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## Black Diamond Foundation September 2022 Update

It's another rainy day in Lecanto. We had 20 inches of rain in July & August. That combined with our greens being aerated multiple times this summer should result in green golf courses this fall.

Citrus County unemployment came in at 4.2% in July. However, many workers are struggling to keep up with rapidly rising rent and food prices as are retirees dependent on Social Security. Decreasing gasoline prices have provided some relief. The Florida minimum wage will increase from \$10/hr to \$11/hr effective Sept 30th. Servers eligible for tips will see their minimum wage increase from \$6.98 to \$7.98. A 9% cost of living increase is projected for Social Security recipients in 2023.

Rebecca Bays won her District 4 County Commissioner Republican primary and is unopposed in November. Diana Finegan won her District 2 Republican primary and is favored to defeat independent Paul Grogan this fall. They will replace outgoing Commissioners Ron Kitchen and Scott Carnahan.

The Citrus County Hospital Board continues to feud with the foundation it created: Citrus County Community Charity Foundation (CCCCF). It has also taken a non-empathetic stance toward the Community Food Bank and those in need within Citrus County. Chronicle Article regarding Hospital Board and Food Bank

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The BDF Board will resume our monthly meetings on October 3rd.

We look forward to seeing our snowbirds return this fall.

The BDF Board of Directors

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