

Citrus County Business Resource Alliance Hosts Workshops

The Economic Summit was a great success. Many businesses in all stages of development and from all areas of the county were in attendance, as well as, general members of the public, and county officials. Attendance for the Summit grew to over 220 people. The Chronicle had the summit streaming live on their website and approximately 275 people have viewed the Summit online. The Citrus County's Business Resource Alliance consisting of SCORE, SBDC, CF, EDC, Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Connection have reviewed all of the comment cards that were filled out during the Summit. The businesses community has spoken and we have listened. The Alliance will be bringing forth follow-up workshops, forums and mini-summits in the future that will address the needs of small businesses in Citrus County. Many of the workshops will be about specific topics pulled from the agenda of the Summit. Also, many attendees requested being able to submit questions prior to the event. We now have that option available.

The first workshop will be a **Land Development Code Workshop** presented by the Chamber and the EDC and sponsored by FDS Disposal. Land development code affects where businesses, residences, and agriculture can expand on and develop into new businesses. Local business owners are encouraged to attend and contribute to Land Development Code changes. Results of this workshop will be presented to the BOCC for consideration. This workshop will be held at CF – Citrus Campus in Room 103 on June 2nd from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Our panelists include: Clark Stillwell - Land Use and Zoning Attorney, Kevin Smith – Director of Development Services with the Board of County Commissioners, Kevin Cunningham – Realtors Association, Randy Clark – Builders Association, Jenette Collins – Community Development Director with the Board of County Commissioners. This workshop will be open forum style. Attendance is free but registration is required due to limited seating.

On June 23, the next workshop will be **Small Business Funding and Incentive Resources**, similar to the Summit with Q&A time. Several panelists will be discussing funding options available to small businesses and the new EDC incentive programs. This workshop will be at CF - Citrus Campus, in the new Conference Center from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Registration is required.

- Please contact Jackie@citruscountychamber.com or 352-795-3149 to register for either event.
- Please send all pre-event questions to Jackie@citruscountychamber.com.
- Sponsorship opportunities are available for both events. Please contact Cira at 352-795-2000 for information.

Thanks to FDS Disposal for sponsoring the Land Development Code Workshop!

