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BIG B.A.M. Mixer Kicks Off Business Appreciation Month in a BIG Way

Business Appreciation Month (B.A.M) is almost here, and we are kicking things off with the BIGGEST networking mixer of the year!

Join the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for the BIG B.A.M. Mixer THIS Thursday, October 1st, from 5 PM to 7 PM at Tampa General Hospital Crystal River, located at 6201 N Suncoast Blvd. in Crystal River.

Hosted by Tampa General Hospital Crystal River, this special mixer serves as the official kickoff to Business Appreciation Month 2026, proudly presented by Nick Nicholas Ford. Throughout October, B.A.M. gives us the opportunity to celebrate and recognize the local businesses that support our community, create jobs, build connections, and help make Citrus County a great place to live, work, and do business.

Unlike a traditional Chamber Mixer, this event is open to ALL businesses!

Guests can look forward to plenty of networking opportunities, beverages and catering by Chef Mike Marino, and live music by Justin Phillips while connecting with business professionals from throughout Citrus County.

Whether you are looking to meet new people, reconnect with familiar faces, grow your professional network, or simply enjoy a fun evening with our local business community, this is one event you will not want to miss.

Mark your calendar for THIS THURSDAY, October 1st, and come help us kick off a monthlong celebration of Citrus County businesses in a BIG way!



Annual Salute to Business Luncheon Welcomes Senator Jeff Brandes

October 9th, 11:30AM – 1:00PM, College of Central Florida, Wilton Simpson Campus, 3800 S Lecanto Hwy., Lecanto

Registration is now open for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Annual Salute to Business Luncheon, one of the signature celebrations of Business Appreciation Month. The luncheon will be held Friday, October 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto.

This year's keynote speaker is former Florida State Senator Jeff Brandes, Founder &

President of the Florida Policy Project. Brandes will share his perspective on the issues and ideas shaping Florida's future and what they could mean for businesses and communities across the state.

Guests will have the opportunity to hear from an experienced state leader while enjoying lunch and connecting with business owners, executives, elected officials, and community leaders from throughout

Citrus County.

Tickets are \$40 per person, and seating is limited. Advanced reservations are required, and no walkups will be accepted. Reserve your seat today at CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Special thanks to Leadership Citrus, our Annual Salute to Business Luncheon Sponsor, and Nick Nicholas Ford, our Business Appreciation Month Presenting Sponsor.



BIG B.A.M. 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/

BIG B.A.M. BBQ: One BIG Month Deserves One BIG Finale!

Citrus County, bring your appetite and your dancing shoes because the BIG B.A.M. BBQ is returning for one unforgettable night! Join the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 22, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at M&B Dairy in Lecanto for the grand finale of Business Appreciation Month, proudly presented by Nick Nicholas Ford.

Known as the BIGGEST networking party in Citrus County, the BIG B.A.M. BBQ brings over 800 of our community members together to celebrate the businesses, employees, entrepreneurs, and community partners who keep Citrus County moving forward. Come hungry for Leon's Famous BBQ, Dixie Hollins' fried green tomatoes, Larry Rooks' fried okra, 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!

Whether you come for the barbecue, the music, the networking, or all three,

this is the perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate local business with friends and familiar faces from throughout the community.

Do not wait until the last minute! Grab your tickets, gather your crew, and get ready to close out Business Appreciation Month in a BIG way at the BIG B.A.M. BBQ!

Tickets

General Admission: \$40
General Admission Plus: \$75
(must be 21 or older)

Grab yours today at
www.citruscountychamber.com/BAM-BBQ/
and get ready to get down!

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

BIG B.A.M. BBQ Sponsors:



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 10/01 BIG BAM Mixer; 5:00pm-7:00pm; Tampa General Hospital – Crystal River
- 10/05 Monday Meetup: Career & Community Series; Twistid Arts Initiative
- 10/09 Salute to Business Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; College of Central Florida; Speaker: former Florida State Senator Jeff Brandes, Founder & President of the Florida Policy Project; Sponsor: Leadership Citrus
- 10/22 BAM BBQ; 6:00pm-10:00pm; M&B Dairy
- 10/24 YP Halloween House Party; Realtor's Association of Citrus County
- 11/02 Monday Meetup: Career & Community Series; Twistid Arts Initiative
- 11/13 Chamber Young Professional's 40 under Forty Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Wardlow & Cash, P.A.
- 11/19 November Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Village Powersports

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.

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.

Cino Bugs



Welcome to the Chamber, Cino Bugs! Cino Bugs provides professional pest control services, helping protect homes and businesses from unwanted pests. Their services include general pest control, termite control, and inspections, with a focus on keeping properties safe, clean, and pest-free. With years of experience in the industry, Cino Bugs is committed to reliable service and effective solutions tailored to each customer's needs. Contact Cino Bugs at (352) 341-2466. We are excited to welcome Cino Bugs to our Chamber community!