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Floral City Strawberry Festival!

THIS SATURDAY and SUNDAY at Floral Park

Calling all berry enthusiasts and festival fanatics! The time has FINALLY come for the 38th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival, painting the town red today and tomorrow in beautiful Floral Park. Presented by Coast to Coast Heating & Air Conditioning and produced by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, this year's extravaganza promises a berry-licious blend of fun, flavor, and fami-

ly-friendly festivities! Fields of fresh, locally picked strawberries are being transformed into mouthwatering delights like our famous strawberry shortcakes (made with REAL whipped cream!) and juicy flats of berries to take home. Kick off bright and early Saturday morning with the Posting of the Colors, followed by the Miss & Little Miss Strawberry Princesses dressed in their berry-themed regalia.

Enjoy non-stop entertainment on the main stage all weekend long including bluegrass sensation, Justin X-Hale. Stay in the loop with our event calendar online for all the very berry excitement! Explore Floral City's rich history with a tour of the Historic Duval-Metz House, open Saturday only. Shuttle services whisk you from the festival to this gem of old Florida, offering a glimpse into our storied past.

Feeling competitive? Sign up early this morning on Sunday to dive into our berry-licious pie-eating contest showdowns! Back by popular demand, the Soccer Collies have returned to wow audiences with their canine soccer skills. Join the fun and see if you can outscore these furry athletes! Amidst 250+ art and craft vendors, a beer garden, and a kids' play area, there's something for everyone at Floral

Park. Festival hours are Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am-4pm, with \$5 admission (children 12 and under free). Park hassle-free at Citrus County Auditorium and hop on our free shuttle to the festival grounds for a stress-free start to your berry adventure! For all things Floral City Strawberry Festival, visit www.GoStrawberryFest.com. Get ready to make memories and indulge in all things strawberry—see you there!

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.

Shuayb Dental Institute



Welcome to the Chamber, Shuayb Dental Institute! Shuayb Dental in Inverness offers top-tier dental care in a comfortable and welcoming environment. Led by Dr. Shuayb and his experienced team, the Inverness office specializes in a wide range of dental services, from routine cleanings and exams to advanced restorative treatments, cosmetic dentistry, and emergency care. Their commitment to using the latest technology ensures that each patient receives high-quality, efficient care tailored to their needs. Whether you're in need of preventive care or looking to enhance your smile, Shuayb Dental in Inverness provides personalized, compassionate treatment for patients of all ages. Visit Shuayb Dental today and experience a brighter, healthier smile! (352) 566-1300. 523 S US Hwy 41 Inverness FL 34450. <https://shuaybdentist.com/>

Upcoming Chamber Events

- 03/01-03/02 38th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival; Floral Park, Floral City
- 03/14 March Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am-1pm; Location: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Speaker: Sheriff David Vincent; Sponsor: College of Central Florida Wilton Simpson Campus
- 03/20 2025 Citrus County Legislative Day; Tallahassee
- 03/25 March Chamber Mixer; 5pm-7pm; Suncoast Business Masters at the Citrus County Realtors Association

Gnarly Carly



Welcome to the Chamber, Gnarly Carly! Gnarly Carly is a dynamic artist based in Citrus County, offering a variety of engaging art experiences. She hosts painting classes at local venues, including bars and restaurants, providing all necessary supplies for participants to create their own masterpieces. Additionally, Carly offers private painting parties, murals, face painting, and window painting services, bringing her unique artistic flair to various events and spaces. Her upcoming classes and events are regularly updated on her website, ensuring a fun and creative experience! <https://gnarlycarly.com/>

Central Cafe



Welcome to the Chamber, Central Cafe & Bakery! Central Cafe & Bakery is a cozy, family-owned spot offering delicious homemade baked goods and a variety of fresh, flavorful meals. Located in the heart of the community, their menu features a wide selection of pastries, cakes, breads, sandwiches, and salads, all made from scratch using the finest ingredients. Whether you're stopping by for a morning coffee and muffin, a wholesome lunch, or a special treat, Central Cafe & Bakery creates an inviting atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy quality food made with love. With a focus on comfort, quality, and community, Central Cafe & Bakery is the perfect place to satisfy your cravings and enjoy a delightful dining experience. (352) 419-4911. 727 US Hwy 41 S Inverness FL 34450. <https://www.centralcafebakery.com/>

March Chamber Luncheon features Citrus County Sheriff David Vincent

Join us as we welcome Sheriff David Vincent, who will share exciting updates on the reorganization of the Sheriff's Office and his vision for the future of law enforcement in Citrus County. Sheriff Vincent will dive into his goals, strategies, and the steps he's taking to make our community safer and more connected. This is your chance to hear directly from the Sheriff about how his leadership will

shape the county in the coming years.
DETAILS ARE:
March 14th, 2025 ● 11:30am - 1:00pm
Networking:
11:30am - 12:00pm
Program/Speaker:
12:00pm - 1:00pm
Sponsor:
College of Central Florida
Wilton Simpson Campus
Location:
Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
Pricing: \$25 – Members
\$35 - Non-members
Reserve your spot today! Advanced reservations are required. No walk-ups will be accepted. RSVP at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.



Citrus County Sheriff David Vincent

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.