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Get Ready for the BIG BAM BBQ Next Week!

Head to M&B Dairy on Oct. 23 from 6-10 p.m.

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for one of the most anticipated events of the year; the BIG BAM BBQ happening Thursday, October 23, from 6 to 10 PM at M&B Dairy in Lecanto.

Known as the biggest networking party of the year, the BAM BBQ brings together more than 800 business professionals, community leaders, and local advocates for a night filled with food, fun, and fellowship. Guests can look forward to delicious barbecue, live music from Echo Sixx, and a special fire performance by Jen Ferry that is sure to light up the night.

Local favorite Dixie Hollins will once again be serving up his famous fried green tomatoes, and rumor has it, he may have a surprise in store this year. Add in great food from Leon's BBQ, crispy fried okra by Larry Rooks, and The Ice Cream Club's delicious ice cream (made from the cows at M&B

Dairy), and you have a recipe for a perfect evening.

The Chamber gives a big thank you to Nick Nicholas Ford, the Presenting Sponsor of Business Appreciation Month, along with a long list of other local business sponsors for helping make these events possible all October long.

Tickets are selling fast, so don't wait to grab yours!

TICKETS

General Admission: \$40
Admission w/ Open Bar: \$70
(must be 21 or older)

Tickets are on sale now at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/BAM-BBQ. The 2025 BAM BBQ is ready to fire up the farm, rain or shine. Secure your tickets before we sell out!

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 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 Club
- 12/13 Inverness Christmas Parade, Noon
- 12/18 Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; (members only), Sweet Citrus Acres

'Holiday Favorites' Theme for Crystal River & Inverness Christmas Parades

Float Registration Now Open

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the annual Crystal River & Inverness Christmas parades theme, "Holiday Favorites!" The Crystal River parade is scheduled for December 6th, beginning at 6pm, and the Inverness parade is set for December 7th, beginning at 12pm.

Registration is open now for local businesses and organizations to bring their most cherished seasonal memories to life and help our community celebrate the reason for the season! Whether that means a cozy fireplace vignette, a snowballfight extravaganza, or a lively holiday movie tableau, "We want every organization to capture the

magic of their favorite holiday tradition," said Chamber Events Manager Missy Slanker. "These parades are a wonderful way to showcase community spirit and inspire holiday nostalgia across Citrus County."

Registration is online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com with the application deadline set for Friday, Nov. 14.

Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to mark their calendars and arrive early to secure prime viewing spots along both parade routes. For more information about float registration, route maps, and roadclosure advisories, contact the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. Let's come together to deck the streets in "Holiday Favorites" and make this season truly unforgettable.



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.

Inverness Tinnitus Center



Welcome to the Chamber, Inverness Tinnitus Center! Inverness Tinnitus Center, opening in 2025, is now accepting new clients and specializes in comprehensive tinnitus care. Services include evaluation and treatment through structured Tinnitus Retraining Therapy (TRT), as well as support for decreased sound tolerance issues such as hyperacusis and misophonia. The center also offers general hearing services, including earwax removal, hearing evaluations, and hearing aid support. Led by Dr. Jessica Vilendrer, Au.D., with over 10 years of experience, the center is committed to providing customized solutions to improve auditory health. Located at 1300 US-41 North, Building B-2, Suite 2, Inverness, FL. Contact them at (352) 234-3858 or Audiology@invernesstinnituscenter.com.

Salute to Business Luncheon Celebrates Local Excellence

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce continued its celebration of Business Appreciation Month with the annual Salute to Business Luncheon at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto.

It was a full house as local business leaders, community partners, and elected officials came together to honor the many businesses that make Citrus County thrive.

Guests enjoyed a wonderful program that highlighted the strength and collaboration that define our business community.

A special thank you goes to Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Wilton Simpson, for joining us as our keynote



speaker and sharing his insights on agriculture and its impact on our local economy.

We also extend our appreciation to Duke Energy for sponsoring this year's luncheon and to the College of Central

Florida for being such a gracious host. And of course, thank you to Nick Nicholas Ford, the Presenting Sponsor of Business Appreciation Month, for helping make these events possible throughout October.

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.