



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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Citrus BOCC Declares Business Appreciation Month!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners for once again proclaiming October as Business Appreciation Month at this past Tuesday's BOCC meeting!

This is a month filled with events and opportunities as we celebrate and say thank you to our local businesses that promote the economic success of our community and enhance our quality of life including education, recreation,

environment, safety, health and welfare through the contributions they make via wages they pay to employees and taxes they pay to support Citrus County infrastructure.

For more information or to reserve your space at one of our BAM events visit www.citruscountychamber.com/business-appreciation-month.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of Business Appreciation Month email Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.



Pictured L-R : Fire Chief Craig Stevens, Chamber Board of Directors; John Murphy, Chamber Board of Directors; Carl Flanagan, Chamber Board of Directors; Debbie Reilly, Chamber Board of Directors; Barb Fletcher, Chamber Board of Directors; Commissioner Diana Finegan, Ardath Prendergast, Chamber VP of Operations/BRE; Commissioner Holly Davis, Gwen Klaiber, Chamber Board of Directors; Commissioner Rebecca Bays; Lindsay Platz, Immediate Past Chair Chamber Board of Directors; Commission Chairman Ruthie Schlabach; Commissioner Jeff Kinnard; Josh Wooten, Chamber President/CEO.

BIG BAM MIXER This Thursday!

Mark your calendars, because you won't want to miss the BIG BAM Mixer, one of the most anticipated networking events of the year! Hosted by Right Rudder Aviation at the scenic Inverness Airport, this special gathering is part of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Appreciation Month (BAM) celebrations. Enjoy delicious Korean appetizers from Nine State

Brewery, tasty treats from the Doggylicious Hot Dog Cart, beer & wine, and music/entertainment from Gypsy Sparrow!

The best part? It's FREE and no reservation is required! Simply make your way to the Inverness Airport between 5pm and 7pm THIS THURSDAY and join in the festivities. 4250 S Airport Rd, Inverness.

BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH EVENT LINEUP

OCTOBER 05

Hosted by Right Rudder Aviation
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

BIG BAM Mixer!

Chamber Members are invited to join us for our BIGGEST networking Mixer of the year as we celebrate the contributions of business in our community at the annual Big Bam Mixer.

OCTOBER 12

The Valerie Theatre
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Fire Up Citrus!

Community members are invited to join us for an evening of BIG ideas and innovations as 12 presenters WOW the audience with their plans for Citrus County's 'Next Big Thing'. Admission: \$10, includes appetizers and refreshments.

OCTOBER 20

CF - Wilton Simpson Campus
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Salute to Business Luncheon

Business is the lifeblood of every community. Featuring former Florida Secretary of Commerce, Gray Swoope, the Salute to Business Luncheon provides valuable discussions while acknowledging and recognizing the invaluable contributions of our local businesses to Citrus County.

OCTOBER 26

M&B Dairy
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

BAM BBQ

Our final event of Business Appreciation Month, The BAM BBQ is a unique networking event designed to recognize and celebrate the impact of business and our local industries. Its relaxed style and engaging entertainment provides an unparalleled experience with the BEST BBQ on the Nature Coast!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EVENT TICKETS VISIT CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BUSINESS-APPRECIATION-MONTH



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5 — BIG BAM Mixer; Right Rudder Aviation

10/12 — Fire Up Citrus; The Valerie Theatre

10/20 — Salute to Business Luncheon; CF - Wilton Simpson Campus; Speaker: Gray Swoope, CEO of VisionFirst Advisors and former Florida Secretary of Commerce; Sponsor: CORE Business Center

10/26 — BAM BBQ; M&B Dairy

Join the SPARK that ignites Citrus

Fire Up Citrus! Tickets on sale now

Prepare yourself to be dazzled and inspired at the Fire Up Citrus! event as 12 outstanding local innovators present their ideas for Citrus County's 'NEXT BIG THING!'. Scheduled for October 12th, 2023 from 6 PM to 9 PM at The Valerie Theatre, it's a hub of innovative and wacky ideas aimed at boosting the local economy.

At just \$10, you can experience a night like no other, filled with ideas that will make you think, "Why not?" This is your chance to be part of something extraordinary, where game-changing concepts have the power to transform our beloved county.

Admission includes complimentary appetizers, refreshments, and a fun and unique experience of watching the future unfold! Reservations can be made in advance at www.citruscountychamber.com/fire-up-citrus/.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

Gulf Coast Manatees Homeschool Group Inc.



Welcome to the Chamber, Gulf Coast Manatees Homeschool Group, Inc.! At their Homeschool Co-op, everything is carefully thought out to ensure they keep kids safe while simultaneously providing them with the best possible education and socialization experience. (407) 369-0327. <https://www.gulfcoastmanateeshomeschool.com/>

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

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