



**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 2024 in Tallahassee

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

Approximately 110 business, community leaders, and officials from Citrus County made the trip to Tallahassee on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 William Watts, Assistant Secretary for Engineering, and David Gwynn, District 7 Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation; Dominic Calabro, President/CEO, Florida TaxWatch; State Representative Ralph Massullo, District 23; Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration, and Alex Reed, Director, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, Florida Department of

Environmental Protection; Kevin O'Farrell, Chancellor, Florida Department of Education, Division of Career & Adult Education; Senator Blaise Ingoglia, District 11; and many more.

The Chamber will continue its advocacy on our Legislative Priorities throughout the 2024 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 2024 Presenting Sponsor Crystal Motorcycle and Tractor Group; Dinner Sponsors Diane Damron, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, and Duke Energy; Hospitality Sponsors Duke Energy and Ignited Business Brokers; Luncheon and Session Sponsors CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and Mike Bays State Farm; and Bus Sponsor Leadership Citrus.



Senator Blaise Ingoglia, District 11, speaks to representatives and business leaders of Citrus County in Tallahassee at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Legislative Day.



Senate President-Designate, Ben Albritton, joined over 100 business and community leaders from Citrus County as the Keynote Speaker for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

## The Tax Man Cometh!

The Internal Revenue Service has announced tomorrow, January 29, 2024, as the beginning of the nation's 2024 tax season when the agency will begin accepting and processing 2023 tax year returns.

The IRS expects more than 128.7 million individual tax returns to be filed by the April 15, 2024, tax deadline.

Make it easy on yourself and turn to one of our Chamber members below who can help you be sure that your tax returns are done correctly and filed timely.

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Accounting & Tax Service**  
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Inverness, FL 34450  
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**Citrus PA, LLC**  
1545 Forest Dr  
Inverness, FL 34453  
352-637-3005

**Coastal Accounting  
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20 Norvell Bryant Hwy  
Hernando, FL 34442  
352-418-0829

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4441 NE 1st St  
Crystal River, FL 34423  
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**Gator Financial Management**  
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**Liberty Tax Service**  
7887 W Gulf to Lake Hwy  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-563-2770

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1140 Sterling Rd  
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7655 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Ste 13  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
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Crystal River, FL 34429  
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9030 W Fort Island Trl, Ste 11C  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
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217 N Apopka Ave  
Inverness, FL 34450  
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## Tampa General Hospital President/CEO to /speak at February Chamber Luncheon

Join us at the February Chamber Luncheon as we welcome John Couris, President and CEO of Tampa General Hospital, as our keynote speaker. This event promises an enlightening dialogue on the significant expansion of TGH's network and its impact on comprehensive healthcare services in our community.

Discover how Tampa General Hospital's expansion will not only elevate the standard of healthcare but also ensure that patients in Citrus and Hernando Counties receive the highest quality of care, right in the comfort of their own community. This is a chance to learn directly about TGH's role as a healthcare provider, employer, and robust community partner.

Date: February 9th, 2024 11:30 AM –

1:00 PM

Location: Plantation on Crystal River

Schedule:

Networking: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch: 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM

Program/Speaker: 12:20 PM - 1:00 PM

Pricing:

Chamber Members: \$25; Non-Members: \$35

Please note that advanced reservations are required and walk-ups will not be accepted. Secure your spot today to be part of this important conversation and enjoy a delightful lunch with fellow community and business leaders. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with us at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce!

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

## RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

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.

### Citrus Limo Tours



Welcome to the Chamber, Citrus Limo Tours! Perfect for events, parties, graduations, and more! They also offer low-cost, affordable transportation services! (352) 403-2813.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**02/09** February Chamber Luncheon;  
11:30am; The Plantation on Crystal River  
**02/15** February Mixer; 5PM; Builders  
Association of Citrus County  
**03/02/ - 03/03** 37th Annual Floral City

Strawberry Festival, Floral Park  
**03/08** March Chamber Luncheon; 11:30AM;  
Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club  
**03/21** March Mixer; 5PM; Hengesbach &  
Hengesbach (Beverly Hills)

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