



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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Town Hall offered continued community dialogue

On August 7th, 2024, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce hosted a highly engaging and informative town hall meeting titled "Harmony in Growth: Balancing Nature and Progress in Citrus County."

Held at the College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus in Lecanto, this event attracted a diverse group of attendees, including residents, business owners, and community leaders, all eager to discuss the future of their county.

The evening began with a keynote address by Wilton Simpson, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. His insightful remarks set the tone for the discussions that followed, highlighting

the delicate balance between development and conservation.

Following the keynote, Citrus County Growth Management Director Eric Landon opened the panel discussion. Co-moderated by Gerry Mulligan and Josh Wooten, the panel featured a distinguished group of experts, including:

- Ralph Massullo, Florida State Representative
- Joyce Palmer, Refuge Manager, US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Lace Blue McClean, Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Keep Citrus County Beautiful
- Capt. Mike Baize, Nature Coast Adventures
- Chris Wynn, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Katasha Cornwell, FDOT Office of Environmental Management

Each panelist brought a unique perspective to the conversation, addressing various aspects of growth and conservation. Topics ranged from legislative measures and wildlife conservation to the impact of transportation infrastructure on the environment. The panelists provided valuable insights into the current initiatives and future plans aimed at ensuring that Citrus County can accommodate growth without compromising its natural beauty and resources.

A highlight of the town hall was the interactive Q&A session, where attendees had the opportunity to submit

questions to the panelists. This segment fostered a lively exchange of ideas and concerns, reflecting the community's deep investment in the county's future. The event concluded with a wrap-up from County Administrator Steve Howard, who reiterated the county's commitment to managed growth and conservation.

The Chamber is pleased to be engaged in facilitating the continued dialogue and collaboration among all stakeholders to achieve a harmonious balance between development and environmental stewardship.

For more information on upcoming events and initiatives, please contact the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at 352-795-3149.



ABOVE LEFT: Wilton Simpson, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, was keynote speaker at the Chamber's recent meeting, "Harmony in Growth: Balancing Nature and Progress in Citrus County." ABOVE RIGHT: Citrus County Chronicle publisher emeritus Gerry Mulligan served as co-moderator.



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, presented by Trusted Solutions Insurance, scheduled for September 14th at the Inverness Depot Pavilion!

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/>.

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.

Fudds Pack & Ship



Welcome to the Chamber, FUDDS Pack & Ship! FUDDS Pack & Ship is the go-to resource for packing, shipping, printing, and business service needs. Their team of dedicated, professionally trained experts understand the meaning of Super-Star Customer Care—they focus on saving you time and money by ensuring you get the right products and services at the right price—in a single, quick visit. 1458 Highway 41 N, Inverness, FL, 34450. (352) 419-7082. <https://www.fuddspackship.com/>

September Luncheon features DOE Division of Career and Adult Education Chancellor

We are excited to welcome keynote speaker, Kevin O'Farrell, the Chancellor for the Florida Department of Education's Division of Career and Adult Education.

Kevin O'Farrell, a distinguished leader in education, will address attendees on the latest developments and opportunities in career and adult education in Florida. His insights promise to be

invaluable for business owners, educators, and community leaders aiming to enhance workforce development in Citrus County.

Event Details:

Date: September 13th, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Sponsor: The Friends of

the Citrus County Library System

Agenda:

Networking: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Pricing: Members, \$25; Non-members, \$35

Please note that advanced reservations are required, and no walk-ups will be accepted. See www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/13 Chamber Luncheon, 11:30am-1:00pm, Citrus Hills Golf & County Club, Speaker: Kevin O'Farrell Chancellor Florida Department of Education's Division of Career and Adult Education, Sponsor: Friends of the Citrus County Library System

9/14 Chamber Business Expo. 9:00am - 1:00pm, Inverness Depot Pavillion. Free Admission.

9/19 Chamber Mixer, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Location TBA

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.