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#### To Our Members

The FKCA is having a Membership appreciation luncheon on February 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. We have as our guest speaker Jerry Smith, Building Official of Monroe County and Ben Cinquegrana, Building Official of the City Of Marathon. Please make an effort to come to the lunch and present your questions to the Building Officials. We don't get too many chances to have these Officials at our disposal and it was very kind of them to volunteer their time to meet with our Association. So please attend our first member luncheon of 2014. Please see the flyer on p. 4.

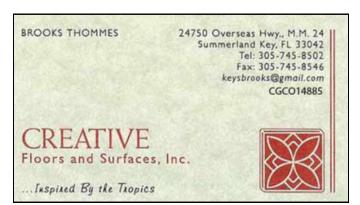






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### **Important Information for All Members**

We had one member step up to put his name in the running for a Board of Directors position. Armand Messina of AM Electric and Sunmasters. We want to thank Armand for volunteering his time.

The Monroe County Building Department has put the new inspection process into effect. Please review the flyer regarding the new streamlined IVR system. This should make things a lot smoother in regards to calling in our inspections. We want to commend the Building Department and Karen Pleasant for initiating the new system.

Don't forget: our Golf Tournament is coming up on April 12th this year.

## New Members Welcome



We welcome all new members into our organization by acknowledging them in our newsletter with a brief description of what services and products they offer.

This month the FKCA would like to welcome the following:

Noly Builders , Inc - nolynbuilders@yahoo.com Jim Rutherford Construction & remodeling - lobstermesiter@bellsouth.net Keys Deck & Dock Supply, Inc – dan@keysdeckanddocks.com

More information on this and other new companies will appear in a future newsletter.





# Florida Keys Contractors Association

Invites you to join us at a

# Membership Luncheon

February 28th at noon
Florida Keys Lobster & Steak House
(Formerly Annette's Steak House)
3660 Overseas Hwy, Marathon
(complementary Luncheon for FKCA Members)

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Guest Speakers:
Jerry Smith, Building Official,
Monroe County Bldg. Dept.
Ben Cinquegrana, Building Official,
City of Marathon Bldg. Dept.

Learn more about:

\*\*Upcoming events for 2014\*\*

\*\*Board of Directors Update\*\*

\*\*New developments for 2014\*\*

Please RSVP to 305-743-7080 or admin@fkca.org For more information, please contact admin@fkca.org

The Florida Keys Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida Invites you to attend our meetings.

#### **Upcoming events:**

FEBRUARY ..... USP Structural Connectors: 2/18/14...3PM, in Key Largo
@ the Murray Nelson Government Center
1 HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION WILL BE PROVIDED

MARCH... Marc Dubin, Esq.:3/18/14, ....3PM, in Marathon @ EOC
Director of Advocacy Center for Independent Living of South Florida

Marc Dubin, Esq. will discuss the application of the ADA and ADAAG to the work of building dept. officials. Marc served as a Senior Trial Attorney at the Justice Department from 1993-2005, where he was responsible for nationwide enforcement of the ADA on behalf of the United States. Marc is a full time resident of the Kevs.

APRIL...NO MEETING

MAY... Alex Fletcher. :5/20/14 ...in Marathon @EOC...2PM

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**BOAF Conference....Clearwater Beach** 

**JULY...**Walt Hanford, :7/15/14...Location to be announced @3PM **VECTOR CORROSION TECHNOLOGIES.......CATHODIC PROTECTION** 

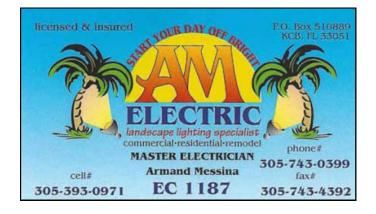
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#### PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Report <u>Unlicensed Activity</u> to Florida Department of Business Professional Regulation (DPBR)

To report unlicensed activity, please call the DPBR's Unlicensed Activity Hotline at 1.866.532.1440, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time) or e-mail the information to ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us.

or locally call 305 289-2508, Code Enforcement Contractor Inspector 305 289-2583, Contractor Licensing Coordinator

# Beware of unlicensed contractors and fraud

B eware of unlicensed contractors — check for professional documentation.

The |recent| sting of a batch of unlicensed contractors should serve as another warning to property owners about hiring workers to improve their homes and businesses.

Manatee County officials issued that alert yet again in the wake of Operation Handyman, which netted nine arrests.

Homeowners should be cautious and demand to inspect licenses and other vital documentation to rest assured that workers are following state requirements and regulations.

And that you as the property owner cannot be held liable in the event of a worker injury while on the job, an expensive proposition in some cases.

Simply put, unlicensed contractors are perpetrating a fraud, as Florida Chief Financial Officer Jess Atwater pointed out in commending Operation Handyman.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Manatee County and state officials participated in this important sting, just like an operation last year that netted 14 arrests.

Florida law requires a contractor's license and workers' compensation insurance. The state sets specific rules and guidelines for professional licensing, standards that protect Floridians from personal harm or financial loss. The liability for injuries to uninsured contractors could be devastating.

Those laws also protect licensed professionals from unfair competition with cutrate unlicensed individuals.

