



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.

Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Connection

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Chamber will host two significant events Town Hall on Managed Growth to be held this Thursday

As Citrus County experiences brisk development and an influx of new residents, it is crucial that our community understands the proactive steps being taken to ensure this growth is managed sustainably. In response to the evolving landscape, the Chamber is pleased to announce a town hall event titled "Charting Citrus County's Future: Embracing Managed Growth for Sustainable Progress." This event will take place on Thursday, June 13, from 5 – 7:00 p.m. at the College of Central

Florida Wilton Simpson Campus. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with refreshments and light appetizers. The event will begin with a presentation by Sheridan Morby, Senior Research Economist from the Florida Chamber Foundation. Morby will share insights from the Florida Scorecard, covering topics such as local population growth, job needs, tax revenues, housing issues, and educational attainments. Following the presentation, a distinguished panel of local leaders and experts will discuss the

benefits and importance of managed growth in Citrus County. The panel, co-moderated by Gerry Mulligan and Josh Wooten, includes:
● Ralph Massullo, Florida State Representative
● Eric Landon, Citrus County Growth Management Director
● Cregg Dalton, Citrus County Property Appraiser
● Thomas Kennedy, Citrus County School Board Member
● Linda Stockton, Senior Vice President & Hospital CEO, Tampa General Hospital Crystal River

● Lisa Nuumi, CEO, HCA Florida Citrus Hospital
● Becky Beattie, Director of Nursing Operations, ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lecanto
● Jim Morton, Broker, Century 21, J.W. Morton Real Estate
● Dr. Denis Grillo, DO
● Danielle Ruiz, Economic Development Industry Recruitment, Duke Energy
Concluding the event, we will hear a wrap-up from County Administrator, Steve Howard. This town hall is a unique opportunity for residents to hear directly

from their leaders about how they are working to manage growth responsibly and sustainably. It also allows for a candid discussion on community needs and actions being taken to address concerns. The event is free and open to the public, and media coverage is expected. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with light refreshments to be served. Thank you to our event sponsors Dr. Paresch Desai and Duke Energy. We encourage all residents to attend and encourage positive participation in this important discussion.

Chamber Tackles Affordable Workforce Housing with Community Event

With the rapid changes in population and commercial growth, the necessity for affordable workforce housing in Citrus County is on the rise. To tackle this pressing need, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County, is convening a vital event. This gathering aims to bring together key stakeholders, experts, and community members to discuss and devise solutions for this critical challenge. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Crystal River Church of God – Citrus

Springs Campus, 9921 N. Deltona Blvd., Citrus Springs. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m., offering complimentary coffee and a light breakfast. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The program will feature a keynote address by Former Senator Jeff Brandes, renowned for his work in housing policy. Following the keynote, a distinguished panel will discuss various aspects of affordable workforce housing, moderated by Ron Daly, Board Chairman of Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County. The panelists include:
● Bill Aldinger: Director of Policy and

Special Programs, Florida Housing Finance Corporation
● Roxanne Young: Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Florida
● Josh Wooten: President/CEO, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
● Ashon Nesbitt: CEO, Florida Housing Coalition
● Michelle Alford: Housing Coordinator, Citrus County Housing Services
A discussion with local sector experts providing insights into the current climate in Citrus County, along with a brief Q&A session, will follow the panel discussion. The event will conclude with

remarks from Citrus County Administrator Steve Howard.
Participation Details
This event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, and RSVPs are required to ensure your space. We encourage all community members who are passionate about addressing sustainable solutions for affordable workforce housing to join us for this important discussion. To reserve your seat, please RSVP by June 7, 2024, at tinyurl.com/CitrusHousing2024.

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

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.

New 2 You Estate Sale Emporium



We would like to welcome Chamber Member, New 2 You Estate Sale Emporium, LLC to their new location at 3383 E Gulf to Lake Hwy Inverness FL 34453. They offer Estate Sale services with a Retail Store location in Inverness. Their service include Set up of sale, Pricing, Staging, Running of sales, Advertisement, and Teardown of sale. (352) 693-9109. <https://new2youstatesales.com/>

Aspire Salon



Welcome to the Chamber, Aspire Boutique Salon! Aspire Boutique's unique environment, values, constant education, skills, knowledge sharing, and teamwork ensure great customer satisfaction. Salon services include cutting & styling, a wide array of color & highlight options and techniques, and facial waxing options. Their elite stylists share pride, passion, and a strong sense of professionalism to ensure the highest quality of their brand. 3897 W Homosassa Trail Lecanto FL 34461. (352) 270-8285. <https://aspirepasalon.com/index.php>

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