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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## **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.

#### **Afro American Club of Citrus County**



Welcome to the Chamber, Afro American Club of Citrus County! The Afro American Club of Citrus County is a community-driven organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of local residents through education, cultural enrichment, and civic engagement. They offer scholarships to students pursuing higher education and technical training. The club also collaborates with local organizations to provide resources and support, exemplifying their commitment to service and legacy-building in Citrus County. (312) 217-5971.

#### **Just Sew.biz**



Welcome to the Chamber, Just Sew. biz! Just Sew is a custom sewing and upholstery studio specializing in transforming your living spaces with personalized home décor solutions. Services include furniture reupholstery, custom pillows and cushions, window treatments such as drapes and valances, and unique totes and bags. They also offer marine and RV canvas work, waterproof covers, and handcrafted quilts and blankets. With over 30 years of experience, Just Sew combines craftsmanship with creativity to bring your design visions to life. Call 352-496-7211 to schedule a consultation or online at https://justsew.biz/

#### **Special Update from Congressman Bilirakis**

In addition to the annual Healthcare Heroes awards, we are happy to welcome Congressman Gus Bilirakis to give some introductory words and provide a brief legislative update.

# 2025 Healthcare Heroes to be honored at August luncheon

The August Chamber luncheon will feature the Citrus County Chronicle's annual Healthcare Heroes Awards! Join us in recognizing and celebrating these amazing individuals in our community.

#### **Details:**

August 8th, 2025; 11:30 AM-1:00 PM; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

#### **Schedule:**

Networking: 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Program/Speaker: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle Pricing: \$25 – Members and \$35 – Non-members Advanced reservations are required. No walk-ups will be accepted. Reserve now online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.



# **EXPAND YOUR REACH** at the 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.

Scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 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 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.

### **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 - Enjoy a budget-friendly outing, fun for the whole family!

#### Are you a business that 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** or 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.



## **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS**

- 08/08 August Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Healthcare Heroes Awards; Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle
- 08/21 August Mixer; 5:00pm 7:00pm; Pinschers Pizzeria
- 09/12 September Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country
- Club; Speaker: Representative JJ Grow; Sponsor: Friends of the Citrus County Library System (FOCCLS)





support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.