



**MISSION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

# Chamber Connection

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## Legislative Days 2023

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce was pleased to organize and host the annual Citrus County Legislative Days once again.

Approximately 100 business, community leaders, and officials from Citrus County made the trip to Tallahassee on March 22nd and 23rd to meet with legislators and agency officials to advocate on a number of issues that are of

importance to our local businesses and residents alike. We were joined by several speakers including Wilton Simpson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs; Meredith Ivey, Acting Secretary, Department of Economic Opportunity; Adrienne Johnston, President / CEO, CareerSource Florida; Henry Mack, Ed.D., Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education; Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for

Ecosystems Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Frank Walker, Executive Vice President of Governmental & Political Relations, Florida Chamber of Commerce; and many more.

The Chamber will continue its advocacy on our Legislative Priorities throughout the 2023 legislative session, and we look forward to providing updates over the next weeks.

We would like to give a special thank you to the sponsors that helped to make this year's Legislative Days possible. Our 2023 Presenting Sponsor Crystal Motorcycle and Tractor Group; Dinner Sponsors Diane Damron and Duke Energy; Hospitality Sponsors Duke Energy and Ignited Business Brokers; Luncheon and Session Sponsor CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion; and Bus Sponsor Leadership Citrus.



Dept of Opportunity, Acting Secretary, Meredith Ivey addresses over 100 attendees at the 2023 Citrus County Legislative Day session.



Citrus County Commission Chair Ruthie Schlabach, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Josh Wooten and Chamber of Commerce Chair Tom Ryan, gather with our former Senator, Wilton Simpson, after addressing the crowd under his newly elected title, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture.

### RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

#### Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters — Homosassa



Welcome to the Chamber and congratulations to Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters (Ollie's Plaza) on their newest location in Homosassa! Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters strives to serve the best fresh roasted coffee, a progressive and eclectic menu and high-end loose-leaf teas Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters is the perfect place "where friends come to meet". The Homosassa location offers drive-through pick-up with advanced orders. <https://www.cattledogcoffeeroasters.com/>.

## April Luncheon to feature Property Appraiser

Join us for our April Chamber Luncheon with keynote speaker Cregg Dalton, Citrus County Property Appraiser. Cregg will discuss issues including where we were compared to where we are now, future goals for the Property Appraiser's office, values and statistics, and an overview of the office and how it impacts local business.

April 14th, 2023; 11:30am-1pm; Plantation on Crystal River; Sponsored by

Jessie's Place Children's Advocacy Center

Networking: 11:30am-12pm  
Program/Speaker: 12pm-1pm

Pricing:

\$25 - members

\$30 - Non-members

Advanced reservations are required.

No walk-ups will be accepted. Make

reservations online now at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com)

## Chamber Supports FCRNWR

We were pleased to present a check to local non-profit organization Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex for \$1,000 for their hard work and volunteerism at the 36th Annual Florida Manatee Festival!

We are proud that our major annual events not only offer an economic impact for our community but also allow us the opportunity to support organizations like this.

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, organized in 1998 to support

the mission of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge located in Crystal River Florida.

Their mission is to Conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats, Support the stewardship of the National Wildlife Refuge System, Promote a better awareness, appreciation, conservation and responsible utilization of the Refuge Complex, and Preserve the natural and historical resources of the Refuges. <https://friendsofthecrystalriver.org/>



Pictured L-R: Missy Slanker, Special Events Manager, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce; Kc Nayfield, President, FCRNWR; Josh Wooten, President/CEO, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce; Gerry Mulligan, Board Member, FCRNWR.

### Upcoming Events

- 4/14 — April Chamber Luncheon; Plantation on Crystal River; Speaker Cregg Dalton, Citrus County Property Appraiser; Sponsor: Jessie's Place Children's Advocacy Center
- 4/14 — BWA Country Line Dancing 'FUN'raiser; CF Wilton Simpson Citrus Campus
- 4/20 — April Chamber Mixer; Comfort Keepers

### Chamber Legacy Members

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