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NOV. 13-DEC. 15
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happy & thanksgiving

Chamber After Hours
 November 8th - 5:30pm-7:30pm



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

Membership Luncheon
 November 14th - 12pm-1pm



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

Please welcome our new members!

**Island Trolley Tours
 Chamber & VC Member**
 5409 Overseas Hwy, STE 2245
 Marathon, FL 33050
 786-730-2500
 crystina@islandtrolleytours.com
 www.islandtrolleytours.com
 www.facebook.com/profile.
 php?id=61550765384528
 Owners: Chris & Crystina Bass

MEM Preventive Medical Services
 2180 Overseas Hwy.
 Marathon, FL 33050
 305-517-6995
 mpmscorporate@gmail.com
 Contact: Mildrey Exposito

The Coffee Pub
 6973 Overseas Hwy #12
 Marathon, FL 33050
 570-933-0380
 Mike & Missy McCartney
 coffeepubnitro@gmail.com

Alison Clark
 339 Sombrero Beach Road
 Marathon, FL 33050
 609-312-9930
 alleytaytay@aol.com
 SUPPORTER

Nate Bartlett
 11890 1st Ave. Gulf, Unit 9
 Marathon, FL 33050
 346-242-4688
 nate@islandbreezerealty.com

Chamber Member Recap

New Members This Month: 5

Total Members: 525

Visitor Center Recap

New Members: 4

Total Members: 77

Monthly Stats

September 2023

Total Visitors: 426

Daily Average: 12

Top State: Florida

Top Countries: Germany

Without Reservations: 19%

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. Sinal 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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2023 Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce Awards

The nominees for the 2023 Customer Service Award are:

The Marathon UPS Store, Food for Thought, Marathon Garbage Service, Conch Custard, Keys Federal Credit Union

Winner – Conch Custard

The nominees for the 2023 Business Beautification Award are:

Shady Palm Art Gallery, 7 Mile Grille's Shiver Me Timbers, Porky's Miniature Golf, Crane Point Museum & Nature Center's Crane House
Grassy Flats Resort & Beach Club

Winner – Crane Point Museum & Nature Center's Crane House

The nominees for the 2023 (Large Business) Community Contribution Award are:

Sunbelt Rentals, Centennial Bank, Baptist Health Fishermen's Community Hospital, Coca-Cola Beverages of Florida,
Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate

Winner – Coldwell Banker Schmitt Real Estate

The nominees for the 2023 (Small Business) Community Contribution Award are:

Seafarer Realty, The Weekly Newspapers, The Tackle Box,
Driftwood Pizza & Subs

Winner – Driftwood Pizza & Subs

We had 15 new businesses that were nominees for the 2023 Newcomer Award! The top three vote getters were:

Conch Custard, Sailor's Dog Spa & Boarding, The Owl Library & Bookstore

Winner – The Owl Library & Bookstore

The nominees for the 2023 Best Friend Award are:

Kristina Helms, Paul Lebo, RD Goodman, Sandra Bradshaw

Winner – Paul Lebo

The nominees for the 2023 Tourist Attractor Award are:

The Pigeon Key Foundation, The Dolphin Research Center, FL Keys Aquarium Encounters, The Lagoon Adventure Park

Winner – The Lagoon Adventure Park

The nominees for the 2023 Humanitarian Award are:

Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys, Law Offices of Campbell & Malafy, KAIR

Winner – Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

JOIN

...THE VOICE OF BUSINESS



New members joining in November will receive the following

FREE/Discounted items:

- 1) FL Keys Media (Conch Country; 98.7 only): FREE radio ads for two (2) weeks.
- 2) Marathon Weekly: FREE business spotlight ad.
- 3) Florida Keys Free Press: FREE business spotlight ad.
- 4) Timeout Magazine: 50% off for three ad runs (Includes ad design.)
- 5) Marathon & The Middle Florida Keys Magazine: 20% off all ads.
- 6) Marathon UPS Store: 20% print discount for Chamber Members
- 7) US1 Graphics: New members get a FREE 32oz. stainless steel drinking tumbler (\$50.00 value) and a discount package on business printing, branded clothing, tee shirts, signs and banners.
- 8) Overseas Media Group: FREE Website Audit or consultation.
- 9) Magnum Broadcasting: 25 FREE ads on Keys Talk 102.5 / 96.9! The Talk of the Keys! From Key West to south Miami-Dade!
25 FREE ads on Party 105.7! The Keys Party Station!
- 10) Two Oceans Digital: Destination Marketing opportunities are available on top tourism websites for the Florida Keys – Fla-Keys.com, Keywest.com & FloridaKeys.com. Mention this ad and receive three months for the price of two on new contracted services. * Restrictions apply. Also offering FREE Digital Marketing Consultation – includes SEO & Local Search Scan.
- 11) Marathon Chamber of Commerce: 20% off advertising. (Visitor Center, Newsletter, web banner, travel e-blast; must be for a min 1 year commitment)
- 12) Sandra Lee Photography Studio- 10% off Professional Headshot and Marketing Photos/Videos
- 13) Payment for 1 month in 2023 and get one (December) free for your Chamber Membership!
Payment will be 2024 dues + one month.

• New Members joining in November will be entered into a raffle to win a FREE dinner for two (2), valued at \$200.00 at Brutus Restaurant & Seafood Market •

→ For more info and assistance please email Laura

Membership@floridakeysmarathon.com or call **305-743-5417**. Thank you for helping to make the Marathon Chamber of Commerce a successful, impactful, and influential organization in our Middle Keys, Marathon, and FL Keys communities!

Current members: Remember that for every referral you send us we give you \$25 in chamber bucks, but for the month of October we will give you \$40 in chamber bucks **AND** you will also be entered into a drawing to **win a \$50 gift card** to a Marathon Chamber business-member of your choice. We appreciate YOU and your help in growing one of Marathon's most impactful and influential organizations!

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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/S 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.

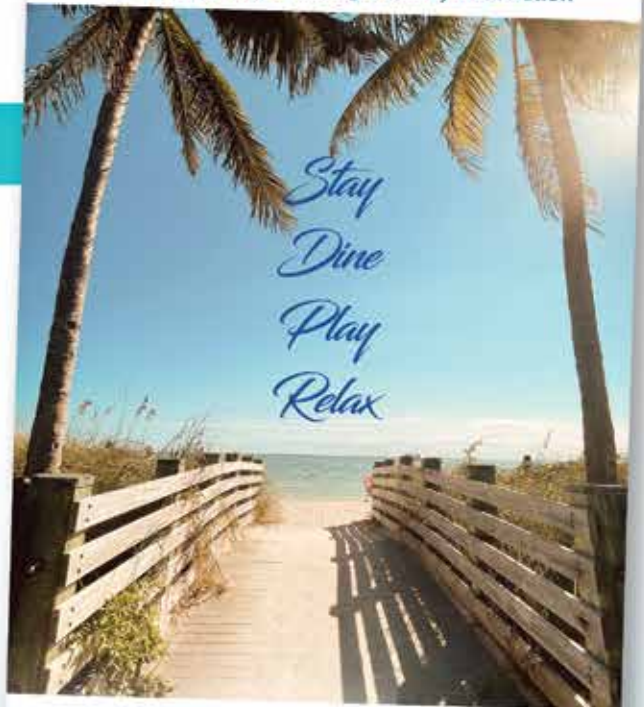
FREE AD DESIGN

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

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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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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"



MARATHON NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Events

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Nov. 1
Wedding Vendor Appreciation Night 7-11 p.m.
Faro Blanco Resort

Nov. 4
Joy on the Rock- Marathon Community Park 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Keys Fisheries- Stone Crab Eating Contest – starts at noon, register by 11 a. m.

Nov. 5
Charcuterie & Cocktails at Brutus Seafood for Forgotten Felines 5 p.m.

Nov. 8
Chamber Business After Hours at Sunset Grille 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5-12
Key West Offshore World Championship Boat Races

Nov. 14
Chamber Luncheon at Marathon Grill & Ale House 12:00 noon

Nov. 17
BPW Sip & Shop at Faro Blanco Resort

Nov. 23
Turkey Trot at Hawks Cay 7 a.m.

Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Day

~ Daily Holidays and Observances ~

November 1
All Saints' Day
Extra Mile Day
National Author's Day
National Calzone Day
National Cinnamon Day
Scented Candle Day
World Vegan Day

November 2
All Souls' Day
Day of the Day
National Deviled Egg Day

November 3
Cliché Day
Give Someone a Dollar Day
International Stout Day
Jellyfish Day
National Sandwich Day

November 4
Check Your Blood Pressure Day
National Candy Day
Use Your Common Sense Day

November 5
American Football Day
National Bison Day
National Chinese Takeout Day
National Love Your Red Hair Day
World Tsunami Awareness Day

November 6
Daylight Savings Day
National Nachos Day

November 7
International Merlot Day
National Hug a Bear Day

November 8
Election Day
National Cappuccino Day

November 9
World Freedom Day

November 10
U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
Sesame Street Day

November 11
National Origami Day
National Sundae Day
Veterans Day

November 12
National French Dip Day

November 13
World Kindness Day

November 14
National Family PJ Day
National Pickle Day

November 15
Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
I Love to Write Day

November 16
National Fast Food Day

November 17
National Hiking Day
National Homemade Bread Day

November 18
Mickey Mouse Day

November 19
Family Volunteer Day
Women's Entrepreneurship Day

November 20
International Hug a Runner Day

November 21
World Hello Day

November 22
Go for a Ride Day

November 23
Eat a Cranberry Day
National Cashew Day
National Espresso Day
National Jukebox Day
Thankful for My Dog Day

November 24
Thanksgiving

November 25
Black Friday
Day of Listening
Flossing Day
National Parfait Day
Native American Heritage Day
You're Welcome Day

November 26
National Cake Day
Small Business Saturday

November 27
First Sunday of Advent
U.S. Turtle Adoption Day

November 28
Cyber Monday
National French Toast Day

November 29
Chia Pet Day
National Lemon Cream Pie Day

November 30
National Stay at Home Because You're Well Day



Greater Marathon
Chamber of Commerce

Membership Luncheon

Tuesday

Nov. 21st

Noon-1pm

\$16

RSVP Required

Limited Seating



Speaker: Sarah Fangman,

*Superintendent, FL Keys National Marine
Sanctuary*



*Topic: Coral Bleaching
updates and more .*

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



Email: drc-vr@dolphins.org

Volunteers Needed!



APPLY TODAY

- Earn Service Awards, Experiences, Gifts, and more!
- Flexible Full and Half Days
- Ages 13-17 Can Volunteer with Guardian

FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPLICATION & MORE INFORMATION ✨



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Join us Nov. 3-6th for
a weekend of generative
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Two veteran television writers, Colorado based Betsy Leighton and Los Angeles based Liz Keyishian, have launched Call to Adventure www.calltoadventure.media a new writers development company that offers destination writing retreats, TV series labs, and classes.

Their next writers retreat, in the heart of the Florida Keys, features award-winning novelist and memoirist, Pam Houston. This is a generative workshop with focused craft talks and exercises led by Pam, Liz and Betsy. Experienced and newer writers will learn tricks and approaches that both prose and screenwriters use to get to the real story. If you are not yet sure what form your story will take or if you need a little inspiration, this is the retreat for you.

Visit calltoadventure.media to learn more and register.

Featuring Pam Houston



Celebrated novelist,
memoirist and essayist
Cowboys Are My Weakness,
*Waltzing the Cat, Deep
Creek*



Liz Keyishian

TV & Film writer,
Screenwriting Professor
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Street, Lonesome Dove*



Betsy Leighton

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Hosted by Brutus
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Farm-A-Sea
Charcuterie Boards
& Grazing Tables

Join us for unlimited grazing & unlimited cocktails

Sunday, November 5

5pm

Brutus Seafood

6950 Overseas Hwy



*50/50 raffle

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TICKETS
\$80/PERSON.
THIS WILL BE
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BEER AND MIXED
COCKTAILS.



