



Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

Chamber Connection

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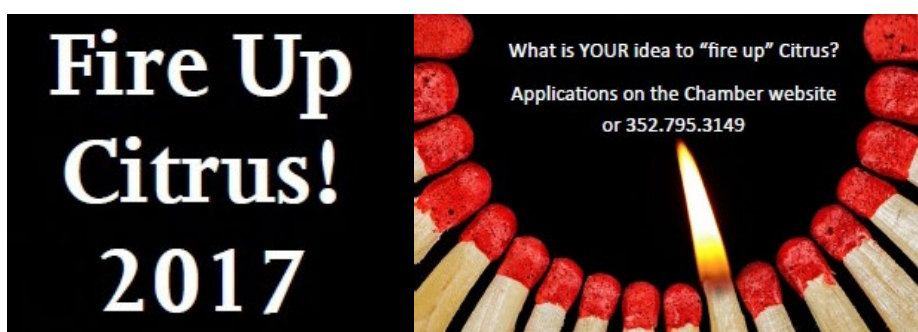
Business Appreciation BBQ returns on Oct. 19

The biggest business networking event of the year will be held again on Oct. 19 at M&B Dairy in Lecanto. The Business Appreciation Month BBQ is expected to host more than 700 people under the pole barn at Citrus County's premiere dairy farm.

Formerly known as the EDC BBQ, the event is now produced by the Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County.

Featuring the mouth-watering barbecue prepared by the Ag Alliance, there will also libations, the fabulous ice cream made with the cream from M&B's dairy cows, and a live band. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Tickets are \$35 and include two drinks. Advance tickets will be available at the Chamber offices in Crystal River and Inverness next week. For information, call 352-795-3149.



What is YOUR idea to "fire up" Citrus?
Applications on the Chamber website
or 352.795.3149

Shop local on sales tax holiday for back-to-school bargains

Shop for your back-to-school needs on Aug. 4-6 and save on sales taxes. During this sales tax holiday, Florida law directs that no sales tax will be collected on purchases of clothing, footwear and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item; most school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item; and personal computers and most computer-related accessories selling for \$750 or less per item when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

The Chamber urges you to shop local for your needs and support our Citrus County businesses at the same time.

Citrus County Charities Thrift and Furniture
415 S Florida Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 419-7900

Connors Gifts
218 Tompkins Street
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 344-9790

Heritage House
657 N. Citrus Avenue
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 564-1400

Karma Resale Shoppe
109 N. Apopka Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 212-7122

Military Outlet, Inc.
550 N. Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34428-4017
(352) 795-2330

**Office Depot
Crystal River Mall**
1501 SE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 564-1226

Office Depot Inverness
2673 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy
Inverness, FL 34453
(352) 726-0779

Rural King of Crystal River
1801 US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 794-0039

Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store
3802 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL 34448
352-503-9826

**The Honey Hole Unique Gifts,
Treasures & Trinkets**
6774 W Gulf to Lake Hwy
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-8908

Wal-Mart Supercenter Homosassa
6885 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL 34448-2624
(352) 628-4161

Wal-Mart Supercenter Inverness
2461 E Gulf to Lake Hwy.
Inverness, FL 34453-3246
(352) 637-2300

Wal-Mart Supercenter Lecanto
1936 N Lecanto Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 228-6000

Chamber Member News

Covenant golf tourney Sept. 19

Chamber member Covenant Children's Home will hold its first annual "Fore the Kids" Golf Scramble fundraiser on Sept. 16 at Juliette Falls in Dunnellon.

Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Team or individual player registrations, sponsorships also available. For information, call 352-489-2565 or email cch02@bellsouth.net.

Business tax renewal season

Janice A. Warren, Citrus County Tax Collector, announces that the 2018 business tax renewal season is in progress. Per county ordinance, any person who engages in or manages any business, occupation or profession in the unincorporated areas of the county must obtain a business tax receipt.

Renewal notices were mailed on June 30. The deadline to renew is Sept. 30.

Citizens are encouraged to ask before doing business with a service provider if they have a current business tax receipt.

If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to confirm that a business has a business tax receipt, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 352-341-6500, option 3, or visit www.citrusc.com.

