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Annual Salute to Business Luncheon Welcomes Senator Jeff Brandes



The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce will bring local business professionals and community leaders together for its Annual Salute to Business Luncheon on Friday, October 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto.

This year's keynote speaker is former Florida State Senator Jeff Brandes, Founder and President of the Florida Policy Project. During his presentation, Brandes will discuss property insurance, housing and affordability, workforce, and second chance hiring. He will share his perspective on how these important issues are shaping Florida's future and what they could mean for businesses,

communities, employees, and families across the state.

As one of the signature celebrations of Business Appreciation Month, the Annual Salute to Business Luncheon provides an opportunity to enjoy lunch, strengthen local connections, and take part in an important conversation about issues affecting nearly every part of our local economy.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

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

Date: October 9th, 2026 ■ **Time:** 11:30AM – 1:00PM ■ **Location:** College of Central Florida, Wilton Simpson Campus, Lecanto

BIG B.A.M. BBQ: One Night, One Community, One BIG Celebration!

Business Appreciation Month is officially underway, and the countdown is on to its BIGGEST celebration! The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce invites the entire community to join us for the BIG B.A.M. BBQ on Thursday, October 22, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at M&B Dairy in Lecanto. Business Appreciation Month is proudly presented by Nick Nicholas Ford.

Known as the BIGGEST networking party in Citrus County, the BIG B.A.M. BBQ brings more than 800 community members together for an unforgettable evening celebrating the businesses, employees, entrepreneurs, and community partners who keep Citrus County moving forward. It is an opportunity to step away from the office, reconnect with familiar faces, make new connections, and celebrate the people behind our local business community.

Better come hungry because this is not your ordinary barbecue! Guests will enjoy Leon's Famous BBQ, Dixie Hollins' fried green tomatoes, Larry Rooks' fried okra, and a sweet treat from Ice Cream Club, made from the cream of

M&B Dairy's cows! Then get ready to hit the dance floor as The Embry Brothers Band keeps the party going with live music throughout the evening.

Whether you come for the barbecue, the music, the networking, or all three, the BIG B.A.M. BBQ is the perfect way to relax with old friends and new connections as we close out Business Appreciation Month in a BIG way.

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 at the BAM Barbeque!

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

Grab your tickets, gather your crew, and get ready to eat, dance, connect, and celebrate at the BIG B.A.M. BBQ!

MEMBERS SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Business Appreciation Month is all about celebrating the strength of our local business community, and there is no better way to do that than members supporting members!

Throughout October, Chamber members are offering special discounts, deals, and perks to their fellow members. See all participating businesses and available offers at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com. Want to join the celebration and offer a discount of your own? Email Jade@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.

Swan Insurance



Welcome to the Chamber, Swan Insurance! Swan Insurance is an independent, owner operated insurance brokerage helping individuals and families understand their coverage options and find solutions for every stage of life. Offering health insurance, Medicare, life insurance, annuities, and final expense coverage, Swan Insurance works with more than 20 carriers and serves clients across all 50 states. Their approach focuses on comparing available options, verifying doctors and prescriptions, and providing continued support beyond enrollment. Whether you're shopping for health coverage, exploring Medicare options, or looking to protect your family's future, Swan Insurance is committed to providing personalized guidance and ongoing service. Contact Trevor at (352) 422-3229, via email at trevorhealthquotes@gmail.com, or visit their website at swaninsurancellc.com. We're proud to welcome Swan Insurance to our Chamber community!



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/

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 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.