



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.

Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Connection

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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.

Premiere Properties



Welcome to the Chamber, **Premiere Properties**. Established in 1993, **Premiere Properties** is Florida's only high-end boutique real estate brokerage specializing exclusively in properties valued at more than one million dollars. Their services include beach property rentals and sales, buyer representation, commercial property buying and sales, first-time homebuyer services, and more. With decades of expertise in the luxury market, they provide exceptional guidance and personalized service to clients seeking premium real estate opportunities. For more information, you can contact them at (813) 394-7571. We're proud to welcome **Premiere Properties** to the Chamber community.

Wollinka-Wikle Title Insurance Agency-Citrus



Please join us in congratulating longtime Chamber member, **Wollinka-Wikle Title Insurance Agency-Citrus**, on their new office! With over 100 years of combined experience in the title insurance industry, **Wollinka Wikle** continues to serve builders, real estate professionals, buyers, sellers, and commercial clients with accuracy, honesty, and efficiency. They are excited to now operate from their new **Meadowcrest** location, where they remain committed to providing exceptional service from initial contact to closing. For more information, you can contact them at (352) 564-0220 or visit them at 1590 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429.

Representing Citrus County with Excellence:

Ardath Prendergast Honored Statewide

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is proud to celebrate a tremendous achievement by one of our own. During the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP) Annual Spring Conference, **Ardath Prendergast**, Vice President of Governmental Affairs & Special Projects for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, was recognized with the FACP Professional of the Year Award.



This prestigious statewide honor recognizes outstanding leadership, dedication, and impact within the chamber profession, and for those who know **Ardath**, the recognition comes as no surprise.

Through her leadership and commitment to Citrus County, **Ardath** has played an instrumental role in advocating for our local business community,

strengthening relationships throughout the region, and advancing the mission and work of the Chamber. Her passion for supporting businesses, building connections, and helping move Citrus County forward has made a lasting impact not only locally, but across the State of Florida.

Ardath's professionalism, servant leadership, and dedication to the community continue to set an incredible example

for the chamber industry. Her recognition by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals reflects the respect and admiration she has earned from colleagues and peers throughout the state.

Please join us in congratulating **Ardath** on this well-deserved recognition. We are incredibly proud to have her representing Citrus County and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.



JUNE LUNCHEON

JUNE 12TH, 2026

11:30AM - 1:00PM

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club



FDOT DISTRICT SEVEN SECRETARY
JUSTIN HALL

Sponsored By:

June Chamber Luncheon:

FDOT District Seven official to review five-year work plan impacting Citrus

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce will welcome **Justin Hall**, District Seven Secretary for the Florida Department of Transportation, as the featured speaker at its June Chamber Luncheon on Friday, June 12, 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.

As District Secretary, **Hall** oversees transportation operations and projects across several counties in west central Florida and brings extensive experience in infrastructure planning, roadway development, and regional transportation initiatives. His presentation will provide an overview of the 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. Attendees will also hear 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 Citrus 95.3, Hits 106, 104.3 Naturecoast Country, & 96.7 The Fox.

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

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

May Chamber Mixer:

Making a Splash in Lecanto

Get ready to dive into something a little different at this month's Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Mixer.

Join us on Thursday, May 21st, from 5 PM to 7 PM at **Mertailor's Mermaid Aquarium Encounter** in Lecanto for an evening that blends networking with a touch of coastal magic. This unique "Night Out with the Sea" offers Chamber members the opportunity to connect in an immersive and unforgettable setting.

Guests will enjoy a relaxed atmosphere while mingling with fellow business professionals, all while surrounded by the sights and sounds of the sea.

Be sure to keep an eye on the tank, as live mermaids will be making appearances throughout the evening, adding a truly one-of-a-kind experience to this month's mixer.

Attendees can look forward to heavy hors d'oeuvres, along with wine, beer, and refreshing beverages, creating the



May Chamber Mixer!

MAY 21, 2026 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

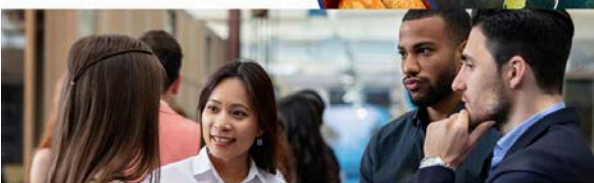
Mertailor's Mermaid Aquarium Encounter
4100 W Gulf to Lake Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34461



Dive into something a little different May 21st, from 5 PM to 7 PM! This "Night Out with the Sea" brings a splash of coastal charm to your midweek routine.

Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, soda, and heavy hors d'oeuvres as you take in the immersive atmosphere, and keep an eye on the tank, where live Mermaids may just swim by to say hello!

Come ready to sea and be seen, this is one mixer you won't want to miss!



Chamber Mixers are open to Chamber members only.

perfect backdrop for meaningful conversations and new connections.

Whether you are looking to grow your network, strengthen existing

relationships, or simply enjoy a unique night out in the community, this mixer promises to make a splash.

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 05/21 May Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Mertailor's Mermaid Aquarium Encounter
- 06/04 CCBA Citrus Showcase of Homes Awards Banquet; 5:30pm – 8:30pm, Copp Winery & Brewery
- 06/12 June Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Citrus 95.3, Hits 106, 104.3 Naturecoast Country, & 96.7 The Fox; Speaker: FDOT District Seven Secretary, Justin Hall

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.