



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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Mommin' Ain't Easy!



It's time to focus on the strong mother figures in our lives and find the perfect way to make them feel as special as they are this Mother's Day. Here are some Chamber members that may be able to help you pull that off!

Beautiful Inside & Out!

- Abitare Paris Salon & Day Spa**
6630 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 563-0011
- Angel's Heaven on Earth Nail Boutique, LLC.**
5464 S. Suncoast Blvd.
Homosassa, FL 34446
(352) 419-4433
- Bay Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery, PA**
7739 S. Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL 34446
(352) 503-2002
- Creative Stitching Boutique**
4029 N. Lecanto Hwy.
Beverly Hills, FL. 34465
(352) 513-4470
- Connors Gifts**
218 Tompkins St.
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 344-9790
- Cumbie Jewelers**
101 Courthouse Square
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 419-6951
- Florida Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center**
931 US Hwy 41 S
Inverness, FL 34450
(855) 353-7546
- Florida Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center**
700 SE 5th Terr
Crystal River, FL 34429
(855) 353-7546
- Heritage House**
657 N Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 564-1400
- High End Hair Salon**
300 NW US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 794-3741
- Le Luxe Brows By Lex**
911 Se US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 601-0783
- Lilly's Creative Hair Studio**
7449 W Gulf to Lake Hwy
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 573-6744
- Mary Kay Cosmetics — Shelia Millaway**
2057 SE Joan Rollins Ave
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 566-0066
- Moonbeams Crystals**
8018 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy.
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 288-4328
- Salon Vo**
1062 W Main St
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-2992
- Shipyard Dog**
255 SE US Hwy 19, Unit 1
Crystal River, FL 34429

- Suncoast Dermatology and Skin Care**
525 N Dacie Pt
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 746-2200
- The Aesthetic House**
1601 W Nordling Lp
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 601-1990
- The Cotton Club**
626 N. Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 344428
(352) 563-2582
- The Rustic River Boutique**
717 NE 5th St.
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 794-3433
- Twisted Moon Boutique**
105 S Osceola Ave.
Inverness, FL 34452
(352) 201-7476
- Whalen Jewelers**
255 E Highland Blvd
Inverness, FL 34452
(352) 726-4709
- Wisteria Boutique**
2408 N Heritage Oaks Path
Hernando, FL 34442
(352) 789-9596
- Wow Massage**
Mobile Business
(352) 322-2027

Exciting Experiences

- Betty's Creative Studio**
2143 W Norvell Bryant Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 513-4366
- Cruise Planners**
Homosassa, FL 34446
(352) 350-1595
- Crystal Lodge Dive Center, Inc.**
525 NW 7th Ave
Crystal River, FL 34428 3952
(352) 795-6798
- Crystal River Room Escape**
8740 Mayo Dr #5
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-4033
- Crystal River Watersports**
2380 NW US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 795-7033
- Explorida Adventure Center**
545 N Citrus Ave
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 423-3798
- Extreme Fishing Habit Charters and Tours**
10780 W Yulee Dr #490
Homosassa, FL 34487
(352) 515-9467
- Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park**
4150 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL 34446
(352) 628-5343 x 100
- Hunter Springs Kayaks**
36 NE 4th St.
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-4715
- Kaceys' Custom Adventures**
1 SW 1st Pl.

- Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 257-1529
- Manatee Tour & Dive**
36 NE 4th St
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-4715
- Nature Coast Charters**
1911 NW 17th St
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 746-9067
- Seaport Tours & Travel**
349 N Turkey Pine Loop
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 513-5084

Green Thumb Goodies

- Color Country Nursery**
1405 W Gulf to Lake Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 746-6465
- Jessica's Green Den**
810 Whiteway Dr.
Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 777-2997
- O'Connell's Nursery**
6370 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL 34446
(352) 628-6700
- Utopia Interior Landscapes**
324 S Kensington Ave.
Lecanto, FL 34461
(727) 280-3388
- Waverley Florist**
302 NE 3rd St
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-1424
- Backwater Fins**
13982 W. Ozello Trail
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 794-6000
- Beef O' Brady's**
6738 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy.
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 564-0544
- Boulevard Bistro**
9576 N Citrus Springs Blvd.
Citrus Springs, FL 34434
(352) 897-5155
- BubbaQue's BBQ**
631 N. Citrus Ave
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-7227
- Castaways Bar & Grill**
5430 N. Suncoast Blvd.
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 794-3476
- Cedar River Seafood**
804 S. US Hwy 41
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-2278
- Charlie's Fish House**
224 NW US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 795-3949
- Cody's Original Roadhouse**

- 302 SE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-7223
- The Cove**
1242 S Cove Camp Pt.
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 344-5894
- Dan's Clam Stand**
1201 NW 5th Terr
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 795-9081
- Dillon's Cinnamon Sticks**
727 US Hwy 41 S
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 419-7914
- Joe Eder's Coney Island**
674 NE 5th St
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-8125
- Kane's Cattle Co.**
508 N. Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 794-6691
- Katch Twenty-Two**
2924 W Gulf to Lake Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 746-6691
- KC Wine and Koffee Bar**
564 N. Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 460-9808
- Kelly's Half Shell**
390 N Suncoast Blvd
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-8366
- Lollygaggers Pub & Grill — Crystal River**
744 SE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 794-3888
- Lollygaggers Pub & Grill — Floral City**
8370 S Florida Ave
Floral City, FL 34436
(352) 503-6060
- Mama's Kuntry Kafe**
104 US Hwy 41 S
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-6262
- Mariana's The Stinky Rose**
2649 N Forest Ridge Blvd
Hernando, FL 34442
(352) 270-8432
- Oysters Restaurant & Catering**
606 NE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-2633
- Paige's Rooter**
2147 W Norvell Bryant Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 746-3351
- Papa Willie's Bar & Grill**
4105 N Lecanto Hwy
Beverly Hills, FL 34465
(352) 746-1770
- Seafood Seller and Café**
300 SE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 228-4936

