



Chamber Connection

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Network, Market, and Show Your Stuff!

The premiere business expo of Citrus County presents an opportunity for businesses to meet new clients, create new working relationships, and make community connections. Open to the public, free to attend, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Back by popular demand in 2021 is the Money Machine!!! A goodie-bag (LIMITED SUPPLY SO DON'T BE LATE) will be given to the guests as they enter the auditorium on Saturday morning.

Included in the goodie-bag, a chance drawing ticket for the opportunity to be randomly

selected to step-up and cash grab. Additional chance drawings throughout the event day (items donated by our sponsors, businesses, and community), a DJ, kid's activities, DIY demos, and health talks are just a few of the FUN activities for ALL AGES!

The Chamber Business Expo is a great opportunity to show off what YOU, our local businesses have to offer, make contacts within the business and Citrus County Community, and mingle with fellow business leaders, building important relationships within our very own Citrus County!



To reserve your slot, visit www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo

For sponsorship opportunities, email Janet@CitrusCountyChamber.com

Thank you to our 2021 Business Expo Sponsors:
■ Presenting: Citrus Electric



■ Supporting: Mike Scott Plumbing, Lucas & Magazine
■ Market Your Business: Life-south Community Blood Banks, Hunter Springs Kayaks

CORE Citrus One-Stop Recovery & Economic
BUSINESS CENTER
where local business grows

Ribbon Cutting and Open House

JUL 29 · 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
203 E. DAMPIER ST.
DOWNTOWN INVERNESS

Join us to celebrate the opening of Citrus County's new one-stop business center

CORE is a collaborative partnership paradigm to provide local small- and medium-sized businesses with resources they can use and build upon to maximize success.

CORE partners:
Citrus County, City of Inverness, City of Crystal River, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, SCORE Nature Coast FL, and the Economic Development Authority for Citrus County

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BACK 2 SCHOOL

TAX-FREE HOLIDAY JULY 31 - AUGUST 9

REMEMBER TO SHOP CITRUS FIRST TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS!

- The Citrus County Education Foundation's Annual Staff The Bus Event will be held next Saturday, July 31st. Donations can be made at any of these locations:
- Winn-Dixie - Beverly Hills, Inverness (Main & Highland), Crystal River, Homosassa
 - Walmart - Inverness, Lecanto, Homosassa
 - Lowes - Inverness
 - Rural King - Crystal River
 - Duke Energy Complex
 - First Baptist Church of Inverness
 - Breakfast Station #7 Beverly Hills
 - Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA
 - All Citrus County library locations

Citrus County Sign-On Bonus Program

Citrus County small businesses have a new option that may boost their ability to attract workers to fill their open positions: The Citrus Sign-On Bonus Program.

The program is available to all local businesses with 75 or fewer full-time or part-time workers. Jobs to be filled must be full-time positions that pay \$15/hour or less. The newly hired workers must work for the employer for 90 days to qualify to receive the \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

To participate, employers must post the jobs they seek to fill through CareerSource. Likewise, employees must apply for the job through CareerSource. Following 90-days of successful employment, employers will invoice CareerSource for reimbursement of the bonus.

Funding for the bonus program

comes from \$70,000 in CARES funds that were set aside by the County for economic development uses aimed at boosting workforce affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional \$30,000 has been allocated to the Citrus County YMCA to provide day care scholarships for parents in the same workforce category.

If you are a business that would like to participate in the program, go to the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion website at <https://careersourceclm.com/> and click on the Citrus County Sign On Bonus link.

Workers who are interested in learning more about job opportunities under the program should reach out to CareerSource at the Citrus County location at 683 South Adolph Point, Lecanto, FL, 34461 or call (352)249-3278.

Join the Chamber On Parade

Save the Dates!

Crystal River Christmas Parade: Dec. 4th, 6PM
Inverness Christmas Parade: Dec. 11th, Noon

This year we are taking a trip to Santa's workshop with the theme: Christmas in Toyland!

Trains, dolls, games, and baseballs! This year's parades are sure to highlight every child's wildest dreams come to life!

Parade registration is now open at www.citruscountychamber.com/christmas-parades.

'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 Ashley Bruner, partner at Kovach Law Firm about the services they specialize in, the importance of staying local for legal representation, and why community involvement is so important for their business. Jade also speaks with Dr. Ken Savage, owner of Nature Coast Health Care, about their practice, services, Covid Vaccines, and new patient availability. Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

Ashley Bruner

Ken Savage

Grants offered to businesses that rehire employees

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce offers a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them. To qualify for full funding, 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. Applications are open at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant. For questions, please email CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com

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.