



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.

Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Connection

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B.A.M. BBQ Another BAMMING Good Time!

Over 800 local leaders, business professionals, and residents came together on October 24th at M&B Dairy in Lecanto to celebrate the strength and resilience of Citrus County's business community at the annual Business Appreciation Month (B.A.M.) BBQ, presented by Nick Nicholas Ford and produced by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. The event, known for its delicious BBQ, live music, and networking opportunities, was made even more meaningful this year as a portion of the proceeds were donated to support Hurricane recovery efforts.

Attendees enjoyed Leon McClellan's renowned BBQ, farm-fresh, fried green tomatoes by Dixie Hollins, and desserts from The Ice Cream Club, while swaying to the live tunes

of George Morris & The Lariat Band. The relaxed, down-on-the-farm atmosphere provided a perfect setting for local leaders, residents, and business professionals to connect and unwind.

In a special moment during the event, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce presented checks totaling \$5,000 to Hurricane recovery efforts, made possible through ticket proceeds. The funds will go directly to helping local residents and businesses rebuild after the recent storms.

"We're incredibly grateful for the turnout and support from our community," said Josh Wooten, President/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. "It was inspiring to see so many come together not only to celebrate our business community but also to



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contribute to a cause that's helping our neighbors recover." The B.A.M. BBQ continues

to be one of Citrus County's most anticipated events, serving as a celebration of local businesses. Despite the

challenges posed by the storm, the event showed the true strength and unity of Citrus County.



Chamber Announces \$5,000 in checks to be disbursed to community organizations for hurricane relief from BBQ proceeds. Pictured L-R: Josh Wooten, Chamber President/CEO; Debbie Reilly, Chamber Board Chair; John Thomas; Leon McClellan, M&B Dairy; David Vicent, Citrus County Sheriff-Elect; Dale McClellan, M&B Dairy; Missy Slanker, Chamber Special Events Manager.

Float Applications Open for Annual Christmas Parades!

As the holiday season approaches, excitement is building for this year's Crystal River and Inverness Christmas Parades, set to celebrate a Patriotic Christmas theme! These beloved annual events promise to fill the streets with festive cheer and a proud display of American spirit.

The Crystal River Parade will take place on December 7th at 6:00 PM, followed by the Inverness Parade on December 14th at 12:00 PM. This year's theme encourages participants to showcase their creativity by designing floats that embody both holiday joy and patriotic pride. Whether it's incorporating stars and stripes or classic holiday symbols, there's plenty of room for imagination!

Community members, organizations, and businesses are all invited to join in the merriment. Applications for float participation are open! This is a fantastic opportunity for seasoned participants and first-time entrants alike to engage with the community and create a memorable experience for all.

To register your float and be part of this joyous celebration, please visit www.citruscountychamber.com/christmas-parades/. Let's come together to illuminate our towns with the spirit of a Patriotic Christmas and make this year's parades truly unforgettable!

Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this exciting event. Get your application in today and let's celebrate the season with pride and joy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/08 November Chamber Luncheon, 40 Under Forty Awards; 11:30am – 1pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Luncheon Sponsor: Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation

11/21 November Chamber Mixer; 5PM-7PM; Aggregation Distilling (255 SE US Hwy 19, Crystal River, FL 34429)

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

LOVE LOCAL

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.

Texas Roadhouse — Lecanto

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Welcome to the Chamber, Texas Roadhouse - Lecanto! Enjoy a legendary dining experience at Texas Roadhouse in Lecanto! Known for its juicy steaks, mouthwatering ribs, and irresistible rolls with cinnamon butter, Texas Roadhouse offers a hearty menu that satisfies every craving. From their hand-cut steaks and flavorful BBQ to fresh salads and delicious sides, every meal is crafted with care and served with a side of Southern hospitality. Whether you're gathering with family, catching up with friends, or celebrating a special occasion, the welcoming atmosphere and friendly service make Texas Roadhouse the perfect destination. 2130 N Lecanto Hwy Lecanto FL 34461. (352) 632-2137. <https://www.texasroadhouse.com/locations/lecanto>

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