The idea that an unlicensed handyman will bring the same quality of work that a topnotch professional provides

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at a lower cost often backfires on homeowners, too, leading to unnecessary expenses to repair shoddy work.

Plus, homeowners may discover they cannot close on a sale with home improvement work that has not received the proper permits.

This is not to say there aren't capable and scrupulous handymen whose work meets high standards, but that doesn't release a homeowner from liability.

Officials also advise homeowners to never pay more than 10 percent down on a project or \$1,000, whichever is less. Pay the balance after work is complete. Too many homeowners are talked into paying far more up front only to see their handyman disappear.

State law strictly punishes unlicensed contractors — one year in prison for a first-time offender; five years if a repeat offender, and five years for each charge.

Since stings occur regularly across the state, unlicensed contractors are on notice to obtain the proper professional credentials and insurance. The penalty is too severe to risk.

We urge homeowners to perform due diligence and request documentation that proves compliance with state

A handyman can be checked out quietly, too, since consumers can verify professional licenses online at www. myfloridalicense.com, or call 850-487-1395.

Also, property owners should report suspected unlicensed work by emailing ULA@myfforidalicense.com or calling the Unlicensed Activity Hotline at 866-532-1440.

- Bradenton Herald

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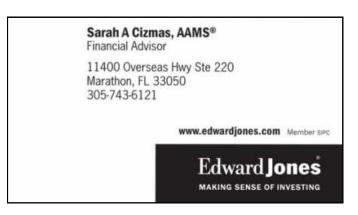
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#### Here are some useful Website addresses:

http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/contractor/design/building license verification

http://www.floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx building code/Florida product approval

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Mode=View%
20Statutes&Submenu=1&Tab=statutes&CFID=134600178&CFTOKEN=68801850
Florida statutes

http://database.ul.com/cgi-bin/XYV/template/LISEXT/1FRAME/fireressrch.html ul certifications

http://www.flhsmv.gov/mobilehome/homeinstallation.html installation of mobile/manufactured(not modular) homes

http://www.miamidade.gov/building/pc-search\_app.asp Miami-Dade approvals

http://www.boaf.net/

BOAF education/interpretations

http://sunbiz.org/ business owner verification

http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14298 Monroe County municode

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE BOCC, COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, CEB, & MEETINGS FOR THE CITY OF MARATHON, CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

#### **FEBRUARY & MARCH, 2014**

DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION	
2/11 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)	
2/11 (Tue)	9:30am	CEB	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)	
2/13 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall, Key Colony Beach	
2/13 (Thu)	5:30pm	Village Regular Council Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Founders Park CC (87000 O/S Hwy)	
	ALL CITY AND COU	INTY OFFICES CLOSED FEBRUARY 17 FOR PRESIENT'S DAY		
2/19 (Wed)	9:00am	ВОСС	Nelson Gov. Center Key Largo	
2/25 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)	
2/27 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall, Key Colony Beach	
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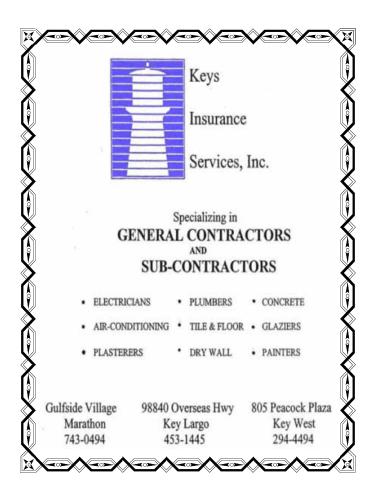
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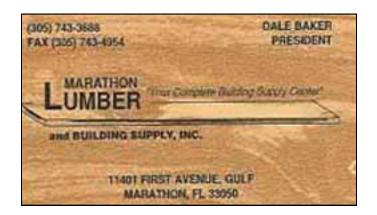
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Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR); Bill Tejeda; Guiller-

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Division of Worker's Compensation, John Kulha, Compliance Investigator; john.kulha@myfloridacfo.com

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Permit Listing: www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory/permitting gp.htm

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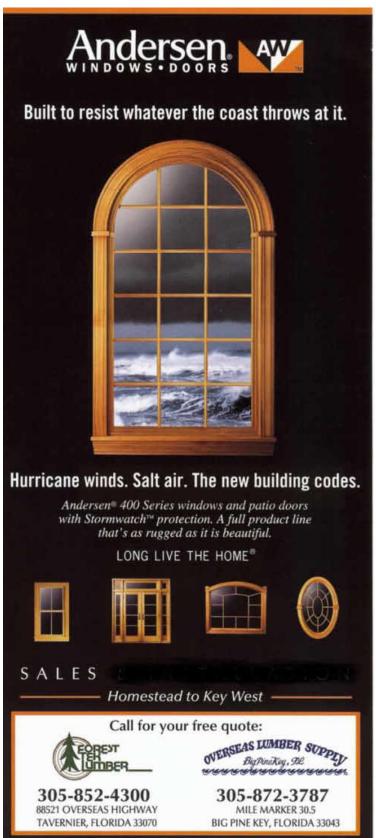
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