



# Chamber Connection

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## SBA Announces Opening of Paycheck Protection Program Direct Forgiveness Portal

The SBA's new streamlined application portal will simplify forgiveness for millions of the smallest businesses — including many sole proprietors — who used funds from the Paycheck Protection Program loans to survive the pandemic. This new portal is only for PPP borrowers whose loan was for less than \$150,000 — by far most of the PPP loans provided.

### How and when to apply for loan forgiveness

A borrower can apply for forgiveness once all loan proceeds for which the borrower is requesting forgiveness have

been used. Borrowers can apply for forgiveness any time up to the maturity date of the loan.

If borrowers do not apply for forgiveness within 10 months after the last day of the covered period, then PPP loan payments are no longer deferred, and borrowers will begin making loan payments to their PPP lender.

For more detailed instructions on the steps to apply for loan forgiveness visit <https://tinyurl.com/forgivenessinstructions>

To access the Direct Forgiveness Portal visit <https://tinyurl.com/forgivenessportal>

### Florida Realtor's Director of Economic Development to speak at Luncheon



**Jennifer Warner**  
Economist and the Director of Economic Development for Florida Realtors®.

The Florida Realtors' Economist and Director of Economic Development, Jennifer Warner, will be the keynote speaker at the September 10 Chamber luncheon at the Plantation at Crystal River. She will focus on affordable housing and transportation, and the realities of the economic "fiscal cliff" that some families may face despite their efforts to improve their wage base.

To RSVP, call Corrine at 352-795-3149. Last day to sign up is March 5. \$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members. Thank you to the September Chamber Luncheon is sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

## Share Your Ideas! Fire Up Citrus!

Produced by the Chamber of Commerce, Fire Up Citrus! returns for its sixth year on October 21st, at the Valerie Theatre in Inverness. This event brings citizens and local leaders together to present positive ideas to move the economy forward.

This exciting, fast-paced event gives presenters just five minutes to share their idea and slide presentation.

Since its inception in 2013, many ideas first presented at a Fire Up Citrus! program have come to fruition including the Crystal River Aquarium, Veterans Village, Right Rudder Aviation's 5K Pilot Pathway, the Citrus Construction Academy, the Pedal Powered Works of Art project by the Citrus County Cultural Alliance, Cayla's Coats life jacket loan

program, visitor trolley tours and a kitchen incubator. We are looking for ideas that are refreshing, exciting, and may get the audience into thinking, "why not?" Who knows? Your idea may help spark something and help put a fire under Citrus

County to move our economy forward Sign up and show us what you've got! Presenters are required to make a 20-image slide show presentation. Applications to present at this year's Fire Up Citrus! are now available on the Chamber's website at [CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com).

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Call Corrine Sachewicz at 352-795-3149 or email [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.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.

#### Operation Welcome Home 352-422-6236



Welcome to the Chamber Operation Welcome HOME! Operation Welcome Home is dedicated to honoring our returning veterans from the Global War on Terrorism around the world. Through their commitment, experience, and expertise Operation Welcome Home relies upon local community and business support for our heroes as they adjust from combat against terrorism. <http://operationwelcomehomeveterans.org/>.

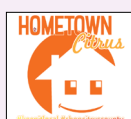
#### BioClean Services of Florida, LLC 352-533-5017



Welcome to the Chamber BioClean Services of Florida, LLC! They are a locally owned company that offers home and office cleaning and specializes in trauma scene cleanup and biohazard remediation using the latest technology, equipment and products. <https://www.biocleanflorida.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.



## Get to know YOUR Community!

The premiere business expo of Citrus County presents an opportunity to get to know the businesses and resources available in your own community and have a ton of FAMILY FUN!

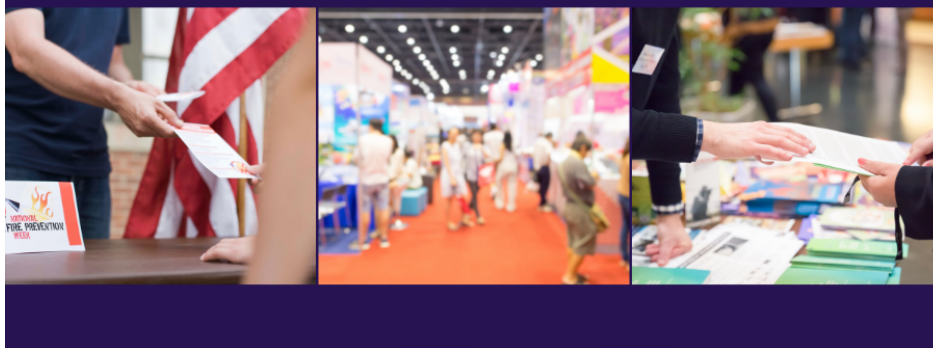
Open to the public, free to attend,

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., Saturday, September 18th, 2021, Citrus County Auditorium.

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, axe throwing, 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 see how many amazing local businesses are here to service your needs and get to know these service providers one-on-one. Ask them questions directly and build relationships that you're comfortable relying on!

To reserve your slot, visit [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo) For sponsorship opportunities email [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com)

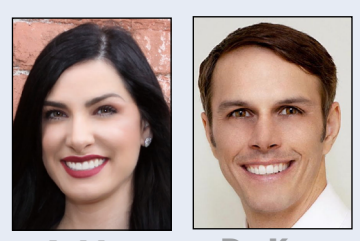


## Chamber Events

- 08/26 – August Chamber Mixer – 5PM; Kelly's Half Shell in Crystal River
- 09/10 – September Chamber Luncheon sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters – 11:30am – 1pm; Plantation on Crystal River; Speaker: Jennifer Quinn, Economist & Director of Economic Development | Florida Realtors®
- 09/23 – September Chamber Mixer – 5pm; Realtor's Association of Citrus County in Lecanto
- 10/07 – Big BAM Mixer – 5PM; Bayfront Health Seven Rivers
- 10/15 – Salute to Business Luncheon sponsored by Bayfront Health Seven Rivers and The College of Central Florida – 11:30am – 1pm
- 10/19 – Fire Up Citrus – 6PM – 9:15PM; The Valerie Theatre in Inverness
- 10/28 – BAM BBQ presented by Crystal Harley Davidson – 6PM – 10PM; M&B Dairy in Lecanto

## '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](http://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!