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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Chamber Connection

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From *Chamber* Leadership to *County* Leadership:

Congratulations, Stacey Worthington!

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce proudly congratulates our Immediate Past Chair, Stacey Worthington, on her election to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, representing District 2! Stacey will officially be sworn into office on Tuesday, November 17, at 1:00 PM, marking an exciting new chapter in her dedication to serving Citrus County.

Throughout her time on the Chamber Board of Directors, including her service as 2025 Chair, Stacey has been a passionate advocate for our local business community. Her leadership helped guide the Chamber through a year of tremendous growth and transformation, including the historic merger with the Citrus County Building Alliance, expanded educational and mentorship initiatives, and continued efforts to strengthen business advocacy and community partnerships.

"Stacey was an impactful board member and chair, and I have no doubt she will be an equally impactful county commissioner," said Chamber President and CEO Josh Wooten. "She does her homework, she's always prepared, and she brings great passion to every endeavor she takes on."

Reflecting on her time with the Chamber and her upcoming role as County Commissioner, Stacey shared:

"I've said from the beginning that I didn't win a title—I got a new job, and I'm ready to work. Serving as Chair of the Chamber taught me just how much we can accomplish when people come together with a shared purpose and a willingness to get things done. I'm incredibly grateful for the relationships, friendships, and experiences that have come from serving our business community. As I step into this new role, I bring that same work ethic, dedication, and commitment to making Citrus County an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. The title may have changed, but my heart for this community and my willingness to work hard for it never will."

As Stacey prepares to step away from the Chamber Board, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her leadership, friendship, and dedication to the Chamber's mission. While we will certainly miss having her at our board table, we look forward to seeing her continue serving the community she cares so deeply about.

Congratulations, Stacey, and thank you for everything you've done for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce!





Light Up the Holidays! Join the 2026 Chamber Christmas Parades!

The Christmas countdown is on, and Citrus County is getting ready to shine! The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is inviting local businesses, schools, churches, nonprofits, and community organizations to help bring the magic of the season to life at our annual Christmas Parades! With this year's theme, "Nature Coast Christmas," participants are encouraged to get creative and showcase their holiday spirit.

The Crystal River Christmas Parade kicks off the festivities on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 PM along US 19, followed by the Inverness Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, at noon through downtown Inverness.

For local businesses, participating is more than just a holiday tradition. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business in front of thousands of spectators, connect with the community, and create lasting memories with your team! Whether you're decorating a float, spreading Christmas cheer along the parade route, or competing for one of the coveted parade awards, there's no better way to celebrate the season while putting your business in the spotlight.

Float applications are officially OPEN, but don't let the holiday hustle make you miss the deadline! All entries must be submitted by Saturday, November 28, at 5:00 PM.

Gather your crew, untangle those Christmas lights, and get ready to make the streets of Citrus County sparkle! For registration and additional information, visit www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/christmas-parades/

Put Your Business on Santa's Nice List!

Looking for a festive way to put your business in the spotlight this holiday season? Become a sponsor of the 2026 Chamber Christmas Parades and spread some holiday cheer while showcasing your business to the Citrus County community!

Sponsorship opportunities are available for $250 and $500, with both levels including business recognition on printed materials and Chamber social media, plus complimentary registration in BOTH Christmas Parades!

Don't let this opportunity sleigh away! Sponsorships are available through December 2.

Contact Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com to learn more and secure your sponsorship!



VENDOR APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! APPLY ONLINE AT GoManateeFest.com

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.

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.

Howard's Flea Market



Welcome to the Chamber, Howard's Flea Market! Howard's Flea Market is a long-standing community marketplace offering a wide variety of vendors, shopping opportunities, fresh produce, collectibles, antiques, gifts, household items, food, and more. Serving the community for decades, the market provides a unique shopping experience where visitors can explore local vendors and discover one-of-a-kind finds. Howard's Flea Market continues to be a popular destination for both residents and visitors looking to shop, browse, and support small businesses in the area. Contact Howard's Flea Market at (352) 628-3532, via email howardsfleamarket@gmail.com, or on their website at http://howardsfleamarket.com. We are excited to welcome Howard's Flea Market to our Chamber community!

West Citrus Elks Lodge



Welcome to the Chamber, West Citrus Elks Lodge! West Citrus Elks Lodge is a local fraternal organization dedicated to serving the community through charitable efforts, volunteerism, and programs that support veterans, youth, and local families. As part of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lodge focuses on helping those in need while providing opportunities for members to gather, connect, and make a positive impact. Through community involvement and service projects, West Citrus Elks Lodge continues its mission of giving back and strengthening the community they call home. Contact West Citrus Elks Lodge at (352) 628-1221, via email at welksclub@tampabay.rr.com, or visit their website at http://www.westcitruselks.org. We are excited to welcome West Citrus Elks Lodge to our Chamber community!

Upcoming Chamber Events

- **11/13** Chamber Young Professional's 40 under Forty Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Wardlow & Cash, P.A.
- **11/19** November Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Village Powersports
- **12/03** CCBA Christmas Bash; 5:30-8:00pm; Sugarmill Woods Country Club
- **12/05** Crystal River Christmas Parade, 6pm
- **12/11** Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am – 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Business Women's Alliance (BWA)
- **12/12** Inverness Christmas Parade, Noon
- **12/17** Chamber Mixer; 5:00pm – 7:00pm; (members only), Sweet Citrus Acres