



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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## Scallop Season: Prepare for Fun!

Scallop season is officially open! Start making your reservations now. From the catch to your table, our wonderful chamber members are ready to make your scallop-sing experience a memorable one!

**CATCH IT**

**Carefree Boat Club**  
237 W Broad St  
Groveland, FL 34736  
855-Why Own1

**Crystal River Watersports**  
2380 NW Hwy 19  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
352-795-7033

**Explorida Adventure Center**  
545 N Citrus Ave  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
352-423-3798

**Extreme Fishing Habit Charters and Tours**  
10780 W Yulee Dr #490  
Homosassa, FL 34487  
352-515-9467

**Fish Crystal River**  
1167 N Rice Ter  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
352-212-8327

**Freedom Boat Club**  
1 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-436-9045

**MacRae's of Homosassa**  
5300 Cherokee Way  
Homosassa, FL 34448  
352-628-2602

**Manatee Tour & Dive**  
36 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-228-4714

**Nautical Tours & More**  
10317 W Yulee Dr  
Homosassa, FL 34448  
352-601-7235

**Plantation on Crystal River**  
9301 W Fort Island Trail  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
(352) 795-4211

**Saltfacecharters.com**  
PO Box 2991  
Homosassa Springs, FL 34447  
352-634-0861

**Shallow Salt Charters**  
11684 W Brightwater Ct  
Homosassa, FL 34448  
813-244-0081

**Suzie B Charters**  
344 NE Crystal St  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
352-586-8068

**Twin Rivers Marina**  
2880 N Seabreeze Pt  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-795-3552



**Dan's Clam Stand**  
2315 N Sunshine Path  
Crystal River, FL 34428  
352-795-9081

**Lollygaggers Pub and Grill**  
744 SE Hwy 19  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-794-3888

**Margueritagrill**  
10200 W Halls River Rd  
Homosassa, FL 34448  
352-628-1336

**Seafood Seller & Café**  
300 SE US Hwy 19  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
352-228-4936

**West 82 Bar and Grill (Plantation)**  
9301 W. Fort Island Trail  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
(352) 795-4211

## Expand your reach! Join the 2024 Chamber Business Expo!

Calling all local businesses and organizations looking to showcase their products and services to a diverse audience!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the opportunity to participate as a vendor at the highly anticipated 2024 Business Expo, scheduled for September 14th at the Inverness Depot Pavilion!

This is the perfect opportunity for businesses aiming to expand their reach and connect with potential customers and partners across Citrus County.

- Showcase your products and services to hundreds of attendees, including fellow entrepreneurs, business leaders, and community members

eager to discover local offerings.

- Forge valuable connections and partnerships that can lead to business growth and collaboration within our vibrant local economy.
- Increase your brand's visibility and enhance its reputation as a leader in your industry by participating in this premier business event.

Limited vendor spaces are available, and interest is high. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase what makes your business unique.

Whether you're a seasoned entrepreneur or a budding startup, the 2024 Business Expo offers a platform to shine. Get registered or learn more at <https://www.citruscountychamber.com/chamber-business-expo/>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/12 Special Chamber Luncheon: BOCC Primary Candidate Forum; 11:00 am – 1:30 pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Leadership Citrus

8/9 Chamber Luncheon: Citrus County Chronicle Healthcare Heroes Awards; 11:30 am – 1:00 pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle

8/15 Chamber Mixer: Homosassa Springs Adventures (Homosassa State Park Visitor Center – US19); 5 pm – 7 pm

## Shop Citrus First for Freedom Month!

This month is Florida's 'Freedom Month Sales Tax Holiday'. Make sure you shop citrus first as you take advantage of loads of events, state park entries, and outdoor equipment are sales tax free! For more details, visit: <https://floridarevenue.com/FreedomMonth>

## 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.

### John Cino for Mosquito Control Board



Welcome to the Chamber, John Cino for Mosquito Control Board. Learn more about John Cino and his vision at <https://votejohncino.com/>

## July Luncheon features Candidates 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 July Board of County Commissioner Primary Candidate Forum luncheon will host candidates in the following races:

- Citrus County Board of County Commissioner; District 1
- Citrus County Board of County Commissioner; District 3

Luncheon Agenda:  
Networking: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM;  
Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM; Forum: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM; Luncheon Sponsor: Leadership Citrus.

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

Advanced reservations are required, and walk-ups will not be accepted. Secure your spot today. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with us at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce!

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

# Freedom Month

## Sales Tax Holiday ★ July 1-31, 2024

**Fishing Supplies**

- \$5 or less: Bait for fishing tackle if sold individually or \$10 or less if multiple items are sold together (Does not include commercial fishing supplies)
- \$30 or less: Cooler boxes or bags
- \$75 or less: Rods and reels if sold individually or \$150 or less if sold as a set

**Camping Supplies**

- \$30 or less: Camping lanterns, Flashlights
- \$50 or less: Sleeping bags, Portable barbecues, Camping stoves, Collapsible camping chairs
- \$200 or less: Tents

**Boating & Water Activity Supplies**

- \$25 or less: Snorkels, Goggles, Swimming masks
- \$35 or less: Recreational pool tubes, Pool floats, Inflatable chairs, Pool toys
- \$50 or less: Safety flares
- \$75 or less: Life jackets, Coolers, Snorkel gear, Kayaks

**Pool Supplies**

- \$100 or less: Individual residential pool & spa replacement parts, jets, filters, lights, covers
- \$150 or less: All residential pool & spa chemicals purchased by an individual

**General Outdoor Supplies**

- \$15 or less: Sunscreen, Insect repellent
- \$30 or less: Water bottles
- \$50 or less: Hydration packs, Bicycle helmets
- \$100 or less: Sunglasses
- \$200 or less: Binoculars
- \$250 or less: Outdoor gas or charcoal grills
- \$500 or less: Bicycles, Electric scooters, weighing less than 75 pounds

**Admissions**

- Live music events\*
- Live sporting events\*
- Movies\*
- Museum entry\*
- State park entry\*
- Ballets\*\*
- Plays\*\*
- Musical theatre performances\*\*
- Fairs\*
- Festivals\*
- Cultural events\*
- Use of or access to private & membership clubs providing physical fitness facilities\*

\*To be held on any date from July 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024  
\*\*Including season tickets or annual passes.

**July 1-31, 2024**

Visit [floridarevenue.com/FreedomMonth](http://floridarevenue.com/FreedomMonth)

### 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).