



Chamber Connection

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Chamber Business Expo to host FREE family fun!

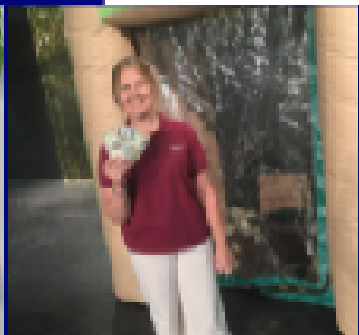
EXPO AT A GLANCE

- **What:** 2021 Chamber Business Expo
- **When:** September 18th, 9am-1pm
- **Where:** The Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S Florida Ave, Inverness, FL 34450

September 18th, from 9AM-1PM, the Chamber's premier Business Expo will be host to dozens of local businesses and numerous activities and fun for the whole family!

Along with free entry, attendees will receive a free goodie bag as they enter (while supplies last), and a ticket automatically entering them for a chance in the Chamber MONEY MACHINE! Will you walk away richer? There's only one way to find out!

Additionally, demonstrations from the Citrus Rollers, Citrus County jazzercise, and Karina's School of Hawaiian & Belly



Dance will be presented on stage throughout the event. Families can browse the rows of local businesses giving the unique opportunity to ask your specific questions directly to the business representatives and find

trustworthy organizations to fulfill your service needs. Make sure you stop by all the booths, so you don't miss out on any fun like axe throwing at JAM - Just Amuse Me!

Limited spaces and sponsorship

opportunities are still available. Sponsorship inquiries can be made by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com. Vendor applications can be found online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/business-expo



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

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.

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

Subway Receives New Image Award!



Congratulations to the Chamber's July New Image Award recipient, Subway - Crystal River! The New Image Award is chosen each month by the Chamber's New Image committee based on the member's efforts to uplift their storefront location and, in turn, impacts the visual quality of our community.

Member News

■ **The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay** welcomes its new Board of Trustees Chair, Mike Starkey! They are also excited to announce the launch of a new tool to connect philanthropists with the unexpected and urgent needs of local nonprofits. Called the Critical Needs List, the new philanthropy tool quickly mobilizes funding sources to help local nonprofits that are facing imminent threats to their ability to serve the Tampa Bay community. The Community Foundation posts the nonprofit's request for urgent support on the Critical Needs List on its website: www.cftampabay.org/criticalneedslist/. Additional information can also be found on their website. Nonprofits are encouraged to submit applications for the Community Foundation's competitive grants cycle when it opens on October 13, 2021.



■ **Citrus County Blessings** will host its 6th Annual Halloween Costume Ball on October 22nd at the Depot in Inverness. Information and tickets can be found online at www.CitrusCountyBlessings.org

■ **Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind** will be hosting the Dinning in the Dark event on October 9th at the GlenLakes Country Club in Weeki Wachee. For sponsorships, reservations, or chances for prize drawings text "DARK" to 41444 or visit www.lvib.org.

■ **Save Crystal River** will be hosting their Rockstar Charity Event on November 4th at The Plantation on Crystal River. Additional information and sponsorships are available online at www.SaveCrystalRiver.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 | FloridaRealtors®
- 09/23 - September Chamber Mixer - 5pm; Realtor's Association of Citrus

- County in Lecanto
- 10/15 - Salute to Business Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Senate President Wilton Simpson, sponsored by 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

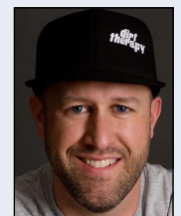


'Chamber Report' on WYKE

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/watchandsearchforWYKE47).

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with George Schmalstig of Filter Family Solutions about their mission to help families heal, learn, and grow together. They also discuss the impact programs like Filter Family Solutions has within a community. Jade also speaks with Lisa White, owner of Mamas Kuntry Kafe, and Robert Carte, manager of Mamas Kuntry Kafe, about their recent relocation and a spotlight of their menu and downhome southern atmosphere.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



George Schmalstig



Robert Carte and Lisa White

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\$50 W/ OPEN BAR
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