



MISSION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

Chamber Connection

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Chamber Business Expo now only weeks away!

Join us in just a few weeks, on Saturday, September 30th, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Inverness Depot Pavilion for an unforgettable day filled with incredible activities.

There's so much in store for you at the 2023 Chamber Business Expo! While supplies last, we have FREE goodie-bags for attendees, and you can indulge in some relaxation with complimentary chair

massages from WOW Citrus Massage & Fitness, witness impressive dog training demonstrations by Premier K-9, enjoy delicious treats from various food trucks, and be dazzled by the fantastic performances from Center Stage Dance Academy! Additionally, your little ones will have a blast as they engage in FREE hands-on experiences and leave with their very own hand-made creations from

the Citrus Construction Bus and you may just be called to step into the Chamber's MONEY MACHINE and walk away with some COLD HARD CASH!

And let's not forget the main highlight - a wonderful opportunity to meet the faces behind our local businesses. Learn more about their passion, dedication, and the incredible products and services they offer. With the Expo happening this month,

it's the perfect time to mark your calendars, invite your friends and family, and join us at the 2023 Chamber Business Expo. Let's celebrate our vibrant community together!

For more information and a list of our outstanding exhibitors, visit our website: www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Chamber-Business-Expo/
See you there!

Hurricane Idalia: Resources and Ways to Help

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce has gathered information regarding resources for those adversely affected by Hurricane Idalia, local businesses that can assist in recovery and rebuild needs, and ways for those looking to help to provide support and/or donations. You can find the list of our members along with information online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/hurricane-idalia.

September Mixer at Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge

Join us for another great networking opportunity! Our August Mixer is hosted by the Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge September 21st from 5PM - 7PM. 1502 SE Kings Bay Dr, Crystal River, FL, 34429.

Chamber members are invited to join us for a fun evening of networking and relationship-building!

Business Appreciation Month: BAM BBQ Tix ON SALE NOW!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce its upcoming B.A.M. BBQ Celebration, the culminating event for Business Appreciation Month.

This celebration, scheduled for October 26th from 6 P.M. - 10 P.M. at M&B Dairy in Lecanto, promises to be the largest gathering of business

professionals, local leaders, and engaged community members in Citrus County, attracting an anticipated 500 attendees.

The BIGGEST party in Citrus County, the B.A.M. BBQ is not only a tribute to local businesses but also serves as a one-of-a-kind networking opportunity.

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the immense contributions of local businesses and aims to provide an ambiance that promotes authentic conversations, low-pressure networking, and genuine relationship-building—all set against a rustic farm backdrop.

Attendees will indulge in a

BBQ feast with Leon's renowned recipes, supported by the Agriculture Alliance of Citrus County, complemented by Larry Rook's crispy fried okra, more down home fixins, and a sweet treat from The Ice Cream Club. The delicious ice cream, notably, uses milk from M&B Dairy's cows, tying back to the event's unique venue.

Additionally, an overwhelming crowd-favorite, The Embry Brothers, make their much-anticipated return! Get ready to groove, laugh, and enjoy a night filled with memories.

Advanced tickets are available online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/BAM-BBQ

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/21 — September Chamber Mixer; Location: Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex

9/30 — Chamber Business Expo; 9am -1pm; Inverness Depot District

10/5 — BIG BAM Mixer; Right Rudder Aviation

10/12 — Fire Up Citrus; The Valerie Theatre

10/20 — Salute To Business Luncheon; CF - Wilton Simpson Campus; Speaker: Gray Swoope, President/CEO Vision First Advisors (former FL Secretary of Commerce)

10/26 — BAM BBQ; M&B Dairy

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Date: October 20, 2023

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: The College of Central Florida - Wilton Simpson Campus, 3800 S Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461

Price: \$35 per reservation

As a cornerstone event in our Business Appreciation Month lineup, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is delighted to invite you to our Annual Salute to Business Luncheon. This esteemed gathering is a highlight of the Chamber's yearly activities and is eagerly awaited by the business

community.

Keynote Speaker: Gray Swoope

This year, we are honored to have Gray Swoope, the President and CEO of Vision First Advisors and former Florida's Secretary of Commerce and President/CEO of Enterprise Florida, as our keynote speaker. Gray Swoope is renowned for his expertise in economic development and has made significant contributions to Florida's business landscape.

Reservations must be made in advance. No walk-ups will be accepted. Online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Appreciation-Month.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

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.

Citrus County Vacation Homes



Welcome to the Chamber, Citrus County Vacation Homes!! Their managed homes come stocked and prepared. The only thing missing is YOU! Pack your bags for an easy care-free stay. Your Citrus County Rental Home will be clean and welcoming with easy-to-locate utensils and devices. The homes are loaded with games and lists of local things to do. <https://citruscountyvacationhomes.com/>

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Chamber Legacy Members



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