

**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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October is Business Appreciation Month



On September 27th, our Citrus County Board of Commissioners proclaimed October, once again, as Business Appreciation Month! The businesses in Citrus County provide thousands of jobs that promote the economic success of our community and enhance our high quality of life including education, recreation, environment, safety, health, and welfare for Citrus County via the wages they pay to employees and taxes they pay to support Citrus County infrastructure. Business Appreciation Month reminds us to think about the vital importance of local business.

Our biggest celebration of the month comes with our annual B.A.M. BBQ! At M&B Dairy. This annual Citrus County Chamber of Commerce event brings together over 400 of Citrus County's local

businesspeople for an evening that recognizes the contributions that local businesses make to our economy and our quality of life. With mouth-watering BBQ cooked on site by M&B's own Leon McClellan and members of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County, Dixie Hollins' famous fried green tomatoes and Larry Rooks' fried okra, deliciously smooth ice cream made from the cream of M&B's dairy cows provided by our very own local business, Charlie's Creamery & Sweets in Inverness, along with a complete array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, the BAM BBQ is the place to be seen, network and have fun!

Tickets start at just \$30, for more information please visit <https://www.citruscountychamber.com/business-appreciation-month1.html>.



Cooter Comedy @ The Valerie

Inverness long-standing Cooterfest may have gone away this year, but COOTER COMEDY NIGHT lives on! Join us THIS FRIDAY for a hilarious evening with our headliner Danny Johnson as seen on Dry Bar Comedy, special guests Dwayne Williams and Mary Ellen DePetrillo, and our host Richard Spires! Get your tickets now to guarantee your seat! Doors open at 7 PM with the show beginning at 7:30.

Only \$20 with reserved seating available in advance. Online at CitrusCountyChamber.com

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10/14 — October Salute to Business Luncheon 11:30AM; College of Central Florida
- 10/14 — Cooter Comedy Night @ The Valerie 7:30 PM; The Valerie Theatre
- 10/27 — BAM BBQ 6PM – 10PM; M & B Dairy, Lecanto
- 11/17 — November Chamber Mixer, 5PM – 7PM, TBA
- 11/18 — November Luncheon 40 Under Forty Awards, 11:30, Plantation on Crystal River
- 12/03 — Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6PM
- 12/10 — Inverness Christmas Parade, 12PM
- 12/15 — December Parade Awards Mixer, 5PM – 7PM, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers
- 12/16 — December BWA Luncheon, 11:30am, Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

October Luncheon now has Rep. Blaise Ingoglia as Featured Speaker

As a result of the immediate impacts of Hurricane Ian, our originally scheduled speaker Dane Eagle, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Opportunity, has regrettably informed us that he will be unable to speak at the Salute to Business Luncheon on October 14th. While we are disappointed, we understand his obligation to the areas affected and respect his dedication to his position.

We are pleased to announce that our new Salute to Business speaker will be State Representative Blaise Ingoglia.

Representative Ingoglia, who is a candidate for the newly redrawn Senate District 11 that now encompasses Citrus County, will address issues that will be affecting small businesses in the legislature this year, as well as how businesses may want to be involved in the process.

Luncheon Sponsor: CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion;
Venue Sponsor: College



Blaise Ingoglia
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

of Central Florida

Limited reservations for this annual luncheon are still available for \$35 and must be made in advance no later than tomorrow at 5PM. Please call Erin at 352-795-3149 to

reserve your space. Walk-ups will not be accepted.

For table sponsors are also available by contacting Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com or 352-795-3149.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

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.

Inverness Country Jam



Welcome to the Chamber, Inverness Country Jam! Get ready for 3 days of food, fun and Country Music! TWO STAGES | OVER 20 SHOWS | ONE GREAT WEEKEND! October 28-30. Featuring headliners Sawyer Brown, Aaron Tippin, Lorrie Morgan and Sammy Kershaw, scheduled to take place along the shores of Lake Henderson in Liberty Park and The Depot in Inverness. www.InvernessCountryJam.com

Ryman Construction of Florida, Inc.



Welcome to the Chamber, Ryman Construction of Florida, Inc.! With 35 years of experience in Central Florida, Ryman Construction's attention to detail and dedication to quality materials and workmanship gives you and your family more than just a beautiful house—but a warm and comfortable retreat to escape the pressures of everyday life. Find out more about how their expertise in the following areas can make your home beautiful and inviting while putting money right back in your pocket: Energy-saving custom windows and doors; Quality roof repair and installation; General contracting, 813-782-0825. www.rymanhomes.com

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