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JUNE, 2008

FKCA 20th Annual Dinner Dance

"Outstanding and Excellent"

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Florida Keys Contractors Association 20th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 31st.

Thanks for your overwhelming support and the turnout of people representing a wide range of professions. There were contractors from locations throughout the keys as well as our special guests who were able to attend: State Representative for District 120, Ron Saunders; Monroe County, Commissioner Dixie Spehar-District 1; City of Marathon Mayor Pete Worthington; City Manager of Marathon Clyde Burnett; City of Marathon Building Official Ron Wampler and Building Inspector Paul Patterson.

It was great to be able to relax and socialize with so many people you usually meet only in

business situations. As always, Sombrero Country Club & Staff did a great job; the food was fabulous and the band, Cool Breeze, kept us entertained throughout the evening.

We would like to give a special thanks to Stan Haines, our Emcee for the evening. Outstanding as usual, we greatly appreciate your support.

A very special thank you to Orion Bank and Trich Worthington, VP Branch Administrator for your continued support and dedication not only to the Contractor's Association but to our community.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work and support in making this event a great success!

See photos from the event on pages 5 and 6.

Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at noon, Sombrero Country Club in Marathon.

Come out and meet Monroe County Sheriff's Candidates and Circuit Judges running for election. You will be able to hear a little about them as well as a question and answer session.

Also, Russell Gray and John Kulha, State of Florida Division of Worker's Compensation will speak on illegal contractors/workers on job sites.

There will be a soup, salad, sandwich buffet available for purchase. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 743-9409.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS
OF THE BOCC, BOCC WORKSHOP, COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, CEB, BOAF AND
MARATHON CITY COUNCIL, CODE BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

JUNE/JULY 2008

DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
6/04 (Wed)	10am	BOCC Workshop Meeting	Harvey Gov Center (1200 Truman Ave, KW)
6/10 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/11 (Wed)	10am	Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/16 (Mon)	5:30pm	City of Marathon Planning Commission Meeting	Sheriff's Hangar (10100 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/18 (Wed)	6:30pm	City of Marathon Code Board Meeting	Sheriff's Hangar (10100 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/18 (Wed)	7pm	BOAF	Sugarloaf Fire Station
6/18-6/19 (Wed/Thu)	9am	BOCC	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/24 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
6/25 (Wed)	10am	Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/02 (Wed)	10am	BOCC Workshop Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/08 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
7/09 (Wed)	10am	Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/09 (Wed)	6:30pm	City of Marathon Code Board Meeting	Sheriff's Hangar (10100 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/16 (Wed)	7pm	BOAF	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/16-7/17 (Wed/Thu)	9am	BOCC	Harvey Gov Center (1200 Truman Ave, KW)
7/21 (Mon)	5:30pm	City of Marathon Planning Commission Meeting	Sheriff's Hangar (10100 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/23 (Tue)	10am	Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
7/29 (Tue)	9:30am	CEB	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)

Code Enforcement Help from Monroe County

We now have a new full time Code Enforcement Inspector in Monroe County. Your FKCA has been working hard to battle unlicensed contractors and non-permitted work in all of Monroe County. We met with County officials and went before the BOCC to get a resolution passed. Drew Trivette, Director of Growth Management, was the originator of the idea for the new position and how to fund it.

The new position is totally dedicated to the rules and regulations of the construction industry. The FKCA supported Drew's idea to fund this additional position with an \$11.00 increase in each permit issued.

Ronda Norman, Director of Monroe County Code Enforcement has been very supportive of the efforts of the FKCA and others and has hired Lynn Tsouchlos to fill this new position. She will be enforcing the rules across the board equally to everyone, FKCA members included. We in the FKCA fully support Ms. Tsouchlos and will work to give her information about unlicensed activity and other contractor-related issues. Let's make sure that we all have the proper permit documentation and I.D. for all our workers at all of our jobsites.

If any member sees illegal activity, they can call any one of the FKCA Board Members to report it. The Board Member will then verify the situation as much as possible and report the violation through the FKCA. This will avoid any retribution to the reporting member.

It is important to remember that the FKCA is a profes-

sional, non-profit organization with volunteer Board Members. Abuse of this system will not be tolerated. We are looking forward to the success of this new program and wish Ms. Tsouchlos the best of luck in her new career.


Below is Biographical information provided by Ms. Tsouchlos:

My name is Lynn Tsouchlos. I've been hired by Monroe County code enforcement as their new inspector. I earned my General Contractor's license back in 1995. My father is a builder/developer, so I was raised in the building industry.

I was a project manager for the Lockheed Martin operations building (blimp site), renovations and naval housing lead paint removal at Trumbo Point and Sigsbee. I was a Monroe County property appraiser, the FEMA coordinator for the City of Marathon and now back with the county where I belong, policing the construction industry that I love.

I have been going out and checking job sites for unlicensed contractors and also checking employee ID's for Worker's Compensation. **Please make sure all your employees have their ID on the job site.**

I realize times are tough and jobs are scarce, but I feel very strongly regarding the safety of our residents.

