



Chamber Connection

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Do you have Citrus' NEXT BIG IDEA!?

Do you have what you think is a great idea to help put a fire under Citrus County to move our economy forward? Can you make it a little entertaining, fairly fun, and totally presentable in 5 minutes flat? Then we want YOU to present it at Fire Up Citrus!

Applications are open through October 1st, online at www.citrusCountyChamber.com

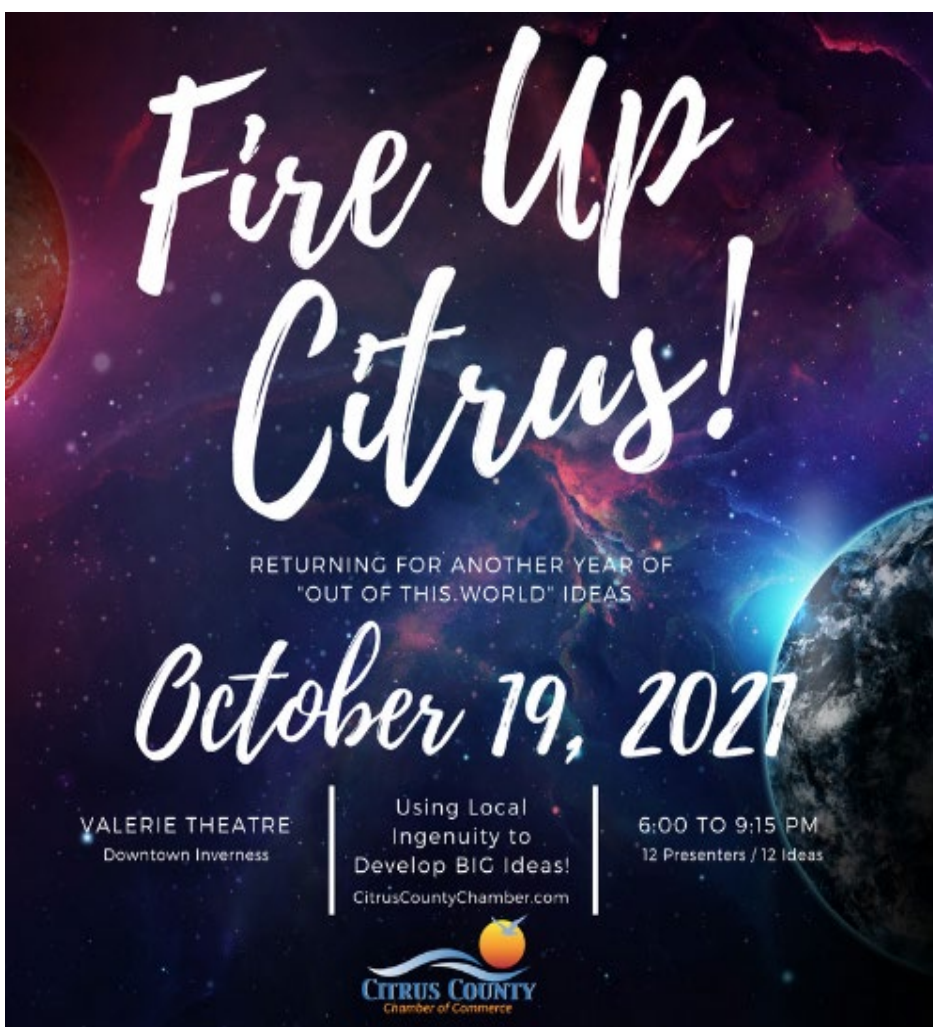
You can also access the 2019 presenter video to see what its all about!

Fire Up Citrus will be held at the Valerie Theatre in Inverness on October 19th from 6PM - 9:15PM. General admission is \$10. Free for presenters.

For more information, contact Ardath Prendergast at 352-795-3149 or ardath@citruscountyChamber.com.

IDEAS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH FIRE UP CITRUS!

- ✓ The Construction Academy (Harold Walker)
- ✓ Veterans Village (Dr. Desai)
- ✓ A kitchen incubator (presented by Heather Gibson)
- ✓ JAM (Dave Perry)
- ✓ The \$5K professional pilot training pathway (Andy Chan)
- ✓ The new USFWS exhibit (Mike Engles)
- ✓ Loaner life jackets - Now Cayla's Coats (Jessica Barnes)
- ✓ A zip line (by Scott Baggerly)
- ✓ Developing a tourist bus / trolley route (Todd Reiland - he presented this before Crystal River started the TSS Trolley)
- ✓ Artist-painted bike racks (Michele Wirt - Citrus County Cultural Arts)
- ✓ Flip Flop Yogurt Shop (started by John and Lindsey Hodgkins after a presentation the first year by high school students Kylie Phillips and Noah McGinnis)



Coffee With a Commissioner at CORE Business Center Sept. 1

Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach will be available on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at the CORE Business Center located at 203 E Dampier St, Inverness, FL 34450 from 9:00 - 11:00am to meet with constituents.

If you would like to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have, please contact The CORE Business Center for a reservation at (352) 419-4834 M-F 9am-4pm or on a first-come, first-served basis on that day.



Ruthie Davis Schlabach
County Commissioner,
Citrus BOCC.



Get to know YOUR Community!

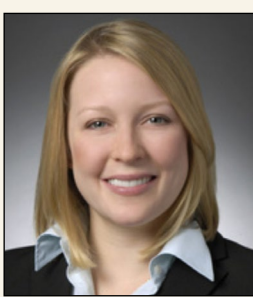
The premiere business expo of Citrus County presents an opportunity to get to know the businesses and resources available in your own community and have a ton of FAMILY FUN!

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
For sponsorship opportunities email Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com



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®.

Chamber Events

■ 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 Duke Energy - 11:30am - 1pm. To register email Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com

■ 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. Tickets on sale now at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq.



'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 Erika Corley, Chamber Special Events Manager, about upcoming events including the Business Expo, Business Appreciation Month's BAM BBQ and Fire Up Citrus, and the 2021 Christmas Parades!

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



Erika Corley

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.

