



Chamber Connection

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Final Day of the Florida Manatee Festival!

The Florida Manatee Festival is in full swing and today is the final day to enjoy the festivities!

FUN ON THE WATER!

Manatee Boat Tours: Local boat captains through the Manatee Eco Tourism Association will offer boat tours on a first-come first-serve basis. Tickets are available for \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 6 – 12 years old; and children 5 and under free. The tickets are good only on the date purchased and are sold at the boat

dock area near northwest Third Street (Kings Bay Park).

Guided Kayak Tours: \$10 guided kayak tours will be offered at the festival through Hunter Springs Kayaks. Tour guides will take you on a 1-hour tour of the bay and Hunter Springs area giving a first-hand glance at the beauty of our Nature Coast! You can book your time in advance online through the link

on www.GoManateeFest.com.

Live Entertainment: Multiple entertainment stages will be set up to provide entertainment throughout the festival. The mainstage and Kids Zone bandshell are located in Kings Bay Park, Little Springs Park is home to one of our gazebo stages, and our final stage, sponsored by BubbaQuees, is located in Hippy Village behind Heritage House.

Vendors: A vast array of vendors offering unique wares will line the streets of downtown Crystal River on Citrus Avenue spanning both sides of US HWY 19. Two food courts and two beer and wine gardens will also offer delectable delights located in Kings Bay Park and Little Springs Park.

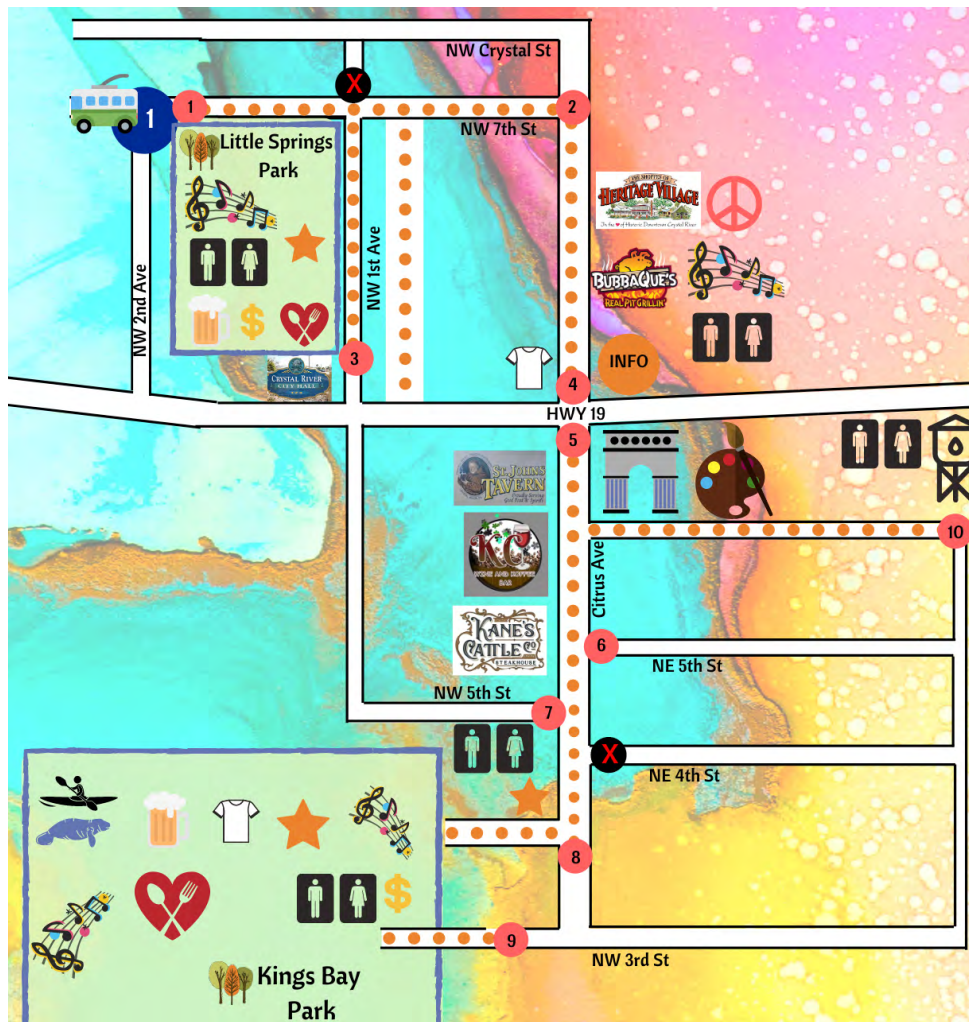
You can find a list of this year's vendors at www.GoManateeFest.com

FESTIVAL SAFETY

We are excited to move forward, safely and responsibly, as we celebrate our favorite floating friends, the manatees, and enjoy the endless and unique amenities that beautiful Crystal River has to offer.

