



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 the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- **JULY** No Luncheon, No Mixer
- **08/08** August Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Healthcare Heroes Awards; Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle
- **08/13** Citrus Business & Builders Expo; 9:00am – 1:00pm; Inverness Depot Pavilion
- **08/21** August Mixer; 5:00pm - 7:00pm; Pinschers Pizzeria

Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Connection

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Chamber Team Taps Statewide Expertise

Learners to Earners Summit

Staff from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce joined more than 400 business, education, and workforce leaders at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Learners to Earners Workforce Solution Summit on June 24. This one-day forum examined how Florida can fortify its talent pipeline “from cradle to career,” and the Chamber delegation returned energized with ideas to implement locally.

A central takeaway was the decisive impact of early-childhood investment. Speakers demonstrated how data-driven programs are improving kindergarten readiness and third-grade literacy. Complementing the research, several panels showcased employer strategies, such as flexible scheduling and on-site child care, that help working parents while cultivating tomorrow's workforce.

The summit also underscored the value of hands-on learning. Sessions featuring TECO and Miller Electric highlighted paid internships and apprenticeships that allow participants to earn credentials while gaining real-world experience, a clear win for both learners and employers. In a related discussion on second-chance hiring, experts outlined policies that enable returning citizens to reenter the labor market and add immediate value to Florida's economy.

Armed with fresh data, proven practices, and new partnerships, the Chamber team is now working to translate these statewide insights into Citrus County initiatives, ensuring every learner in our community has a clear pathway to become a skilled, in-demand earner.



Chamber Announces Re-imagined ‘Citrus Business & Builders Expo’

Connecting Local Pros, Products & Possibilities

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and the Citrus County Building Alliance are proud to announce the inaugural Citrus Business & Builders Expo, a brand new community experience that merges the Chamber's long running Business Expo with the Building Alliance's popular Citrus Home Show.

Set for Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Inverness Depot Pavilion, this free, family-friendly event will showcase everything our hometown entrepreneurs, service pros, and craftspeople have to offer. Whether you're planning a kitchen remodel, looking for a lawn service, or simply eager to meet the faces behind your favorite local brands, this is an exciting opportunity to meet the makers in our community.

“By bringing these two powerhouse events together, we're creating one dynamic marketplace where residents can discover new resources and businesses

Expo Highlights

- Chamber Money Machine – Attendees will be chosen at random to step inside the whirlwind and grab some COLD HARD CASH.
- Hourly Door Prizes & Expo Day Deals – Win gift cards, service packages, and baskets curated by our exhibitors.
- Kids' Zone – Crafts and hands on STEM activities keep young visitors engaged while parents explore.
- Free Admission & Parking – A budget-friendly fun outing for the family!

can engage face to face with their customers,” said Josh Wooten, President/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. “It's a full morning of networking, shopping, and good old Citrus County camaraderie.”

Do you have a business who wants to display?

Local businesses, contractors, real estate professionals, and nonprofit groups are invited to reserve booth space now. Exhibitors gain:

- Direct exposure to hundreds of residents in a single morning.
- Pre-event promotion through Chamber newsletters,

social media, and local media partners.

- Sponsorship opportunities are available to boost brand visibility before, during, and after the Expo.

Spaces are limited and expected to sell out quickly.

How to Attend/Register

Residents: Admission is free—simply mark your calendar for September 13 and join us at the Inverness Depot Pavilion, 328 N. Apopka Ave.

Businesses: Secure a booth or sponsorship at CitrusCountyChamber.com/Expo or call 352 795 3149.

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Family Fun!
Kid-zone crafts, activities, & demos fun for all ages!

Meet the Makers
Get to know the faces behind the names of the businesses, builders, and service pros who keep Citrus County humming.

WIN Big
Step into the Chamber Money Machine for a cash-grab, win hourly door prizes, and collect exclusive expo-day giveaways.

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Inverness Depot Pavilion, 300 N Apopka Ave

FREE TO ATTEND

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.