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## **Chamber Set to Reschedule One-Stop Business Recovery Resource Site**

# **BAM BBQ to** support Hurricane **Recovery Efforts**

n the wake of the recent Hurricane impacts on our community, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce has announced that a portion of the proceeds from this year's Business Appreciation Month (B.A.M.) BBQ will be donated to support recovery efforts.

#### **Event Details:**

### • Date: October 24th

• Time: 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

• Location: M&B Dairy, Lecanto (8760 S Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461)

"As our community comes together to celebrate the tremendous contributions of our local businesses, we also recognize the resilience and strength that has emerged in the face of adversity," said Josh Wooten, President/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. "By contributing a portion of the proceeds from our B.A.M. BBQ, we aim to support the ongoing recovery efforts and extend a helping hand to those affected by Hurricanes.'

The B.A.M. BBQ is the grand finale of **Business Appreciation Month, where** Citrus County's business professionals, community leaders, and residents gather to enjoy an evening of delicious BBQ, live music, and networking in a relaxed, rustic farm setting.

With over 700 attendees expected, this event serves as an opportunity to

celebrate our local businesses' impact while now also providing vital support to rebuild and recover.

Guests can look forward to indulging in Leon McClellan's famous BBQ, sumptuous sides, and a delectable dessert from The Ice Cream Club-featuring ice cream made with the milk from M&B Dairy's very own cows.

Entertainment will be provided by George Morris & The Lariat Band, ensuring a night of great food, music, and community spirit.

#### **Ticket Information:**

• General Admission: \$35

• Open Bar Admission: \$60 Sponsorship opportunities are also available for those who wish to elevate their brand and impact. To learn more, please reach out to Corrine at corrine@ CitrusCountyChamber.com.

"Now, more than ever, our community's unity and strength are on full display," Wooten added. "We invite everyone to join us at the B.A.M. BBQ as we not only celebrate our local businesses but also come together to party with a purpose and support our community."

For more information about the event or how you can support the recovery efforts, visit www.CitrusCountyChamber. com.



Due to Hurricane Milton, FloridaCommerce had to postpone their one-stop business resource site originally scheduled for Monday, October 7 - Wednesday, October 9 at the Chamber office in Crystal River. We are working closely with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and America's SBDC to reschedule as soon as possible, so we can provide essential assistance and resources to our busi-

nesses and impacted employees.

Please stay tuned for updates on the new dates and times. We appreciate your understanding and are committed to supporting you during this challenging time.

Whether you're a business owner seeking guidance or an employee looking for support, we're here to help you navigate this difficult period.



10/24 BAM BBQ; 6:00pm - 10:00pm; M&B Dairy; Tickets on sale at www.eventbrite.com



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.

Chamber President/CEO Josh Wooten stands with Steve and Debbie Ervin of BubbaQues Crystal River after purchasing multiple gifts cards for the Cards of Kindness campaign.

### Community Unites in Cards for Kindness' Campaign to Support Hurricane Victims

In the wake of Hurricane Helene's devastating impact, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce has launched the "Cards for Kindness" campaign. Kicked off at the October BIG BAM Mixer, hosted by Tampa General Hospital Crystal River, the initiative encourages the community to purchase gift cards from local businesses affected by the storm, which will then be donated to those in need.

This campaign serves a dual purpose: providing much-needed revenue for impacted businesses while directly supporting residents recovering from the hurricane's effects. The community's response has been nothing short of extraordinary, with thousands of dollars in gift cards donated during the kickoff event.

our community through Hurricane Milton, the "Cards for Kindness" campaign will continue through the end of October. Those wishing to contribute can purchase gift cards-recommended minimum value of \$20-from any affected business. Please ensure that the business name and the card's value are clearly indicated on the gift card or certificate.

Donations can be dropped off at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce office located at 915 N. Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429, during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

For questions or more information, please contact Jade White at PR@ CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Together, we can make a meaningful Now faced with additional damages to difference in our community's recovery.