We encourage festival-goers to stay home if they are vulnerable or feeling ill. We encourage all attendees to practice social distancing, wash hands regularly, utilize the on-site sanitation stations and wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

The Florida Manatee Festival, and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, will be implementing and practicing safety precautions to ensure the health of our attendees, volunteers, vendors, and staff. Additionally, in accordance with the state-mandated requirement of masks on public transportation, all attendees, volunteers, staff, and vendors will be required to wear a mask if they choose to utilize the free shuttles to and from the festival. Free parking and shuttles will be available at the Crystal River Mall.



34th Annual Florida Manatee Festival
March 27th 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
March 28th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Downtown Crystal River, FL

Legend:

- INFO: Festival Information
- X: No Entry
- : Entry Gate
- Shuttle Stops: 1. Parking
- ★: Kids Zones
- 🎸: Hippy Village
- 🚣: Guided Kayak Tours
- 🏛️: City Hall
- 🎪: Stage/Entertainment
- 🎨: Art in the Park
- 🍺: Beer & Wine Garden
- 🍴: Food Court
- 👕: Official Florida Manatee Festival merchandise
- 🚤: Manatee Boat Tours
- 🚻: Restrooms
- 💰: ATM
- 🛍️: Vendors
- 🏘️: Town Square
- 🗼: Watertower

Presented By: **Bailey Electric & Signs**
Produced By: **CITRUS COUNTY Chamber of Commerce**

www.GoManateeFest.com



FESTIVAL HOURS
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

9:00 A.M. VENDORS OPEN | KID ZONE OPEN | HIPPIE VILLAGE OPEN | BEER & WINE GARDENS OPEN
9:30 A.M. MANATEE BOAT TOURS BEGIN | GUIDED KAYAK TOURS BEGIN
10:00 A.M. BAREFOOT BOB * THE HOP BEGINS AT THE WATERFRONT MAIN STAGE
10:00 A.M. PALOMINO BLONDE BEGINS AT THE HIPPIE VILLAGE STAGE
11:00 A.M. JEFFREY ECKHOFF STUDIOS BEGINS AT THE LITTLE SPRINGS GAZEBO STAGE
1:00 P.M. THE NATURE COAST DULCIMER PLAYERS BEGIN AT THE KIDS ZONE BANDSHELL
1:30 P.M. THE LEGANTO JAZZ BAND BEGINS AT THE LITTLE SPRINGS GAZEBO STAGE
2:00 P.M. MOONFLOWER: SPIRIT OF SANTANA BEGINS AT THE WATERFRONT MAIN STAGE
3:30 P.M. LAST MANATEE BOAT TOUR
3:30 P.M. LAST GUIDED KAYAK TOUR
5:00 P.M. LAST PARKING SHUTTLE DEPARTS THE FESTIVAL

www.GOMANATEEFEST.COM

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Rehire Furloughed Employee Grant Program for businesses

The BOCC recently allocated \$300,000 to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them. To qualify, the business must have furloughed an employee for a minimum of two months before rehiring and steadily employing for a minimum of 90 days. The grant amount is \$2,000 per rehired full-time equivalent employee.

All local businesses are eligible. Complete

information on the grant program and documentation required is on the application form.

It is preferred that businesses use the online application. However, in the event that is not possible, the application form may be printed and mailed back along with the required documentation.

Applications are open at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant. For questions, please email CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com

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.

Powers Protection

352-746-3500



Congratulations, Powers Protection, on your new location! 3447 E Gulf to Lake Hwy, Inverness.

At Home Realty

352-621-5510

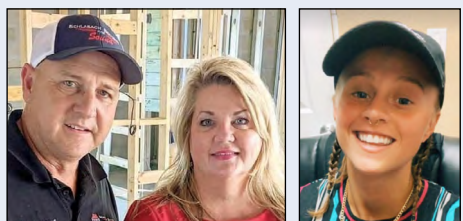


Welcome to the Chamber, At Home Realty - Stormin Becky Norman, and congratulations on your 1-year anniversary! 8445 W Homosassa Trail, Homosassa, FL 34448.

'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Jarey and Ruthie Schlabach, owners of Schlabach Security and Sound, about their 37-year business and the advancements they've experienced, working security through the pandemic, and what sets their business apart from others. Also joining Jade is Erin Rice of World Fusion discussing the decision to open another location, Downtown Fusion, in Crystal River. Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



Jarey and Ruthie Schlabach
Erin Rice

Chamber Legacy Partners

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 at 352-795-3149.

