



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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Dale and Leon McClellan, M and B Dairy, welcome attendees to the BAM BBQ.

BBQ is a BAMMING Good Time!

Local businesses took center stage last week at the annual Business Appreciation Month (BAM) BBQ, and what a night it was! This year's BAM BBQ not only paid tribute to our diverse array of local enterprises but also marked an unprecedented record for the event with nearly 1,000 attendees.

There was no shortage of smiles, laughter, and palpable energy in the air. From networking opportunities to sampling mouth-watering barbecues, the event was a symphony of everything that makes Citrus County special.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the participating local businesses that brightened our evening. Your stories, resilience, and commitment to serving our community continue to inspire us. A special shoutout to our presenting sponsor, Nick Nicholas Ford, who is not only a pillar in our community but also marks their remarkable 42nd



anniversary in business this month.

Behind the success of the 2023 BAM BBQ lies the tireless effort of many. We're immensely grateful to our dedicated volunteers who poured in hours of hard work and ensured the evening ran seamlessly. Hats off to our Citrus County Chamber Ambassadors, the devoted team of the Ag Alliance of Citrus County, our spirited Boy Scouts, the hard-working FFA members, Dixie Hollins, Larry Rooks, Morgan and her top-notch team from Lol-lygaggers Sports Pub & Grill/ The Loft Bar & Grill/ Kane's Cattle Co., and so many more.

However, no event is complete without a perfect venue. Our warmest appreciation to Dale & Leon McClellan at M&B Dairy for graciously hosting us year after year.

In closing, this year's BAM BBQ was more than just an event; it was a testament to the strength, unity, and dynamism of Citrus County's business community. As we wrap up another successful year, we're already filled with anticipation and excitement for the next. Here's to continued collaboration, growth, and success in the year ahead!

Until next time, keep supporting local, and see you all in 2024!



Attendees enjoying their meal at the BAM BBQ.



Attendees enjoying live entertainment by The Embry Brothers at the BAM BBQ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/16 — November Mixer hosted by the Sugarmill Woods Country Club
11/17 — November Chamber Luncheon; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club;
40 Under Forty Awards; Sponsored by Digital Hound Media
12/2 — Crystal River Christmas Parade; 6PM
12/9 — Inverness Christmas Parade; 12PM

Small Business Season is NOW!

Out with the pumpkins and in with the festivities! As the holiday season approaches, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is ecstatic to announce the beginning of Small Business Season!

Our county is teeming with hard-working, passionate entrepreneurs who sprinkle magic into our daily lives. This season, we're giving them full focus.

Need a few ideas to jump start the season?

- Morning Treats: Start your day with a beverage or snack from your local cafe. It's a delightful way to feel the community vibe.

- Gifts with a Heart: Shop local for holiday gifts. From handmade crafts to one-of-a-kind accessories, our local boutiques have you covered.

- Dine Local: Explore a new restaurant or revisit a cherished favorite. Keep an eye out for their holiday specials!



- Discover Deals:

Many of our small businesses are rolling out exciting offers and discounts. Don't miss out!

- Spread the Word: Had an unforgettable experience? Leave a review, share on social media, or simply chat with a friend. Word of mouth remains golden!

So, as the festive bells start ringing, let's embrace the season with love, joy, and by wholeheartedly backing our small businesses. Here's to a season filled with local love and community spirit!

Cheers to a wonderful Small Business Season!

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.

Crystal River Windows, Inc.



Welcome to the Chamber, Crystal River Windows, Inc.! Crystal River Windows, Inc. is a local family-owned business. We live, work, and know which products work in Florida. They have over 30+ years of experience in windows and doors. Whether you are building a new home, remodeling, or just replacing one door, we can help! We offer a full line of coastal impact products. Some of the product lines they carry: Impact High-Performance Windows & Doors from CustomE Window Systems, Inc., PGT Windows and Doors, Simonton, and Standard Non-Impact Windows & Doors from Alside Windows & Doors and ProVia Doors/ThermaTru Doors. 2871 N Rivers Edge Blvd Crystal River FL. 352-220-5015. <https://crystalriverwd.com>.

Courageous and Free Thrift Store



Welcome to the Chamber, Courageous and Free Thrift Store! Proceeds of the store help to fund the mission of Courageous and Free to provide a 2-year program and safe space that gives individuals who have been through trauma a place to call home and offers therapy, counseling, life coaching, and a family-like environment. 3539 N Lecanto Hwy Beverly Hills FL 34465. (321) 276-4373. <https://courageousandfree.org>.

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.