- St. Johns Tavern**
572 N Citrus Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 794-6367
- Subway #854 — Crystal River**
70n NE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-2416
- Waterfront Social**
1610 SE Paradise Cir
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-3113
- World Fusion**
1988 N Future Terr
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 513-3800
- Florida Cracker Monkey Bar**
5297 S. Cherokee Way
Homosassa, FL 34448
(352) 765-4167
- The Loft Bar & Grill**
10131 N Citrus Ave
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 564-4100
- Plantation on Crystal River**
West 82 Bar and Grill
9301 W. Fort Island Trail
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-3111
- Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters — Hernando**
2416 N. Heritage Oaks Path
Hernando, FL 34442
(352) 249-3166
- Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters — Crystal River**
638 N Citrus Ave
Crystal River, FL 34428
(352) 228-8818
- Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters — Inverness**
210B Tompkins St
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 726-7060
- Wine Shop III**
600 SE US Hwy 19
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 794-3834
- Lynn's Ice Cream**
2028 Hwy 44
Inverness, FL 34453
(352) 201-5615
- Cavallo Estate Winery**
8123 S. Lecanto Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461
(352) 500-9463
- Charlie's Creamery and Sweets**
202 Tompkins St
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 419-4655
- Nine State Brewery**
200 Tompkins St
Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 419-4067
- Norton's Riverside Sports Bar & Grill**
16 NE 5th St
Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 794-6105

Remembering Dennis Damato - A True Community Advocate

When Dennis Damato arrived in Citrus County, it didn't take long for him to become active in the local community. In 1974, he, along with Herb Bell (Herb Bell Plumbing), Charles Lenz (Nature's Campground) and others were founding directors of the Homosassa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, and he served as its Vice President. He remained a continuous Chamber member since that time.

In 1997, Dennis received the Pioneer Award from the Homosassa Chamber for 25 years of outstanding service to the community. The Homosassa Chamber later merged into the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce in 2002.

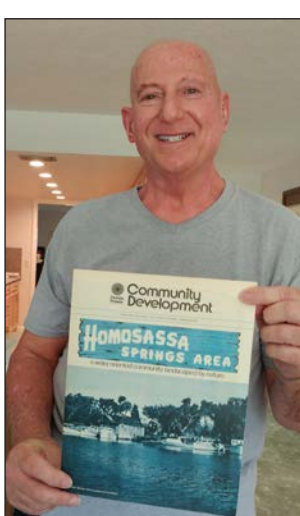
Dennis was always one to step up to serve his community to help make it a better place to live and work. He held a



Dennis Damato receives the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award.

continuous interest in environmental protection and community preservation and served on the Board of the Old Courthouse Museum in Inverness, including a term as President. His vision for Citrus County also steered him to accept an appointment to the City of Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency as Chair from 1988-2004 where he helped to guide the administration of

more than \$3 million in federal grants for projects including piers, building facades and streetscapes. When he became a County Commissioner in 2004, he spearheaded many visionary projects such as the purchase of the County offices in Meadowcrest; the Interchange Management Areas (IMA) for the new Suncoast Parkway extension; the County Road 491 overlay designed to



Damato with an original 1970s newsletter of the Homosassa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

provide infrastructure between SR 44 and CR 486

to encourage centrally-located planned economic development at the end of the Suncoast extension into Citrus County; and continued expansion and connection of the bike trail system through the County, including the master trail map and the Dunnellon Trail Bridge, to capitalize on recreational tourism and provide multimodal options. It was this same sort of vision, coupled with his attention to the details needed to achieve a vision, that prompted the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce to award Dennis with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

In 2019 as a Fire Up Citrus! presenter, Dennis

shared his vision for a Citrus County Area of Economic Opportunity around the Suncoast Parkway interchanges at Cardinal and SR 44.

Whether others always agreed with his ideas or not, it was impossible not to recognize that he saw a Citrus County of the future, and understood the steps needed to steer it in that direction.

We are lucky and honored to have had his dedication and vision in Citrus County. While we mourn the hole his loss leaves in our community, we are inspired by remembering the passion that fueled Dennis Damato in every aspect of his life and are thankful to have had the opportunity to know him.

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 by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.



Online Auction OPEN NOW!

Our Annual Pillar Awards silent auction is open online now through April 29th at 10PM. From Cavallo wine to beautiful photography, local dinner/drinks to exciting adventures there is something for everyone with bids starting at \$15 for select packages! Check it out online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com!

Upcoming Events

- 4/28** — Build Up Business event; Co-Sponsor: SCORE Nature Coast; Location: The Valerie Theatre
- 5/13** — May Chamber Luncheon; Speaker: State Representative Ralph Massullo; Location: Black Diamond Ranch; Sponsor: Suncoast Dermatology