

Citrus LINK

Linking Citrus County Government with Citizens

July 2015

County Unveils New Website Address

The Board of County Commissioners approved changing the County's Internet website address at their regular meeting on June 9. The new address www.citrusbocc.com is shorter, easier to re- cite and similar to other constitutional offices in Citrus County. This will also apply to the email address domain name for county employees. Citizens will be automatically redirected to the new website address, as well as email messages, so there will be no changes in the level of service to the community.



Our Road Maintenance Department is called to action on everything from patching potholes, correcting drainage problems, road signage, maintaining bridges, and much more! We appreciate their hard work!

What can I find on the County website?

The county website contains up-to-date information to allow citizens access to all county projects, departments and events, including an events calendar, recent announcements, budget information, and links to each county division. The public can apply for a job, make a public records request, and access the GIS system. Contractors can check the status of a permit using the online permitting system. Residents and visitors can search the county parks, buildings and boat ramps by amenities offered at each site. Visit www.citrusbocc.com today!

Service Requests
for May= 237

Did you know...

As part of the recent road repaving project on County Road 581, 3.57 miles were paved between SR 44 and Anna Jo Drive. To mill, resurface, grade & re-sod both shoulders, add an improved shoulder on the southeast corner at SR 44 and re-place permanent pavement markings it cost \$1,010,359...approximately \$280,000 per mile!

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Extension Services hosted a Sewing and Science Adventure Camp the week of June 15. Campers received a sewing machine on the first day and were presented with a series of projects of increasing complexity to build on their skill levels. Above picture showcases one of their finished projects.

News & Notes

County Earns High Rating for Compliance with NFIP

The Citrus County Building Division is proud to announce the final score from the most recent Community Rating System (CRS) evaluation has been determined. The Community Rating System is completed every three years to measure compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rules and regulations. Previously, the County was given a community rating of "6", which afforded our citizens a 20% discount on their flood insurance premiums. The new community rating is a "5", which will afford our citizens a 25% discount on their flood insurance premiums. In the CRS program, a lower score is better. For more information on the Flood Management Program, please call 527-5310.

Summer Concert Series Continues

The Summer Concert Series, presented by the Inverness Cultural Heritage Council, continues in July featuring Modulus on Thursday, July 16 at the Historic Courthouse. Modulus's genre is billed as classic to modern rock. This group is comprised of Bobbi Faulkner, vocals, James Faulkner, Jr., rhythm guitar, Jim Faulkner, drums, Steve Billington, lead guitar, Mark Davis, bass, and Larry Kish, keyboard. This high-energy pop/rock band is a favorite in Central Florida. Doors open at 6:00, and the price is \$10. If you enjoyed the winter concert series, let the entertainment continue throughout the summer. Call the museum at the historic Courthouse at 341-6428 to help support the culture and the arts in the community.

Veteran Services at Homosassa Library

Effective July 16, the Veteran Services Office will have a Veteran Service Officer available the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 PM at the Homosassa Library, located at 4100 S. Grandmarch Avenue in Homosassa. To schedule an appointment, please call 527-5915.

County Staff completes CPR/AED training

The Human Resources Department recently offered a non-certification class for County employees to learn about the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and Basic CPR skills. Many of our employees have contact with the public on a daily basis and wanted to know proper procedures for how to operate the AED machines located in all government buildings.



Tentative Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 22 at 9 am at the Citrus County Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend.

Trivia Question

What year was Citrus County established?

Answer given in August Edition

Answer from June Edition:
How many vehicular accidents were reported in Citrus County in 2014?
2,609

Tai Chi Classes Offered at Community Center

The Central Citrus Community Center in Lecanto is offering a Basic Introduction to Tai Chi class starting Wednesday, July 10. The one hour class will run each Friday starting at 10:00 am and the instructor will be John Read. The classes are geared towards those who have never tried Tai Chi and are interested in learning the Yang/Taoist styles. This class will teach participants basic stances and movements.

Class size is limited. Please contact the Kriss at the Central Citrus Community Center at 527-5993 to register.

