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Chamber Connection

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Fire Up the Fun! The BIG B.A.M. BBQ Is Back!

Citrus County, get ready! The BIG B.A.M. BBQ is back as the grand finale of Business Appreciation Month, proudly presented by Nick Nicholas Ford! Join us Thursday, October 22, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at M&B Dairy in Lecanto for one of the BIGGEST parties of the year and an unforgettable evening celebrating the businesses and people who make Citrus County such an incredible place to live, work, and play.

Come hungry for Leon's Famous BBQ, cool off with a sweet treat from Ice Cream Club, and get ready to hit the dance floor with live music from The Embry Brothers Band! With delicious food, great music, plenty of fun, and familiar faces from throughout our community, the BIG B.A.M. BBQ is the perfect way to connect with fellow professionals, relax with friends, and celebrate the local businesses that keep Citrus County moving forward.

The BIG B.A.M. BBQ is more than a night out. It is a celebration of the

business owners, employees, entrepreneurs, and community partners who create jobs, support local causes, and invest in the future of Citrus County.

Whether you come for the barbecue, the music, the networking, or all three, this is one Business Appreciation Month celebration you will not want to miss!

Tickets:

General Admission: \$40

GA Plus: \$75 (Guests must be 21 or older to purchase GA Plus)

Tickets are available now at

www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bam-bbq/

Looking to make an even BIGGER impact? Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com to learn more about the available sponsorship levels.

Come hungry. Come ready to celebrate. Come experience the BIG B.A.M. BBQ!



BAM 2026
BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH
Hosted by Nick Nicholas Ford

BAM BARBEQUE

CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS

THURSDAY, OCT 22ND, 6PM - 10PM

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO GET DOWN!

M&B DAIRY, 8760 S LECANTO HWY, LECANTO

LEON'S FAMOUS BBQ THE EMBRY BROTHERS BAND ICE CREAM CLUB

\$40 GENERAL ADMISSION **\$75 GA PLUS**
*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.CITRUSCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM/BAM-BBQ/

TRUSTED SOLUTIONS **DIX** **JENKINS AUTO GROUP** **BRIJE** **VILLAGE POWERSPORTS** **Kawasaki can-am sea-doo**

DEVELOPMENTS **CRYSTAL** **CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE** **Michael D. Bays State Farm**

WAVE **Citrus** **TGH** **ARBOR TRAIL** **Seacoast Bank** **QUALITY FIRST ROOFING, LLC** **ROOFING + GUTTERS** **LifeStream** **CoreCivic** **EPIC** **HCA Florida** **HOMETOWN** **Langley** **LIFESOUTH** **Central Motel** **WHALEN**

September Chamber Mixer: Fall Into New Connections

Join us and fall into new connections at this month's Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Mixer!

Hosted by the REALTORS® Association of Citrus County, the September

Chamber Mixer will take place Thursday, September 17th, from 5 PM to 7 PM in Lecanto.

Chamber members are invited to enjoy a relaxed evening designed to bring our

local business community together for conversation, connection, and a little fall fun.

Guests can look forward to delicious food, an assortment of beer, wine, seltzers, and refreshing beverages, along with music from a live DJ throughout the evening. With plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle, the September Mixer provides the perfect setting to meet new Chamber members, reconnect with familiar faces, and strengthen relationships within our business community.

Whether you are looking to grow your professional network, make new connections, or simply unwind after the workday with fellow Chamber members, this is an evening you will not want to miss.

The September Chamber Mixer will be held at the REALTORS® Association of Citrus County, located at 714 S Scarboro Avenue in Lecanto, on Thursday, September 17th, from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Fall into new connections and enjoy an evening with your Chamber community!

Chamber Mixers are open to Chamber Members only.



CITRUS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S

SEPTEMBER Chamber Mixer

JOIN US AND FALL INTO NEW CONNECTIONS THIS SEPTEMBER AT THE REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF CITRUS COUNTY! ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD, BEER, WINE, SELTZERS, AND MUSIC FROM DJ MO, WITH LINEAR EVENTS, WHILE MIXING AND MINGLING WITH FELLOW CHAMBER MEMBERS.

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO GROW YOUR NETWORK, RECONNECT WITH FAMILIAR FACES, OR MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS WITHIN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THIS IS THE PERFECT EVENING TO COME TOGETHER, UNWIND, AND ENJOY GREAT COMPANY!

SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 17 5 PM - 7 PM

REALTORS ASSOCIATION OF CITRUS COUNTY

714 S Scarboro Ave, Lecanto, FL 34461

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CITRUS COUNTY Chamber of Commerce

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SALUTE TO BUSINESS LUNCHEON

October 9th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

Keynote Speaker: Senator Jeff Brandes

Former Florida State Senator - District 24
Founder & President of the Florida Policy Project

Nicholas Ford **College of Central Florida** **Leadership Citrus**

Salute to Business Luncheon Features Former Florida Sen. Jeff Brandes

Each October, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce brings local business professionals and community leaders together for the Annual Salute to Business Luncheon, one of the signature celebrations of Business Appreciation Month. This year's luncheon will take place Friday, October 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto.

The Chamber is pleased to welcome former Florida State Senator and Florida Policy Project Founder & President, Jeff Brandes, as this year's keynote speaker. Known for his forward thinking approach to public policy and economic opportunity, Brandes will share valuable insight into the issues and ideas shaping Florida's future and what they could mean for businesses and communities across the state.

Guests will enjoy lunch while connecting with business owners,

executives, elected officials, and community leaders from throughout Citrus County. The Annual Salute to Business Luncheon offers an opportunity to strengthen local connections, celebrate the people driving our economy forward, and gain a broader perspective on the future of business in Florida.

Tickets are only \$40. Seating is limited, and this luncheon sells out quickly. Reserve your spot now at CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Special thanks to Leadership Citrus, this year's Salute to Business Luncheon Sponsor and to our Business Appreciation Month Presenting Sponsor, Nick Nicholas Ford.

Details:

Date: October 9th, 2026

Time: 11:30AM – 1:00PM

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

Also coming up for the Chamber ...

■ 09/14 Monday Meetup: Career Discussions for Middle & High School Students; 4:00pm – 5:00pm; Twisted Arts Initiative

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

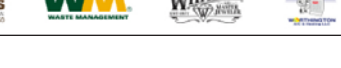
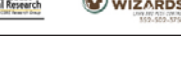
The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

Brije Custom Homes & General Contractor



Welcome to the Chamber, Brije Custom Homes & General Contractor! Brije Homes builds custom new-construction homes in Central Florida with an emphasis on integrity, open communication, and exceptional quality. They guide clients through a clear build process from initial consultation with the builder and design team to site visits, floorplan finalization, financing and contract, and construction. They offer custom design options, work with preferred new-construction lenders to help secure financing, and invite clients to collaborate on finishes and floorplans to create a home tailored to their lifestyle. Over 500 clients have trusted Brije with their homes. Recent recognition includes 2025 Builder of the Year, 2025 Parade of Homes Winner, and 2025 People's Choice Award. Contact Brije Homes at (407) 794 0000 or wendy@brije.com. We are excited to welcome Brije Custom Homes & General Contractor to our Chamber community!

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.