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KC Bee Line

KCBCA Update

KCB DAY is Almost Here!

Our 67th KCB DAY Celebration as an incorporated town being held at the 7th St Park on March 3 from 7:30 AM to 4 PM. Here's a glimpse of what to expect:

- 1. Buffet Breakfast:** Kickstart your day with a delightful buffet breakfast provided by **Key Colony Inn** from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Vendors and sponsors can avail themselves of a \$2 discount voucher.
 - 2. Pooch Parade:** Back by popular demand, our Pooch Parade sponsored by **Karen Raspe and Tracy Chacksfield from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services** promises fun and prizes for the best-dressed pups. Join us near the KCB Dog Park at 9:00 AM to participate!
 - 3. KCB Day Parade:** After a two-year hiatus, our beloved KCB Day Parade returns with a twist. Starting at the East side of town on 1st St. and weaving through 7th and 8th St., it's open to all, with **Coldwell Banker Schmitt, our overall KCB DAY Title Sponsor, as this year's Grand Marshall.**
 - 4. Barracuda Races:** Don't miss the thrilling Barracuda Races hosted by the **KCB Fishing and Boating Club**. Place your bets and feel the excitement as the races unfold throughout the day.
 - 5. Vendors and Exhibitors:** Explore over 60 booths featuring local artists, craftsmen, businesses, and charities located in event "midways" sponsored by **3rd Generation Plumbing** or **All Aspects Inspection Services**. Food trucks and the Rotary Club Beverage Stand will keep you fueled and refreshed.
 - 6. Island Trolley Tours:** Enjoy convenient shuttle service throughout town from 12 PM to 4 PM, with a \$1pp **all-day pass** on the Island Trolley Tour. Bring your lawn chairs and furry friends along!
- Trolley Stops:** E. Ocean Dr & 3rd Street, KCB Realty, 220 Causeway, Key Colony Inn, 700 W Ocean, KCB Day Grounds 7th St Park, Sunset Park
- 7. Entertainment and Activities:** Relax under our

new food/music tent sponsored by **Royal Furniture and Design**, participate in the 50/50 drawings, purchase this year's Official 2024 KCB Day Shirt and bid in the Silent Auction supporting the Pickleball/Tennis Expansion project.

As we come together to celebrate, let's extend our gratitude to our generous sponsors whose support has made this event possible. Their logos will be prominently displayed throughout the day and on the back of the T-Shirts you take home.

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A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, city

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9AM to 4PM

KCB 7th Street Park

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Free Admission - Free Parking - Old Fashioned Fun!

- ◆ 7:30-10:30 **KC Inn Breakfast Buffet**
- ◆ 9-4 **Live Music All Day!**
- ◆ 9:30 **Pooch Promenade**
- ◆ 11:00 **Street Parade**

ALSO:

- ◆ **World Famous Barracuda Races**
- ◆ **Silent Auction**
- ◆ **50/50, Multiple Drawings**
- ◆ **Numerous Vendors**
- ◆ **Food Trucks**
- ◆ **Beer & Wine**

BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND ENJOY THE ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT!



TROLLEY PICK UP TO AND FROM EVENT AROUND KCB AFTER PARADE UNTIL 4



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officials, public works, police, and community members who have contributed their time and efforts to make this celebration a success. To our volunteers, **please don't forget to claim your \$10 OFF T-shirt Voucher from your event chairperson.**

For those interested in volunteering, please reach out to our **Volunteer Coordinator, Rich Vieth**, at (410) 491-9092 or viethrich@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you all at the 67th KCB Day Celebration! Let's make memories together.

Ted Fischer, President KBCA

From the Line...

On page 6 of this newsletter is the KCB Day site map with the vendor list. You can print it and take it with you so you don't miss a thing! Or download the full size program here:

[KCB DAY PROGRAM](#)

As you can see we have lots of fun activities planned for the day! If you get a chance, watch the promotional video for KCB Day that **TV88** did for us. Many of your friends and neighbors are in it. Fun to watch and professionally produced by Prez Ted Fischer.

[KCB DAY 2024 VIDEO](#)

We still have more KBCA events scheduled in March after KCB Day.

Two more Concerts in the Park, on the 10th and the 24th, Thursday the 17th, is the St Patrick's Day Parade and on March 21st the 7 Meter Bridge run. Plenty of time to start training for it!



