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Chamber Connection

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2026 Chamber Pillar Awards Auction Open: Bid, Win, Support Local

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is preparing to 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.

Even if you cannot attend, the community still has an opportunity to be part of the excitement through the online Silent Auction fundraiser, which is now live.

There is truly something for everyone in this year's auction! Bidders can explore and compete for a wide variety of items generously donated by local



businesses, including several standout experiences already generating excitement.

Featured items include a waterfront getaway package with a two-night stay at Paddletail

Waterfront Lodge Resort, along with a sunset cruise and manatee swim experience, a hands-on Stingray Encounter Experience at Mertaillor's Mermaid Aquarium, and an Elite Range and Training Gear Package from SRS Tactical.

These are just a few examples of the many unique items



available, and more are waiting to be discovered.

Community members are encouraged to start bidding early and check back often as competition continues to build. The auction will close April 17th at 10PM.

To view items and place your bids, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2026ChamberPillarAwards>

FDOT Secretary to speak at May Luncheon

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce will welcome Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue as the featured speaker at its May Chamber Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 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 on transportation and infrastructure impacting Citrus County.

Secretary Perdue will share an overview of the



MAY LUNCHEON

MAY 8TH, 2026
11:30AM - 1:00PM

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

FDOT SECRETARY
JARED PERDUE

Sponsored By: Family Chiropractic, 855-My-Chiro

Department of Transportation's five year work plan as it relates to Citrus County, including key priorities such as reestablishing transportation concurrency, supporting

local roads that serve as evacuation routes, and addressing increased traffic from the Suncoast Parkway.

The presentation will also include updates on

major projects such as the widening of U.S. 41 and State Road 200, as well as the State Road 200 bridge over the Withlacoochee River.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at noon. The event is sponsored by Family Chiropractic Center for Wellness.

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 CHAMBER MIXER:

An Evening of Connection at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce invites members to join us for the upcoming April Chamber Mixer on Thursday, April 16, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters in Inverness.

This month's mixer offers a relaxed and welcoming setting to connect with fellow Chamber members, local business leaders, and community partners.

Guests will enjoy a selection of thoughtfully prepared heavy appetizers and hors d'oeuvres by Chef James, a Johnson and Wales University culinary graduate, along with beer and wine.

Whether you are looking

to build new relationships, strengthen existing connections, or simply unwind after the workday, the Chamber Mixer provides a great opportunity to engage with the local business community in one of Inverness' unique local spots. Chamber Mixers are open to Chamber members only. For more information, visit CitrusCountyChamber.com.



ALSO COMING UP SOON...

- 04/17 Annual Chamber Pillar Awards; 6pm – 10pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: The Summit of Citrus Hills
- 04/25-04/26 CCBA Annual Family Fishing Tournament; MacRae's of Homosassa

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.

You Thrive Florida



Welcome to the Chamber, You Thrive Florida – "House to Home" Program! Their "House to Home" initiative supports first-time homebuyers who have a demonstrated need for housing and the ability to own a home, even if they may not qualify for a traditional mortgage. Applicants must meet criteria including a minimum credit score of 600, being a resident of Hernando County (Citrus County coming soon) for at least 12 months, being over age 21, and having two years of verifiable income. For details or to apply during an open cycle, call 1 888 802 7483 (option 6). We're honored to welcome such a meaningful program aimed at building generational wealth and stronger communities.

Paddletail Waterfront Adventures



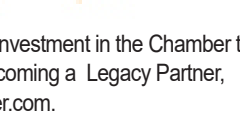
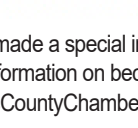
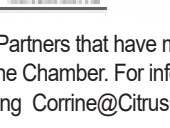
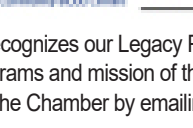
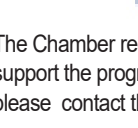
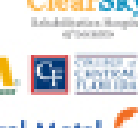
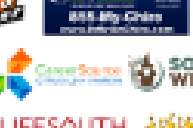
Welcome to the Chamber, Paddletail Waterfront Adventures; Swimming with the Manatee! Experience a once-in-a-lifetime adventure in the crystalclear waters of Crystal River, FL, where you can quietly snorkel alongside gentle manatees. Their knowledgeable guides lead educational, eco-conscious tours in spring-fed waters, giving you a safe, up-close encounter without disturbing these amazing creatures. Website: swimmingwiththemanatees.com; Contact: (352) 6515004; Located: 525 NW 7th Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428 We're thrilled to welcome Swimming With The Manatees to the Chamber family!

AlphaElite Health



Welcome to the Chamber, AlphaElite Health! AlphaElite Health specializes in elite-level regenerative, hormone, and performance medicine designed for those who demand more from their health, vitality, and aesthetics. Their services include medical weight loss, hormone replacement therapy, genetic testing, aesthetics, sexual wellness, and hair restoration. They treat each patient as a unique individual, tailoring therapies to optimize health, hormones, and quality of life in a refined, results-driven environment. Visit them at 3735 N Lecanto Hwy, Beverly Hills, FL 34465, or call/text (352) 364-9222. We're excited to welcome this advanced wellness provider to our Chamber community!

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.