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Citrus Business & Builders Expo Brings Community Together

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce was proud to partner with the Citrus County Building Alliance to present the inaugural Citrus Business & Builders Expo, held on Saturday, September 13 at the Inverness Depot Pavilion. By combining the Chamber's annual Business Expo with the CCBA's annual Citrus Home Show, this brand-new event brought together the very best of both worlds, showcasing businesses and builders side by side in one dynamic community event!

The Expo featured dozens of local vendors, offering attendees the opportunity to connect directly with the businesses, organizations, and service providers that make Citrus County thrive. Families enjoyed food trucks, kids' activities, raffle baskets, and the excitement of the Money Machine, while exhibitors shared expertise, services, and demonstrations. It was truly a celebration of com-



munity and local pride.

The Chamber extends its deepest gratitude to all who supported this event. A special thank you goes to our Presenting Sponsor, Trusted Solutions Insurance Agency, and our Showcase Sponsor, Bruce Kaufman Construction, for their leadership



and commitment. We also proudly recognize our Premier Sponsors: Deems Kitchens & Counters, Empire Construction, Healthy Technology Solutions, and Smart Flooring Solutions.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Finally, we thank every sponsor, exhibitor, volunteer, and attendee for helping make the first Citrus Business & Builders Expo such a success. The Chamber looks forward to

building on this partnership with the CCBA and continuing to create opportunities that highlight the strength, innovation, and collaboration of Citrus County's business community.

BAM 2025: Networking, Recognition, and BBQ Bash

October in Citrus County means one thing ... it is time to celebrate our business community in a big way. In conjunction with The Chamber, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has officially proclaimed October 2025 as Business Appreciation Month (BAM), recognizing the vital role our businesses play in shaping the economy, creating jobs, and supporting the quality of life we all enjoy.

From family-owned shops to major employers, Citrus County businesses provide thousands of jobs, pay wages that sustain families, and contribute tax dollars that strengthen our schools, roads, public safety, recreation, and more. They are the backbone of our community and deserve a month filled with appreciation.

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is proud to lead the celebration with three signature BAM events that bring together networking, recognition, and plenty of fun.

BIG BAM Mixer

Thursday, October 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Tampa General Hospital in Crystal River. This is Citrus County's largest networking mixer of the year, designed

to spark new connections, collaborations, and community spirit. This mixer is open to ALL Citrus County businesses.

Salute to Business Luncheon

Friday, October 10 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto. This special luncheon will recognize outstanding businesses while featuring keynote speaker Wilton Simpson, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture.

BAM BBQ

Thursday, October 23 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at M&B Dairy in Lecanto. Drawing over 800 local business & community leaders, join us to close out BAM Month with a true Citrus County tradition. Enjoy live music, delicious local food, and the kind of hospitality that makes our community shine.

Business Appreciation Month is more than just a proclamation. It is a chance to say thank you to the employers, entrepreneurs, and employees who make Citrus County thrive. Join us this October as we celebrate BAM 2025 in style.

For details and tickets, visit CitrusCountyChamber.com.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

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.

Bee Aesthetic Spa & Salon



Welcome to the Chamber, Bee Aesthetic Spa & Salon! Bee Aesthetic Spa & Salon in Crystal River is your local sanctuary for beauty and wellness, offering a variety of personalized services in a serene and welcoming environment. From rejuvenating facials like the Bee Deluxe and Diamond Glow to therapeutic massage options including Swedish, deep tissue, hot stone, and prenatal, their expert team is dedicated to helping you look and feel your best. The salon also provides lash and brow enhancements, full-body waxing, exfoliating sugar scrubs, and lymphatic therapy for complete relaxation and skin health. With a focus on high-quality skincare and customized treatments, Bee Aesthetic Spa & Salon invites you to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate. Visit them at 6140-6142 West Corporate Oak Drive or call/text (352) 699-4119 to schedule your appointment.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 10/02 BIG BAM Mixer; 5:00pm-7:00pm; Tampa General Hospital – Crystal River
- 10/10 Salute to Business Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; College of Central Florida; Speaker: Wilton Simpson; Sponsor: Duke Energy
- 10/23 BAM BBQ; 6:00pm-10:00pm; M&B Dairy
- 11/14 November Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 11/20 November Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; The Oaks B&B
- 12/06 Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6pm
- 12/12 Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country
- 12/13 Inverness Christmas Parade, Noon
- 12/18 Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; (members only), Sweet Citrus Acres

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.



October BIG B.A.M. Chamber Mixer

October 2nd 5PM - 7PM

Join us for the biggest Networking mixer of the year at Tampa General Hospital in Crystal River!

6201 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34428

SALUTE TO BUSINESS LUNCHEON

October 10 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

College of Central Florida, Wilton Simpson Campus | 3800 S Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto

Keynote Speaker: Wilton Simpson
Florida Commissioner of Agriculture

PRESENTED BY: 

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CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS

THURSDAY, OCT 23RD, 6PM - 10PM

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