Florida Friendly Landscaping Classes

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program is offering two free gardening workshops in July. Responsible Pest Management is the topic for the July 14 workshop from 2:00-3:30 pm and Fertilize Appropriately best practices will be discussed at the workshop on July 28 from 2:00-3:30 pm. Both classes will held at the Citrus County Extension building in Lecanto.

Please call Steven Davis at 527-5708 to confirm your participation.

Classic Car Show Event

Classic Car Owners Wanted!!

Citrus County Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a Classic Car show to be held on August 1 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Lecanto Community Park, located at 3505 W. Educational Path in Lecanto. The car show will be part of the Preshow activities to the Movie in the Park event that evening. Parks & Recreation staff is looking for classic car owners to participate in the program, and encourage any owners to visit our website www.citrusbocc.com or call 527-7540 to register. There is no charge to participate and ten Kids' Choice awards will be given.

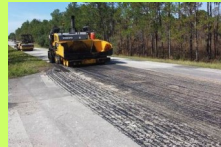
For more information about the Classic Car Show or Movie in the Park events, please contact Parks & Recreation at 527-7540.



Road Resurfacing Updates

The following resurfacing projects for arterial and collector roadways are currently being completed through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP):

****County Road 581 (SR 44 to Anna Jo Drive)**- striping and sod to be completed late July.



****County Road 491 (Glen Pines to Cardinal)**- slated to begin the week of July 6

For more information on road resurfacing projects, please call the Engineering Division at 527-5446.

Look What's Coming...

Frequent questions County staff receives in regards to new construction or business is "What is coming?" "What is being built there?" Is it true...?" Citrus Link will provide monthly updates on the newly received permit requests and/or issued permits for large commercial projects received by the Planning & Development Department.

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS- permit application for new auto parts store at 3467 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

AIR DISTRIBUTORS- permit application for new 10,500 sq. ft. warehouse at 2541 W. Dunnellon Road in Dunnellon.

HARLEY DAVIDSON- permit application to replace the existing façade on the Harley Davidson building on US 19 in Homosassa.

ALL ABOUT KIDS DAYCARE- permit application for a change in occupancy from a Merita Store to All About Kids Daycare at 1164 S. Lecanto Highway in Lecanto.

PRIVATE HELIPAD- conditional use application to allow for a helipad at a private residence at 6810 S. Bassett Drive in Homosassa. Application scheduled for review by Planning & Development Commission on July 16

Kudos Corner

“Just want you to know how much I appreciate all the information and work you did Debbe Dahlinger to help me know about my sprinklers and how to use properly. Your kindness and work is very much appreciated.”
Kitty Maybin

“We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Cheek and his staff for your professionalism and understanding regarding our recent water bill charge. Your ability to understand our plight and offer possible causes for the increase water use indicated a willingness to work with your customers and the citizens of Citrus County.

Community Congregational Christian Church

“All three Utility Operations crew members took care of the problem without delay. These guys are great ambassadors for the county.”

James Booth

“We just want you to know how impressed we are with swim instructor Maci Keppler. Maci worked closely with our 15 year old son and the other students to target their individual needs. He left the class with several new skills and most importantly, and higher level of confidence in the water.”
James and Sue Johnson

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information or if you have questions

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Mission Statement

Citrus County Government will be a value-driven organization dedicated to responsive citizen service by providing quality programs, services and facilities to build a strong community and promote the best quality of life for our citizens.

To view full calendar of events,
please visit www.citrusbocc.com

CALENDAR REQUESTS

Tentative Budget Hearing

Wednesday, July 22 @ 9 am
Citrus County Courthouse, Rm 100
For more information, call 527-5484

Tourist Development Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 8 @ 9:00 am
Lecanto Government Bldg, Rm 166
For more information, call 628-9305

Board of County Commission Meetings

July 14 and July 28
Citrus County Courthouse Rm. 100 starting at 1:00 pm

Planning & Development Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 16 @ 9:00 am
Lecanto Government Building, Rm 166
For more information, call 527-5248