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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Pooch Promenade Costume Contest

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

KCB 7th Street Park

Registration 9:00-9:15 am

Parade & Contest 9:30 am



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New Tiki Hut Dedication

At our first Concert in the Park on June 28, we held a ribbon cutting/dedication for our new, KCBCA sponsored, 15x20ft Sunset Park Tiki Hut.



Mayor Joey Raspe recognized the many people who were instrumental in not only getting this new addition, but also preserv-

ing and relocating the old Tiki to its new location including:

Dave Nussdorfer - expressed the need for a larger Tiki

Richard Pflueger – got estimates from Tiki Huts

Mike Yunker – followed through with planning and zoning

Rafael Cordova (GA Construction) – provided the ADA compliant cement floors with FREE Labor and “at cost” materials

Mike Tiziani (Sunbelt Rentals) – loaned us a front-end loader and drove it to relocate old Tiki hut Roof to new location

Mike Guardinao/Public Works – disconnected old Tiki roof and installed electrical and water for new Tiki

Xavier - Tiki Huts. – installed posts for relocated Tiki without charge and helped in moving roof

Each of you (more than 400 members) made this project happen. We welcome your ideas for future projects that you would like to see happen in our KCB/Marathon area.



Concerts in the Park

After two weeks of cancelled concerts, due to bad weather, we thankfully had perfect weather for our February 25th concert. A huge crowd enjoyed the ever popular Rick Lieder Band.

The brand new KCBCA Sunset Park Tiki Hut was put to good use as was the relocated original tiki hut, now the concert Hot Dog Stand.

Here are a few photos from the concert. Plenty more on our FB page.



It was brought to our attention that the performers are in shade with the sun at their backs. Mike, with Public Works, was asked if it would be possible to add some lighting. The idea would be to mount the fixtures high so they couldn't be turned on without an extension cord and a ladder and would be removed at the end of the season. We asked Rick Leider to recommend lights and he did.



Your KCBCA Board is looking into this and what we need to do for approval of this improvement.

Once again, your input is important to us. You all have some great ideas, let them be known and they will be taken into consideration.

Pickleball

The Smashes and Smooches fundraiser was a tremendous success with an excellent turnout from our community! Congratulations to all the athletes that participated and to the winners of each category. A special thank you to the volunteers and the sponsorship of First Horizon and Royal Furniture who made the event possible. The next fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th, sign up information will be posted soon. Congratulations to all!!!



Women's Doubles: Gold-Janice Reagan & Sue Redding, Silver-Sue Thompson & Cathy Alexander, Bronze-Dania Fernandez & Ester LaCorte



Men's Doubles: Gold-Tyler Current & Billy Blasingame, Silver-Shawn McAvoy & Scott LaPointe, Bronze-Tome Alferes & Mike Alexander (Geno the dog was not in the tournament. He is a ball dog in training)



3.5+ Mixed Doubles Winners: Gold-Mary Conditt & Tyler Current, Silver-Luis Alfonso & Reese, Bronze-Yuna Leary & Steve Briskey



3.0 Winners: Gold-Cheryl & Mark Miller, Silver-Kay Saylor & Ron Cash, Bronze-Sophia Salaverria-Gonzales & David Gonzales



Mary Conditt, Jerry Snowden, Mike Yunker

Congratulations to Jerry Snowden who won the e-bike by supporting the KCB tennis and pickleball expansion!!!! Thank you to all who have donated their time and money to the continued improvement of Key Colony Beach and a special thank you to Keys Strength and Conditioning for donating the e-bike!



67th Annual



SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**9AM to 4PM
KCB 7th Street Park
MM 53.5**



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PARADE 11AM

Do you or your organization want to be in the Parade?
All are Welcome!

To sign up or more info contact:
Parade Chair Larry Smoot
M0boatn24@gmail.com
816-550-8560

(Please notify by Feb. 21 for planning purposes, but its never too late to enter)



Parade Participants Assemble

- ◆ Motorized vehicles - 1st St/2nd St circle by 10am
- ◆ All others, Non-Motorized - KCB City Hall Park by 10:30am

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KCB AFTER 11am PARADE UNTIL 4pm**

Bring your lawn chairs, stay for the day and enjoy all of the entertainment & activities!



**\$1.00 per adult
for all day pass**



Trolley Stops:

- *E. Ocean Dr & 3rd Street
- *KCB Realty, 220 Causeway
- *Key Colony Inn, 700 W Ocean
- *KCB Day Grounds
- *Sunset Park

2024 House & Garden Tour



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB
Come grow with us...

