



**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 theregion, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

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# Chamber Connection

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## Chamber Honors First Responders

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its annual First Responders Appreciation BBQ. Partnering with M&B Dairy, the event was a tribute to the dedicated men and women who tirelessly serve and protect our community.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Jeff Dawsy First Responder Scholarship for the second consecutive year. With the support of Citrus County Property Appraiser Cregg Dalton and Citrus County Fire Rescue Chief Craig Stevens, this year's scholarship was awarded to Morgan Bakulski.

The event was held at the beautifully renovated Copeland Community Park, thanks to the City of Crystal River's partnership.

The park's stunning new look provided a picturesque backdrop for our celebrations.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our generous sponsors, whose support made this event possible: Grand Living at Citrus Hills, Nick Nicholas Ford, Tampa General Hospital, Chucks Guns, Crystal River Health and Rehabilitation Center, Spectrum Business, Citrus Lending, Family Chiropractic Center for Wellness, Gary & Julie Mock, Virgilio Insurance Services, Bubbaques BBQ-Crystal River, Core-Civic, Joe's Family Restaurant, The Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County, Mike Scott Plumbing, Powers Protection Inc., Sound Decisions, Seafood Seller and Cafe, Lollygaggers Sports Pub & Grill, HCA Florida Citrus Hospital, and St. Johns Tavern.

### Chamber presents the second annual Jeff Dawsy First Responder Scholarship



Pictured L-R: Missy Slanker, Chamber Special Events Manager; Paisley Bower, Lifesouth Community Blood Centers; Meghan Maguire, Citrus County Property Appraisers Office; Debbie Reilly, Chamber Board Chairman; Morgan Bakulski, scholarship recipient; Craig Stevens, Citrus County Fire Chief; Josh Wooten, Chamber President/CEO.

### 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.

#### Family Chiropractic Center for Wellness



Welcome to the Chamber, Family Chiropractic Center for Wellness! As leading chiropractic professionals, their staff will do everything they can to help you achieve your wellness objectives, heal from injuries, and live a healthy, full life. They use only the best in chiropractic equipment and keep up with the latest innovations in holistic care to provide our patients with a full range of complementary health and wellness treatments. 2220 Hwy 44 W Inverness FL 34453. (352) 942-3443. <https://www.drbrianchiro.com/>

## Florida Chamber Prosperity Conference offers significant insights

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently participated in the Florida Chamber of Commerce Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit, gaining invaluable insights into policy and best practices aimed at fostering local economic growth. This event highlighted the business community's pivotal role in driving positive change at the zip code level. The summit featured expert discussions on innovative strategies and collaborative efforts essential for economic advancement.

The Chamber looks forward to leveraging this knowledge to propel Citrus County forward, ensuring a vibrant and thriving community.



Pictured L-R: Tiarra Alexander, Chamber Board member/Prosperity Chair; Josh Wooten, Chamber President/CEO; Paul Renner, Florida Speaker of the House; Heather Cogar, Realtor - Sellstate Next Generation Realty.

## June Luncheon hosts Constitutional Primary Candidate Forum

Each election season, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce hosts a primary candidate forum luncheon. The forum offers a unique opportunity for candidates to engage with a diverse audience of chamber member voters to articulate their vision, discuss their platform, and connect directly with constituents.

The June Constitutional Primary Candidate Forum will host candidates in the following races:

- Citrus County Sheriff
- Citrus County Superintendent of Schools
- Citrus County School Board, District 2
- Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Citrus County Supervisor of Elections

Please Note: A Separate luncheon forum will be held in July for Citrus County Board of County Commission candidates.

Pricing: \$25 for Chamber Members; \$35 for non-chamber members. Please note that advanced reservations are required and walk-ups will not be accepted. For more information or to make reservations visit [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6/14 Special Chamber Luncheon: Constitutional Primary Candidate Forum; 11:00 am – 1:30 pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Just Be Klaus  
6/20 Chamber Mixer. 5PM – 7PM, Host: Location: Art Center of Citrus County  
7/12 Special Chamber Luncheon: BOCC Primary Candidate Forum; 11:00 am – 1:30 pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Leadership Citrus  
8/09 Chamber Luncheon: Citrus County Chronicle Healthcare Heroes Awards; 11:30am – 1:00 pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle

### Chamber Legacy Members

The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber by emailing [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com).