 members in attendance! A big congrats to all our nominees and winners of this year's business awards. All of these businesses truly went above and beyond for our community, our chamber, and our visitors.

Please know that our team at your Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce is doing everything we can to assist, promote, and support you and our 500+ members. Thank you, please be safe and know that your Marathon Chamber is here for you.

Most Respectfully,

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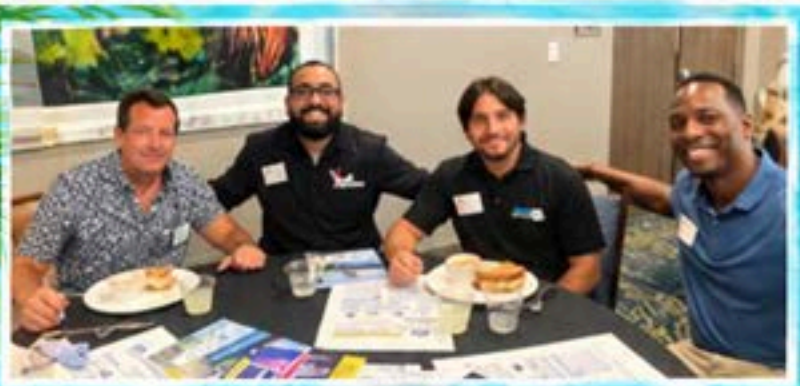
October Membership Luncheon at Courtyard Marriott



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Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce

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With more than 13 years of experience in the housekeeping industry—including six years as Director of Housekeeping at a luxury resort—Little Pineapple Cleaning was created to bring the standards of luxury hospitality into private homes and properties. Every service is built around attention to detail, consistency, discretion, respect for our clients' privacy, and personalized care.

We take the time to understand each client's preferences and the unique needs of their property. Our commitment to professionalism, reliability, privacy, and genuine care allows us to provide a level of service clients can feel confident in, whether we're maintaining their home, preparing a vacation rental, or looking after a property while they're away.

Little Pineapple Cleaning is proud to be part of the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce and looks forward to building lasting relationships throughout the Florida Keys community.

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October Business After Hours @ Berkshire Hathaway

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Established in 2026 | Residential & Commercial Window Cleaning

Serving homeowners and businesses throughout the Florida Keys, Sea Clear Window Cleaning specializes in professional interior and exterior window cleaning designed specifically for the Keys environment. This owner-operated company combines traditional squeegee techniques with a water-fed pole system using deionized water to tackle the salt, sand, grime and streaks that can quickly build up on coastal glass.

In addition to window cleaning, Sea Clear offers screen cleaning, post-construction cleanup and recurring service plans to keep windows looking their best year-round. Flexible scheduling is available seven days a week, and the team brings its own water and equipment, making the process simple from start to finish.

Sea Clear was founded by Chris Faber and Chris Gleadall, who saw firsthand how quickly salt and grime can obscure the incredible water views that make the Florida Keys such a special place to live. Their goal is simple: help residents and businesses enjoy those views through clean, clear glass while providing dependable, professional service from people who live and work in the Keys.

Sea Clear is fully insured, upfront with pricing and committed to quality on every job. The company is already expanding its capabilities with additional water tanks and pumps to become even more mobile and serve more communities throughout the Keys.

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Program Overview

LIHEAP funds can be used for:

- Costs for monthly electric bills
  - Including taxes
  - Can be used on past due bills
- Deposits or fees to start, connect, or restore energy
- Late fees and disconnection fees

How to Apply

- Submit applications at floridaliheap.com
- Need help applying or have questions? Complete a Monroe County Community Services intake application at www.monroecounty-fl.gov/socialservices or email mcssreferrals@monroecounty-fl.gov

Who May Qualify

- Low-income households
- Seniors (60+)
- Households responsible for paying an electric bill
- Must meet income guidelines based on household size

Documents Needed

- Photo ID
- Current electric bill
- Proof of income for all household members
- Social Security numbers of all household members

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Expires 11/1/2027

Subject to availability at the time of booking. Valid for stays Sunday-Thursday.

*Blackout dates may apply

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2026 Awards & Installation Banquet

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JOLLY OLD ST. NICK: $8,000 (LIMITED TO 4)
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FROSTY THE SNOWMAN: $2500
Premier signage at the event! Name on marketing materials, a link on pigeonkey.net and recognition across social media and additional PR. 4 tickets to VIP as well as 2 to the event.

POLAR EXPRESS: $1000
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Premier signage on prominent location at island event, link on pigeonkey.net, add campaign and 2 event passes.

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