Four Luxury Waterfront Homes on Stirrup Key and Key Colony Beach

Tour the Club's Gardens and Orchid Wall

\$35 Per Person



Purchase Tickets

Prior to the Tour
Marathon Garden Club
Mon.-Fri. 10-2

DK Beach Boutique, KCB Chamber of Commerce

Eventbrite Online
eventbrite.com

Day of Tour
at all venues

Saturday, March 2ND • 10 AM - 4 PM

Join us at the Marathon Garden Club, Day of Tour:

purchase tickets • enjoy light refreshments • view our gardens
buy a raffle ticket for the donated local artwork on display

MORE INFO: call the Garden Club at 305-743-4971 or visit www.marathongardenclub.org

5270 Overseas Highway • Marathon, FL (MM50, across from Publix Plaza) • www.marathongardenclub.org



**5 PM • KEY COLONY BEACH • MM 53.5
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All welcome to be in the Parade or watch the festivities!

Want to be in the Parade?

To sign up or more info, contact Parade Chair Larry Smoot
M0boatn24@gmail.com, 816-550-8560 by March 10th.



Put on your best Irish attitude and attire and show up:
Motorized vehicles assemble by 4 PM, 15th Circle
Walkers/Bikes meet at Sunset Park by 4:30 PM.

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THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH
CELEBRATES ITS
67TH BIRTHDAY!

WELCOME TO



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- Barracuda Races
- Silent Auction
- KCB Day Official T-Shirts
- 50/50
- Porta Potties
- Parade Route
- Trolley Stops
 - E. Ocean Dr & 3rd Street
 - KCB Realty 220 Causeway
 - Key Colony Inn 700 W Ocean
 - KCB Day Grounds
 - Sunset Park

Trolley runs from after the parade until 4pm, all day access \$1 pp



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2 C Shells Florida	20 Tubazaar	42 Go Green with Bamboo	
3 Hazel Beachware	23 Psychic Alexandria	43 Twisted Sea Art + Photography	
4 Mother Cupping Riot	24 Monroe Cty Solid Waste Mgmt	44 Little Nautical Creations	
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7M KCB Bridge Run

Time to Spring Ahead!

Our winter is over. We have done our crawl. It is time to Spring Ahead with our Annual 7M KCB Sadowski Bridge Run. Our 7 Meters of Grueling Running event will be held at 2 PM on Thursday, March 21. This is the traditional start of Spring and what better way to start the season than joining the rest of KCB in this free family fun event. It does not matter if you have trained for weeks in running this long a distance or if you have never run a race. All are welcome, runners, walkers, senior citizens and kids of all ages.

Participants should assemble at the KCB entrance near the "What's your Hurry You are Here" sign by 1:50 PM. Race shirts may be purchased at Sunset Park just prior to sunset during the week before the race. Shirts may be purchased at the race sign in table on the day of the race if they are still available. Parking is not permitted on the Causeway or any walkways. Parking within KCB is available but somewhat limited participants are encouraged to walk or bike to the race. We want to cause as little disruption in the city of KCB as possible.

Again, this is a community fun event for all ages there are no race fees. It is time to spring ahead with 7m KCB bridge run. Look for more info and details that will be available as they are decided.

Joe Turgeon, jturgeon@zaclon.com



KCB Ladies Golf League

On a chilly Valentines Day, the Key Colony Beach ladies golf league opened their hearts to KAIR. They donated several bags of needed food and supplies. Also over \$300 in cash was donated through the sale of "mulligans".



The game was "guess your score". Five ladies got it right! Sandy Bachman, Lynn Goodwin, Janice Regan, Sue Redding, and Kathy Motichka.

Congrats!

"WALK, BIKE OR CRAWL, JUST GET ACROSS THE DANG CAUSEWAY BRIDGE!"

FUN FOR ALL AGES, NO TRAINING NECESSARY, COSTUMES ENCOURAGED.



