



Chamber Connection

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Manatee Festival continues today!

Following a great start yesterday, the Florida Manatee Festival continues today in beautiful downtown Crystal River from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. Join us for another day of fun, entertainment, shopping, kids' activities and great food all along Citrus Avenue and surrounding areas on both sides of U.S. 19.

Free shuttle tours to Three Sisters Springs will run continuously beginning at 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Boat tours of King's Bay will begin at 10 a.m. for a nominal fee. The entertainment continues today at both the Waterfront Main Stage and Gazebo Acoustic Stage.

Waterside Main Stage: NE Third Street at King's Bay Park

Enjoy another opportunity to hear national recording artists Mike Mentz, Steve Everett, Amy Gerhartz, and MELODIME for a very special Singer/Songwriter Festival again today. These artists have played Rock by the Sea on St. George Island, The Rock Boat out of Tampa, and now they're here to rock King's Bay! Recently, Steve Everett has been nominated for the Independent Music Association's Country Album of the year and Mike Mentz for the IMA's Adult Contemporary Album of the Year. This is a tremendous opportunity to

hear these artists on their way up to the TOP!

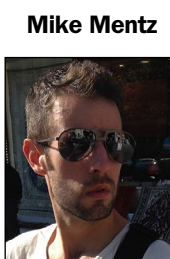
Presented by Crystal Automotive & Motorcycle Group, in partnership with Specialty Gems and M&B Dairy.

Sunday lineup:

- 9 a.m. — DJ John Diorio
- Indie Singer/Songwriter Fest
- Noon — Amy Gerhartz
- 1 p.m. — Mike Mentz
- 2 p.m. — Steve Everett
- 3 p.m. — MELODIME



Steve Everett



Mike Mentz



Amy Gerhartz



MELODIME

Gazebo Acoustic Stage: NW First Avenue at Little Springs Park

Enjoy top-notch local entertainers at the Gazebo Acoustic Stage on the north side of the festival.

- Listen and relax at the nearby Beer and Wine Garden for a great day of mellow listening pleasure.
- 9:30 a.m. to noon — Sophie Noelle
 - 12:30-3:30 p.m. — Jeff Jarrett

FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

- **WHAT:** 30th Annual Florida Manatee Festival
- **WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **COST:** \$5 per person, age 12 and under free
- **WHERE:** Downtown Crystal River, at the intersection of Citrus Avenue and U.S. 19, stretching up through the shops and restaurants of Heritage Village and surrounding areas, down to the waterside area along King's Bay.
- **PARKING:** Free parking at the Crystal River Mall at 1801 NW U.S. 19 (approximately one mile north of the event) with free shuttle buses to the event. There is limited street and handicap parking available.
- **BOAT TOURS:** Local boat captains will offer boat tours on a first-come basis. Tickets are available for \$10 for adults; children 12 and under free. Tickets sold at the boat dock area near northwest Third Street (King's Bay Park).
- **THREE SISTERS SPRINGS:** Free shuttles will transport visitors to Three Sisters Springs from the bus stop on northeast Fifth Street.
- **EVENT WEBSITE:** www.gomanateefest.com or www.facebook.com/FloridaManateeFestival
- **CHAMBER PHONE:** 352-795-3149

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RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

Welcome New Chamber Members: The Chamber continues to grow weekly! We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to patronize their businesses.

Citrus Inflatables

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The Chamber would like to welcome Carolee Fletcher, owner of Citrus Inflatables Party Rentals. They offer bounce houses, water and dry slide rentals for birthday parties and any fun event big or small and they are licensed and insured. They serve Citrus County and the surrounding counties. Ambassadors to welcome them include Mary Pericht, Cadence Bank; Tom Ryan, Central Ridge Insurers; Associate Member Lauren Heise; Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control; Arnold Virgilio, Virgilio Insurance Services; George Bendtsen, Insurance by George; Barbara Donohoe, Citrus County Chronicle; Associate Member, Lisa Nash; Michele Fowler, Cruise Planners; Kristi Bortz, RE/MAX Realty One; and Jennifer Duca, Fidelity Title Services. Visit their website for more information www.CitrusInflatables.com or call 352-672-0770.

Crystal River Health & Rehabilitation

352-795-5044



The Chamber would like to welcome Dr. Villacastin; Chris Delgado, Community Liaison; and Administrator Lenny Ow of Crystal River Health and Rehabilitation Center. They have a caring homelike environment with the added bonus of professionally trained nurses, certified nurses' aides and therapists. Some of the services they offer include pain management, fall and wound prevention, cardiac and stroke recovery, joint replacements, amputations and orthopedic injuries. Community leaders to welcome them include Ann Neptune, Ron Boone, Barbara Donohoe, Jonathan Noyes and Debbie Selsavage. They are located at 136 NE 12th Ave., Crystal River. Call 352-795-5044.

New Sheriff Prendergast to speak



Mike Prendergast

RSVP for luncheon by Tuesday

Tuesday is the deadline to RSVP for the Chamber's January luncheon at the Plantation on Crystal River. Sheriff Mike Prendergast is the keynote speaker in one of his first public speaking engagements following his swearing-in on Jan. 3. The luncheon is sponsored by United Way of Citrus County. To RSVP, call Janet at 352-795-3149.

Chamber events

- Jan. 15 — 30th annual Manatee Festival, downtown Crystal River
 - Jan. 16 — Chamber office CLOSED for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
 - Jan. 20 — Chamber Luncheon at the Plantation on Crystal River; guest speaker Sheriff-elect Mike Prendergast; sponsored by United Way
 - Feb. 2 — Mixer at Village Cadillac Toyota
 - Feb. 10 — Chamber Luncheon at Citrus Hills; guest speaker Commission Chair Scott Camahan; sponsored by Citrus Memorial Health
 - Feb. 23 — Chamber Membership Benefits Meeting, Welcome Center
 - March 4-5 — Floral City Strawberry Festival, Floral Park
 - March 10 — Chamber Luncheon at Crystal River Golf Club; speaker TBA
 - March 16 — Mixer at Highland Hills Country Club
 - March 23 — Legislative Day in Tallahassee
- For more information on all Chamber events, call 352-795-3149 or go to www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

'Chamber Report' on WYKE



Carl Flanagan

Watch the weekly "Chamber Report" show on WYKE-TV to stay abreast of Chamber events, issues and member spotlights with host Josh Wooten. "Chamber Report" is broadcast on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. on Bright House Channel 16 and Channel 47 (digital antenna). It can also be accessed on LiveStream.com by searching for WYKE.

Carl Flanagan, Senior Vice President/Commercial Lender at Drummond Community Bank and a Chamber Board member, joins host Josh Wooten on this week's show to share the exciting story about the merger of Drummond Community Bank with Nature Coast Bank that was recently completed on Dec. 31.

"Chamber Report" is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

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