

Final Day for Florida Manatee Festival!

he Florida Manatee Festival returns for its final day in the manatee capital of the world, downtown Crystal **River!**

Produced by The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to welcome Bailey Electric & Signs as our presenting sponsor for the third year in a row. Entry is only \$10 for adults, age 12 and under are free. Additionally, we are excited to offer a special with our partners at The Citrus County Chronicle. TODAY is Citrus County Day, just pick up a Citrus County Chronicle on your way to the festival and get \$5-OFF up to FOUR adult entries with the coupon on the front cover.

Consistently voted best festival in Citrus County, The Florida Manatee Festival features a wide selection of delicious cuisine choices. We are pleased to offer a tasty selection of delectable delights at the food court right near the main stage in Kings Bay Park, and a second food court near the gazebo stage in Little Springs Park.

Back this year are manatee boat tours! Participating local guides with M.E.T.A. (Manatee Eco Tourism Association) will take you to their favorite manatee watch spots for a chance to see our favorite floating friends up close without getting in the water! Tickets for the boat tours can be purchased at the festival and are valid the day of purchase only. \$15 - Adults | \$10 aged 6-12 | Free - aged 5 and under.

Free transportation and admission to Three Sisters Springs and the new Friends of the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge visitor's center will also be included in your festival entry! Buses will be picking up and dropping off from the gate at 5th street from 9AM - 3:30PM.

Musical entertainment will be ongoing both days from four stages. We are excited to welcome Barefoot Bob & The Hope from 10am - 1pm to the Mainstage followed by headliner, MoonFlower - The Spirit of Santana, from 2:30pm - 4pm. You will also find local flavor scattered amongst the additional stages including Jekyll & Hyde at Little Springs Parks from 1pm - 4pm, Reggie Stacey from 10am · 1pm in Heritage Village, and Jeffrey Ekhoff at the Pumphouse Stage from 10am -1pm. But that's not all! A full lineup with days and times can be found on our



will line the streets alongside our resident businesses that fill in the charmingly picturesque setting that make up the heart and soul of our beautiful downtown.

For the cultural connoisseurs, "Art in the Park" will be held in Crystal River's beautiful Town Square, offering the perfect setting to browse and purchase an original piece of art for your home,

craft, commercial, and non-profit vendors business or as a wearable piece of jewelry that will be a treasure of special meaning forever. New this year, we are excited to welcome the Twistid Arts Initiative as an interactive feature that will offer a creative outlet for attendees at the Pumphouse, adjacent to Art in the Park.

For the kiddos, a Kids Zone and fun activities will span throughout the festival. some of the activities the Filorida Mana tee festival has been known to host

PARKING

NEW PARKING AREAS: Crystal River High School & West Citrus Government Building

We want your experience to be as STRESS-FREE as possible! Please follow the recommended parking instruction below to ensure your visit goes as smoothly as possible!

General Parking: Free parking and shuttle buses will be offered from Crystal River High School (3195 Crystal River High Dr, Crystal River, FL 34428).

The entrance for the parking area can be accessed both from Northeast 8th Street AND N. Turkey Oak Dr.

Additional free parking and shuttle buses will be available at the West Citrus Government Building (1540 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429). The entrance for the parking area can be accessed from Hwy 44. *Local residents may know this best as the DMV & Tax Collector's Offices.

Handicap-accessible parking: Free Handicap-accessible parking and shuttle will be available at the Crystal River High School Football field off West Crystal Street. The entrance for the parking area is located between Northeast 8th Street and the Coastal Regions Library. *If you are unfamiliar with the area, we suggest mapping Coastal Regions Library (8619 W Crystal St, Crystal River, FL 34428) and using the entrance just West of the library. Signs will be posted along the roadway to help guide you.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to avoid parking downtown due to limited parking and for the safety of all festival goers.

includes inflatables, face painting, a human catapult, human waterwheel, carnival food and more! For the adults, there will be more food, along with beer and wine gardens near the main music stage and throughout the festival. With something for everyone, the 37th Annual Florida Manatee Festival is the place to go!

For more information: www.Go ManateeFest.com, www.facebook.com/ FloridaManateeFestival, oı

vebsite Additionally, a vast array of fine art,

352-795-3149.

January Chamber 4-1-1 Luncheon **Reservations Close Tomorrow**

Join us for our annual Chamber 4-1-1 luncheon where our staff will cover the different networking, promotion, and advocacy programs of the Chamber and how you can utilize them to get the most out of your Chamber membership! We will also be installing our 2024 Chamber Board officers.

tation on Crystal River. Networking: 11:30am-12pm Program/Speaker: 12pm-1pm Pricing: \$25 - members \$35 - Non-members

Advanced reservations are required. No walk-ups will be accepted.

Make reservation online now at www. CitrusCountyChamber.com.

January 19th, 2023; 11:30am-1pm; Plan-

01/18 January Mixer; 5PM; United Way of **Citrus** County 01/19 January Chamber Luncheon; 11:30AM; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Chamber 4-1-1 01/25 Legislative Day in Tallahassee 02/29 February Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am; The Plantation on Crystal River

02/15 February Mixer; 5PM; Builders Association of Citrus County 03/02/ - 03/03 37th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival, Floral Park 03/08 March Chamber Luncheon; 11:30AM; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club 03/21 March Mixer; 5PM; Hengesbach & Hengesbach (Beverly Hills)



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.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

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

Money Saver Thrift Store



Welcome to the Chamber, MONEY SAVER THRIFT STORE! Their 3.000 sq ft facility hosts an array of new-to-you opportunities! 1570 N Meadowcrest Blvd Crystal River FL 34429. (352) 212-3770.

Rapid Firearms



Welcome to the Chamber, Rapid Firearms! They are a class 1 FFL and a veteran-owned small business offering firearm sales, gunsmithing, sonic cleaning, blade sharpening/ knife repair, and training. 6890 N Florida Ave Hernando FL 34442. (352) 897-5151. https://www.rapid-firearms.com/