



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.

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Honoring Community Excellence at the 2026 Pillar Awards

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the individuals and organizations who help shape the future of Citrus County during the 2026 Chamber Pillar Awards, presented by The Summit of Citrus Hills, on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club.

The Pillar Awards recognize community leaders, businesses, nonprofits, and organizations whose dedication, service, and impact strengthen Citrus County.

The evening not only honors these outstanding individuals, but also provides an opportunity to

The Annual Pillar Awards Silent Auction fundraiser is currently accepting basket donations! Chamber member businesses interested in supporting the event while gaining some additional exposure is encouraged to contact Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.

connect and network with fellow business leaders, elected officials, non-profit partners, and community champions.

Award nominations are currently open, and community members are encouraged to nominate individuals or organizations who exemplify excellence in leadership, service, innovation, and community impact. The nomination deadline is March 30, 2026.

Registration is open now for those who would like to attend this special evening of celebration. Tickets are \$50 per person and the attire for the evening is evening elegance.

Table sponsorships are also available, just contact Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.

For nominations, tickets, and additional event information, visit CitrusCountyChamber.com.



Sweet Success! Floral City Strawberry Festival Celebrates 39th Year

As another unforgettable weekend came to a close, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and the Floral City Strawberry Festival extend heartfelt thanks to the community for helping make the 39th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival a tremendous success. Presented by Coast to Coast Heating & Air, the festival once again celebrated the very best of Citrus County including community spirit, local talent, and the delicious strawberries that make Floral City proud.

Throughout the weekend, Floral Park buzzed with energy as thousands of visitors enjoyed live entertainment, family friendly activities, and more than 250 arts and craft vendors offering everything from handmade goods to festival favorites. The Duke Energy Main Stage kept the crowd entertained with live music, while beloved traditions such as the Strawberry Princess Pageants, Soccer Collies performances, and the always popular Strawberry Pie Eating Contests brought smiles and excitement for guests of all ages.

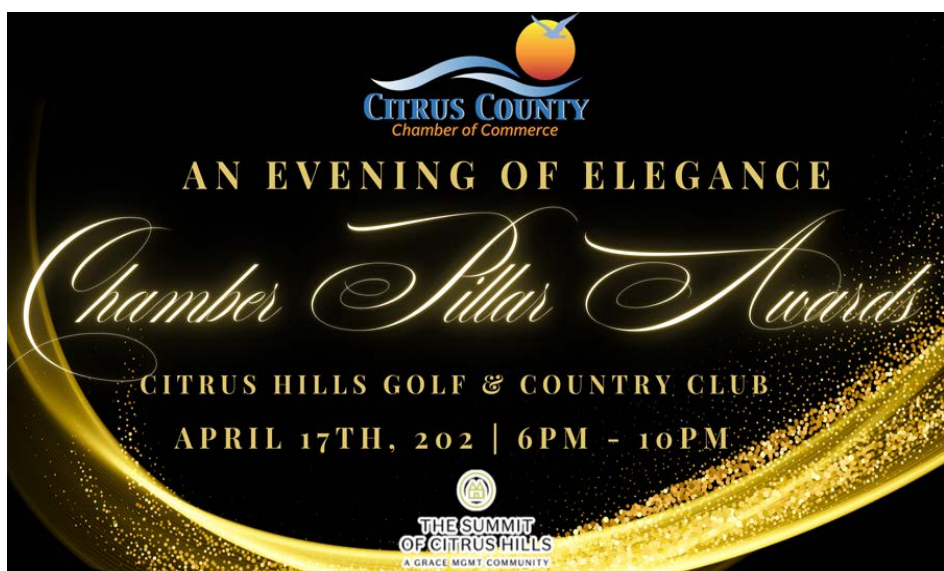
Of course, no Strawberry Festival would be complete without the star of the show, the strawberries themselves. Thanks to Ferris Groves, festivalgoers enjoyed some of the sweetest berries around, piled high on the festival's famous strawberry shortcakes or purchased by the flat to take home.

This year's festival once again reflected the power of community collaboration. From the dedication of volunteers to the generous support of sponsors and local businesses, countless individuals worked behind the scenes to ensure the event ran



smoothly from start to finish.

As the festival grounds quieted and another successful year came to an end, organizers and attendees alike are already looking ahead with excitement as the Floral City Strawberry Festival prepares to celebrate its milestone 40th anniversary next year.



April Chamber Luncheon: Sheriff David Vincent to Share CCSO Priorities and Initiatives

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce will welcome Citrus County Sheriff David Vincent as the featured speaker at its April Chamber Luncheon on Friday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. The luncheon will bring together local business leaders and community members for an informative update from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Vincent will share an overview of the work currently being done at the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, including departmental priorities, community safety initiatives, and the

strategies CCSO is using to continue serving and protecting residents, businesses, and visitors throughout Citrus County.

Specifics:

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at noon. The event is sponsored by Citrus County Building Alliance.

Advanced reservations are required. Admission is \$30 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

For more information or to register, visit CitrusCountyChamber.com.



APRIL LUNCHEON

APRIL 3RD, 2026
11:30AM - 1:00PM

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF
DAVE VINCENT



Thank You, Sponsors!

www.GoStrawberryFest.com March 7th & 8th, 2026

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.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 03/06 – 03/22 CCBA Citrus Showcase of Homes; www.CitrusCountyShowcaseofHomes.com
- 03/19 March Chamber Mixer, 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Realtors Association Citrus County, Sponsored by: Suncoast Business Masters
- 04/03 April Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, Sponsor: Citrus County Building Alliance, Speaker: Citrus County Sheriff Dave Vincent
- 04/16 April Chamber Mixer, 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Location: TBD
- 04/17 Annual Chamber Pillar Awards; 6pm – 10pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 04/25-04/26 CCBA Annual Family Fishing Tournament; MacRae's of Homosassa