2023/24 Season Event Dates

Saturday Nov. 18	Welcome Back Party KC Inn
Sunday, Dec. 10	Boat Parade KCBF&BC
Monday, Dec. 24	Santa Comes to Town
Saturday, Jan. 20	Coconut Crawl
Sunday, Jan 28	Concert, Lady A Band
Sunday, Feb 3	Concert, Abstract Radio
Sunday, Feb 18	Concert, Brian Roberts
Sunday, Feb 25	Concert, Rick Lieder Band
Sunday, Mar 3	67th Annual KCB Day
Sunday, Mar 10	Concert, The KCB Band
Sunday, Mar 17	St Patrick's Day Parade
Thursday, Mar 21	7 Meter Bridge Run
Sunday, Mar 24	Concert, John Bartus



The Way We Were

the PELICAN



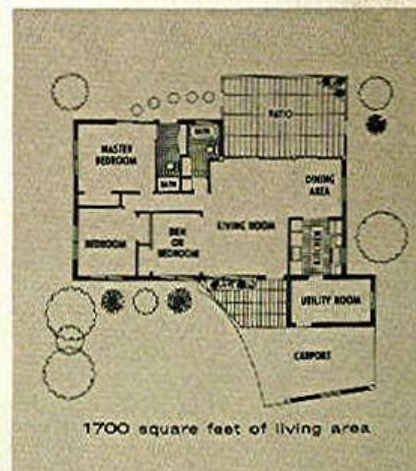
3 BEDROOMS - 2 BATHS

central air conditioning and heating by G.E., a large, screened-in patio, a third bedroom that can be converted into a den or TV room — an overall decor that represents the very finest in residential elegance — contemporary design for the most discriminating family. From the sliding glass doors in the master bedroom leading to a private patio walk, beautiful tropical landscaping, to the spacious living room at the right, framed by a panoramic view through twenty feet of sliding glass doors, the Pelican offers you the very finest in luxury living! \$33,500



All of the Luray Homes feature screened-in tropical patios. The indoor-outdoor way of life usually makes this the most popular area in the house. The Pelican patio is 14' x 22' and enclosed with fiberglass screening framed in lifetime aluminum. Enhancing the area are wall-length, sliding glass doors.

Here the theme is luxurious dining. The Pelican dining area adjoins the patio and its own elegance is blended with a picturesque view of beautiful landscaping and the waterway. The kitchen is easily accessible through a wide archway and offers a complete line of modern General Electric appliances.



Maybe this is your house? Let us know and send a photo of the way it looks today and we will put it in next months Bee Line!



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City Stuff



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

Marathon Garden Club House and Garden Tour, Saturday, March 2nd, 2024
The Marathon Garden Club will host their annual House and Garden Tour on Saturday, March 2nd from 10am until 4pm featuring 4 luxury oceanfront homes on Key Colony Beach and Stirrup Key. Also included will be our unique garden and Orchid Wall at our clubhouse. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the Garden Club, 5270 Overseas Highway, MM50, Gulf (Mon. - Fri. 10-2), from the Marathon Chamber of Commerce, at the DK Beach Boutique on Key Colony Beach or online at Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com). Call the garden club at 305-743-4971 for more information or visit www.marathongardenclub.org.

The KCB Beautification Committee Invites you to our

2024

Hot Dogs at the Hut

A Community Appreciation Afternoon

Saturday, March 2nd, 2-5pm

Waterfront Park Tiki Hut

Next to KCB Post Office, south end of 7th St. Canal

FREE Hot Dogs

Beer, Wine & Soda

★ **Raffle**

Music by Key West Legend Van Bertie and his Fabulous Steel Drum



[Click for Link to KCB City/Community Calendar of Events MARCH](#)



LEARNING TO DRIVE IN FLORIDA



KCB Book Club

Have you read *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride? It's one of Oprah's picks and has been on the best sellers lists for weeks. This is the title chosen to be discussed at the next KCB Book Club meeting which will be held on March 14th. This book is well written and has plot twists enough to keep us all enthralled. It takes place in the 1920s and 30s, and mentions issues we can recognize today. Our discussions should be very interesting. Plan to join us at 3:00 pm, after fishing, in the Patio Room of the KC Inn.

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| March 3 | NO SUNSET PARK CONCERT |
| March 10 | The KCB Band |
| March 24 | John Bartus |

A Blast From the Past

1973

celebrating our 16th anniversary

KEY COLONY BEACH DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

PARADE
at 1 pm

BAR-B-QUE
from 3 to 6 pm
TICKETS \$2.50 EACH

GAMES

GOLF • SKISH • FISHING • COCONUT TOSS • CRAFTS

at the Convention Center

Sponsored by Key Colony Beach Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Key Colony Beach
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