

**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 theregion, 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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Getting down on the farm!

BAM BARBECUE
THURSDAY, OCT 27TH, 6PM - 10PM
CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
STARTING AT ONLY \$30 - INCLUDES MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT
ONLINE AT [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com)



It's time for a boot scootin' good time as the BEST business networking event of the year returns: the Business Appreciation Month (BAM) BBQ on October 27 at M&B Dairy in Lecanto. This annual Citrus County Chamber of Commerce event brings together hundreds of Citrus County's local businesspeople for an evening that recognizes the contributions that the businesses make to our local 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, along with a complete array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, the BAM BBQ is the place to be seen, network and have fun!

We are excited this year to host on stage, Rekindled Bits of Grass and our headliner, local favorite The Jojo Jones Band!

The BAM BBQ is a 40-year-long tradition presented by the Chamber that began in 1983 with the original Committee of 100 at Hollinswood Ranch. Later, when the Committee of 100 formed into the Economic Development Council, it became known as the "EDC BBQ". It moved to M&B Dairy in 2014. EDC turned it over to the Chamber to run in 2015. Over the years, the BBQ has counted hundreds of business dignitaries among its guests, including former Lt. Governor Wayne Mixson, former Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Rep. Ralph Massullo, and many others.

Ticket prices range from \$30 - \$50
\$30 - GA (Includes admission, dinner, and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages)
\$55 - GA/Open Bar (includes admission, dinner, and unlimited adult drinks)

Tickets are available on EventBrite (<https://tinyurl.com/BAMBBQ2022>) For information, call 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.

Tasty Budz



Welcome to the Chamber, Tasty Budz Food Truck! TASTY BUDZ is a family ran food truck(trailer) that loves to share their love of cooking and feeding folks home cooked favorites that will smack you in your taste budz. Follow their social media pages to watch their schedule & locations. (352) 601-7914. tastybudzfood@gmail.com

Holiday Inn Express Crystal River



Welcome to the Chamber, Holiday Inn Express Crystal River! This Holiday Inn Express® hotel features a modern - green-friendly and smoke-free environment. From the 750-sq.-ft. meeting room to the 24-hour Business Center - business travelers benefit from our hotel's amenities. Your Crystal River, FL trip's itinerary should include our complimentary hot breakfast bar each morning - relaxation time by the outdoor pool and a workout in the 24-hour Fitness Center. Free high-speed Internet access is available in every room - suite and the hotel's lobby. (352) 563-1111. 1203 NE 5th St, Crystal River, FL 34429.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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, 11:30AM, 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

Parade Applications OPEN NOW

Christmas Around the World

Applications for parade entries are now open online at CitrusCountyChamber.com/Christmas-Parades.

- School band -- \$0.00
- Strawberry Festival Pageant Winner -- \$0.00
- Police, Sheriff, Fire, Gov. Units, Military -- \$0.00
- Reigning 2022 Pageant Recipient -- \$0.00
- Non-Commercial Float or Entry (includes trailer) -- \$30.00
- Religious Entry -- \$30.00
- Car Club -- \$30.00
- Commercial Units (includes trailer) -- \$60.00
- *Additional Units may result in additional fees.

Crystal River Parade
12/03/22 6 P.M.

Inverness Parade
12/10/22 12 P.M.

Chamber Interviews School Board Candidates

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee is pleased to present unedited recordings of Q&A sessions held recently with the 2022 general election candidates for Citrus County School Board, Linda Powers and Joe Faherty.

We invite you to view the videos, consider their responses in your choice for School Board, and most importantly, VOTE in the general election.

Early voting runs October 28 – November 5, and Election Day is November 8, 2022.

You can view the videos online at

<https://www.citruscountychamber.com/22sbcandidate>

*The Citrus County Chamber's Government Affairs Committee is tasked with providing an avenue for our members and the citizens of Citrus County to interact with candidates running for local office and obtain insight into their philosophies, opinions, and strategies for achieving goals to help our electorate make more informed decisions.

The Chamber does not endorse candidates. Rather, the Government Affairs Committee is focused on issues that our members tell us are important to them.

Chamber Legacy Members



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 by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.