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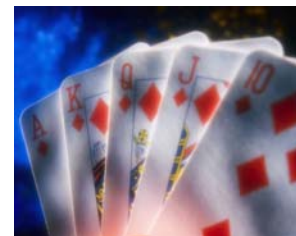


FKCA FIRST ANNUAL BOAT POKER RUN



The Florida Keys Contractors Association will be hosting our First Annual Boat Poker Run on Saturday, August 23, 2008. The fund-raising event will be held in the beautiful waters off Marathon. There will be stops on both the Ocean Side and Bay Side to pick up your poker hand, with the final draw and winning hand celebration at Frosty's Bar and Grill. Each stop will have refreshments available to make your boating day a fun filled outing, so plan on a great day on the water with other members, family and friends of the FKCA. Schedules and locations of ports for the event will be announced in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Chris Gratton, Chairman
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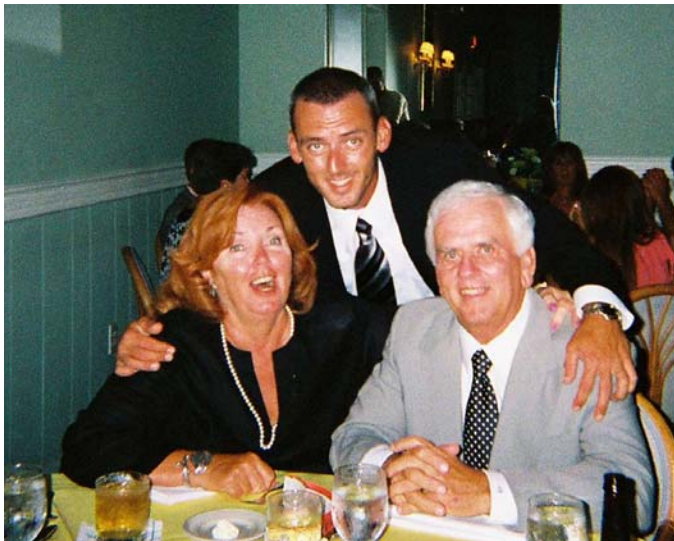
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**HURRICANE AHEAD
HURRICANE SEASON BEGAN JUNE 1, 2008**

GOT A PLAN? GOT A LIST?

Monroe County, FL - Before and After a Hurricane

When a Hurricane Threatens

Any time a tropical weather system threatens Monroe County:

- Monitor local radio broadcasts for emergency information. Emergency Management recommends that every family also have a NOAA Weather Radio.
- Re-check all emergency supplies and equipment to be sure that you have enough supplies, and that everything is in good working order.
- Fill your car's fuel tank and check oil, water, and battery.
- Secure your storm window shutters, tape windows to minimize flying glass, make any other necessary repairs.
- Locate the main cut-off switches for electricity, water and gas.
- Secure LP gas tanks.
- Secure your boat immediately.
- Secure all essential records and documents in a safe, water-tight place
- If you do not have a car, make arrangements friend, relative, or neighbor to go with them to a shelter or evacuate.
- Be prepared to evacuate upon the recommendation or order of Emergency Management.

After a hurricane, it is likely that governmental services, utilities, and most businesses will not be operational for an extended period of time. This could mean no electricity, no water, and no food supplies. Transportation will be difficult. Bridges and roads may be washed out or damaged. A dusk-to-dawn curfew may be imposed. Living through the hurricane is just the beginning of the discomfort and inconvenience. Pay strict attention to instructions from Emergency Management and Law Enforcement agencies. Obey all curfews and emergency orders which are issued. Stay away from disaster areas. Do not sightsee. If you must drive, use caution. Beware of road and bridge washout. Remember that you treat an intersection with a broken traffic signal as if it is a four way stop. Advise interested friends and relatives that you are safe. Use caution when using any food from your refrigerator or ice chest. Check for spoilage. If you arrived at a shelter on a public bus, return transportation will be provided as soon as possible. Avoid all downed power lines. Assume that all downed lines have live electricity. Check your electric, gas and water connections before turning them back on. Use the following numbers to report utility problems:

Keys Energy Services 294-5676; FL Keys Electric Co-Op 743-5344 or 664-4617
FL Keys Aqueduct Authority, 296-2454 (Lwr Keys); 743-5727 (Middle Keys); 852-3025 (Upper Keys)
For more information and suggestions, please visit the Monroe County Website at
www.monroecounty-fl.gov/Pages/MonroeCoFL_Emergency/hurricanes.

For a Business Disaster/Hurricane Plan visit www.floridadisaster.org, brought to you by the State of Florida! This website will better prepare you and your business for future disasters by helping you create a Business Disaster Plan.

**THE BEST WAY FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR BUSINESS TO SURVIVE THE EFFECTS
OF A HURRICANE IS TO BE PREPARED BEFORE IT HAPPENS.**

Big Pine & Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce Workshop

The Big Pine & Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce will hold a Workshop for a Socioeconomic Study of Long-Term Prospects in the Florida Keys at the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce Monday, June 16, 2008 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The workshop will be conducted by

Han Hoegh-Guldberg, Economic Strategies Pty Ltd. For more information on the workshop, please contact Dee Ludlow, Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, 305-872-2411 / email deekcc@aol.com.



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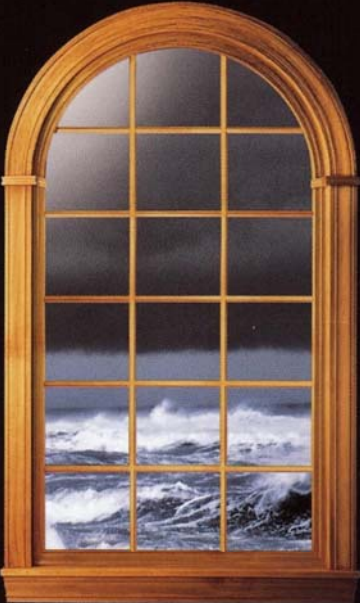
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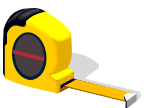
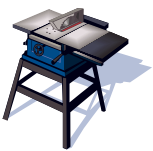
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Membership Dues: Dues for Membership Application are ...\$300.00

Application is hereby made for membership in the Florida Keys Contractor's Association, Inc. If approved, applicant will abide by the Association's Charter and Bylaws, will support its objectives and pay all established dues and assessments.

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The above application is hereby approved by the Board of Directors for membership.

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