GAME DAY

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

*Angler
AND
Ale*

NOVEMBER 5th SUNDAY 9am-11am



EGGS MADE YOUR WAY

WHOLE ROASTED SLAB BACON

BUTTERMILK WAFFLE STATION

SHRIMP AND GRITS

TRUFFLED DEVILED EGGS

SO MUCH MORE..... \$26 PER PERSON

BOTTOMLESS MIMOSA \$18

BOTTOMLESS BLOODY MARY \$28

STARBUCKS COFFEE

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MARATHON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Wednesday
November 8th 2023
5:30-7:30 pm

Enjoy Refreshments, Prizes, Music & Fun!



2023 GMCC Awards & Installation Banquet



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Payable with your monthly electric bill

Interested in Solar? Finance with FKEC!

Florida Keys Electric Cooperative is committed to making access to solar power generation possible for interested members. Obtain an FKEC solar loan and make payments through your monthly electric bill — it's that easy.

How do I qualify? Qualifying is based solely on your credit history with FKEC. Residential members must have a minimum 12-month clean billing history with FKEC and commercial members must have 24 months.

How do I apply? Start by calling FKEC Member Service at 305-852-2431 to see if you are eligible, and to learn more about the terms of the loan. You can also find the terms and steps to obtaining a solar loan at www.FKEC.com.

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COMMERCE CORNER



Established in 2011, King Seafood Market & Restaurant is a family business with family recipes and family size plates. Judith Silva, owner says "our meals are cooked to order and are always hot and fresh." They are proud to offer fresh seafood at the best prices. "Our commercial boat provides us with our fresh stone crabs during season and we also buy from local commercial fishermen," says Silva. This allows them to have the best quality seafood for their customers. They will also cook your catch and have online ordering services.

Denny Valladares Jr

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kingseafoodrestaurant.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 2024. 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 8th: Chamber Business After Hours at Sunset Grille (5:30PM; see attached flyer)
- *November 13th – Dec. 15th: CHAMBER BINGO-play to win great cash prizes while supporting local chamber businesses for your holiday shopping! (see attached Bingo Card to play)
- November 21st: Chamber Luncheon: FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary, focusing on coral bleaching (12-1PM; see attached flyer)

Additionally, I want to 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: Grimi Betancourt, Candice Grostefon, and Bob Moore. We also wish to again welcome and congratulate our newly elected Board members: Teri Hiller, Robyn Still, Sara Matthis, Nettie Mayer, Lavarski Smith, and Justin Bruland.

Lastly, we had an amazing 2023 Chamber Business Awards & Installation Banquet last month, with over 240 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 you and our 530+ members during these "back to normal" times. Thank you, please be safe and know that your Marathon Chamber is here for you in any way we are able to assist.

Most Respectfully,

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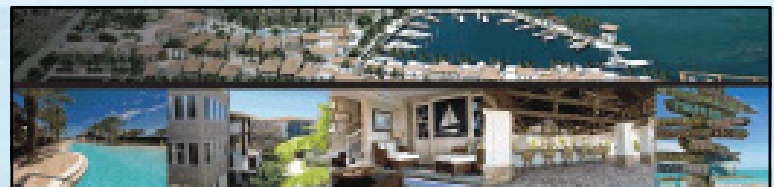
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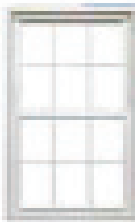
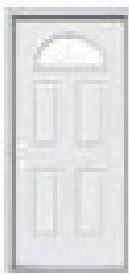
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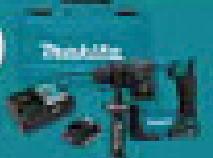
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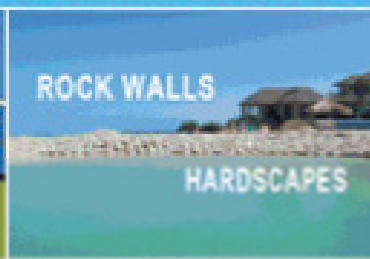
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