Construction Job Fair Oct. 7

Chamber members CareerSource CLM, Withlacoochee Technical College, along with the Citrus County Builders Association, will hold a construction job fair on Oct. 7 at WTC for members of the CCBA and construction job seekers. No charge to participate. For

more information, contact a CCBA representative at 352-746-9028 or CareerSource CLM's Business Development Team at 800-746-9950.

LifeSouth needs donors

Chamber member LifeSouth Community Blood Centers faces a critical need for all blood types, and encourages the community to donate blood. Summer is historically a slow time for blood donations due to travel and school breaks, while the need to help patients in local hospitals remains constant. This summer continues to be a challenge not only to LifeSouth, but also to blood centers across the country.

LifeSouth encourages donors to come in to one of their donor centers or find a blood drive location on their website, www.lifesouth.org. First-time donors are always welcome and encouraged to give blood donation a try. All donors are important to help meet the needs of the local blood supply.

All donors receive a thank you gift, and a mini-physical, including blood pressure, temperature, iron level and cholesterol screen.

Donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is needed. LifeSouth's donor center in Lecanto is at 1241 S. Lecanto Highway. LifeSouth's bloodmobiles will also be out at many locations in coming days (see attachment for schedule of upcoming blood drives).

For additional information call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707 or visit www.lifesouth.org.

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.

Crystal River Segway Tours

352-601-6576 • www.crystalriversegwaytours.com



The Chamber is happy to welcome Broderick Jenkins and Jennifer Griffin of Crystal River Segway Tours. They have several tour options for your pleasure with varying times and lengths. You and your family are sure to enjoy spending time gliding around King's Bay looking at the wildlife, the parks and historic downtown. Keep an eye out for the Water Tower. There is a lot of history here, as well as manatees! Ambassadors to welcome them include Jennifer Duca, Fidelity Title; Carole Morrissey, Wollinka Wikle Title; Tom Ryan, Central Ridge Insurers; Mary Pericht, Cadence Bank; Barbara Donohoe, Citrus County Chronicle; Arnold Virgilio Jr., Virgilio Insurance Services; associate member Lisa Nash; Dennis Pfeiffer, Orkin Pest Control; and Kristi Bortz, EXIT Realty. Crystal River Segway Tours is at 445 SE King's Bay Drive, in King's Bay Plaza in front of Little Caesar's Pizza. Call to book your tour today — 352-601-6576. Visit www.crystalriversegwaytours.com.

(Due to some errors in the information printed last week for Crystal River Segway Tours, we are re-printing their ribbon-cutting photo. We regret the errors.)

Chamber events calendar

- Aug. 11 — Chamber Luncheon at Citrus Hills, Healthcare Heroes; sponsor is Citrus County Chronicle
 - Aug. 17 — Mixer at American Legion Post 155, Crystal River
 - Sept. 9 — Chamber Business Expo
 - Sept. 9 — Mermaids & Margaritas, Fort Island Beach
 - Sept. 21 — Mixer, King's Bay Rotary at George Washington Carver Center, Crystal River
 - Sept. 23 — BWA Women's Health & Fitness Expo at Crystal River Armory
 - Oct. 5 — Fire Up Citrus! at Tuscany on the Meadows
 - Oct. 13 — Business Appreciation Month Annual Luncheon, Black Diamond
 - Oct. 19 — BAM BBQ!, M&B Dairy
 - Oct. 26 — BAM mixer, Insight Credit Union, Crystal River
 - Dec. 2 — Crystal River Christmas Parade
 - Dec. 9 — Inverness Christmas Parade
 - Jan. 13 & 14 — Florida Manatee Festival
 - Jan. 24 & 25 — Legislative Days in Tallahassee
- For more information on all Chamber events, call 352-795-3149 or go to www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Chamber Legacy Partners The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber at 352-795-3149.



'Chamber Report' on WYKE

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 Live Stream.com by searching for WYKE. This week's program features



Dorothy Pernu

Dorothy Pernu, Government and Community Relations Manager for Alachua, Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties for Duke Energy Florida. Dorothy speaks with Josh about the many community activities and support that Duke Energy gives to the citizens of Citrus County.

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