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# Chamber Connection

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## Annual Legislative Days another great success!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted two productive Citrus County Days in Tallahassee, bringing together more than 120 local leaders, business owners, and citizens. This formidable coalition traveled to the Florida Capitol with a unified mission: to champion the issues that are vitally important to our community. Throughout the week, attendees engaged with top officials with key agencies—including the Florida Ports Council, Florida Housing Finance

Corporation, Office of Insurance Regulation, Florida Department of Children and Family Services, and Florida Department of Agriculture, addressing topics like workforce development, mental health, insurance reform, springs restoration, local housing, and transportation. The Thursday session also featured presentations by the Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Chamber of Commerce, and Florida Department of Transportation, underlining the

importance of effective public-private collaboration in driving local progress. One of the most memorable moments was a special invitation from Senate President Ben Albritton for a rare behind-the-scenes experience. The entire delegation had the chance to sit on the Senate Chamber Floor, debate a mock bill, and then upon the call of President Albritton, vote on it—offering a firsthand perspective on the legislative process alongside the opportunity to speak directly with the Senate President.

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is gratified by the success of this year's event and grateful for the support of our Legislative Days sponsors—Crystal Group, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, Duke Energy, Dix Developments, and Michael D. Bays State Farm Insurance Agency. Their commitment helped showcase the strength of our community, reaffirming that when Citrus County unites, even the biggest challenges can be met with bold, effective solutions.



## Chamber 2024-25 Pillar Award Nominations Close Soon!

It's that time of year again to celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations that make our community shine! Nominations for the 2024-25 Pillar Awards are now open, and we need your help to recognize those who have made a significant impact in Citrus County. Whether it's a dedicated non-profit

organization, an inspiring young leader, a heroic first responder, or a small business making waves in our community, we want to hear about them. Chamber membership is not required to nominate or to be nominated for any of the awards. Nominations close APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>! Nominate now at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Chamber-Pillar-Awards](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Chamber-Pillar-Awards).

**EXCLUSIVE MARKETING OPPORTUNITY!**

Support the Pillar Awards by participating in our annual silent auction! This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business or organization while supporting a great cause. Donate a basket or item, and receive recognition on our social media platforms, the online auction site, and our awards dinner program. For inquiries about donations, please contact Corrine at [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com).

**RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS**

**Podge's Handyman & Renovations LLC**



Welcome to the Chamber, Podge's Handyman & Renovations LLC! Transform your home with Podges Handyman & Renovations, your trusted partner in Citrus County with over 12 years of professional experience! From carpentry to flooring, painting to trim work, they tackle all your home repair needs with expertise and a personal touch. Whether it's a quick fix or a complete overhaul, they bring quality craftsmanship and reliability to every project. Make your home the sanctuary you've always dreamed of—one repair at a time! (815) 258-1873. [podgeshandymanrenovations@gmail.com](mailto:podgeshandymanrenovations@gmail.com)

**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.**

**Zero Hour Life Center**



Welcome to the Chamber, Zero Hour Life Center! Zero Hour Life Center is dedicated to empowering individuals to transform their lives and reach their full potential. Offering a variety of life coaching, personal development, and support services, Zero Hour Life Center provides tools and guidance to help you achieve lasting change and success. Whether you're looking to improve your mental health, career, relationships, or overall well-being, their experienced team is here to support you on your journey. Through personalized coaching, workshops, and community-driven programs, Zero Hour Life Center creates an environment that fosters growth, self-discovery, and positive transformation. Take the first step toward a brighter future with Zero Hour Life Center, where your journey to a better life begins today. (352) 765-4943. <https://www.zerohourlifecenter.org/>

**Upcoming Chamber Events**

- 04/11 April Chamber Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm; Speaker: Justin Hall, District 7 Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation; Location: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Jessie's Place – Children's Advocacy Center
- 04/17 April Chamber Mixer, 5pm-7pm, Hosted by Suncoast Business Masters, Location: Realtors Association of Citrus County
- 04/25 Annual Chamber Pillar Award; 6pm-10pm; Location: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

**Chamber Legacy Members**

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