



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.

Chamber Connection

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July BOCC Forum video available online

In partnership with Digital Hound Media, sponsored by Shaw's Senior Home Health Services, the Chamber's recent Board of County Commissioners Primary Candidate Forum can now be viewed, in full, online. The Chamber encourages the community to research each candidate to make an informed decision as you head to the polls on August 23rd. Find the video online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

August Luncheon features Healthcare Heroes Awards

The Chamber is pleased to host the Citrus County Chronicle's annual Healthcare Heroes Awards at the August luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Join us to celebrate and thank the amazing individuals that are being recognized for their outstanding work in the health care field. Luncheon reservations are only

\$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-Chamber members and must be made in advance no later than Friday, August 5th. Easily make your reservations online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com. No walk-ins will be accepted. Thank you to our August luncheon sponsor, Citrus County Chronicle.

MEMBER NEWS!

● The Community Food Bank (CFB) issued a matching donation challenge in June and is extending this fundraising effort through July 31st. The Black Diamond Foundation will match up to \$50,000 in donations. The CFB has seen a rapid and sharp increase in the need for food assistance and expects this trend to continue.

According to Barbara Sprague, CEO/Executive Director of the CFB, the agency has been able to respond to the demand thus far, which has more than doubled since the onset of the pandemic.

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals throughout our area? Partnering with the CFB is one way to make a big impact. Make a donation to the CFB before July 31st and it will be matched dollar for dollar, thus doubling the difference you make.

Visit feed352.org to learn more about becoming one of the CFB's "Hunger Heroes."

● Twisted Ink is collecting auction/raffle items for their upcoming event, Walk of the Arts, in Inverness. Donors will receive stage mentions during the event and FB promotions leading up to the event.

Proceeds benefit the local schools' visual and performing arts departments. For more information email Elisha Belden at info@twistedink.com

● The Service Animal Alliance of Florida is hosting a FREE training on July 25th and July 29th. Titled "Who Let The Dogs In – Service Animals in Public" is aimed to assist business owners and the public know what the laws are.

Exceptional customer service is knowing the rights and responsibilities of the business and customers with and without a service animal. Both businesses and service animal handlers have rights and responsibilities and sometimes those who misrepresent that it is a service animal make it hard for everyone.

Interactive exercises will help participants gain the confidence they need to manage animals in their business while complying with the law and increasing customer satisfaction for those with and without service animals.

Both Sessions will be held at Central Ridge Library. Monday July 25th will be from 5:30PM – 6:30PM; Friday July 29th will be from 10:30am – 12PM. For more information call 352-410-6500.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/12 — August Chamber Luncheon 11:30am - 1pm; Location: Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Chronicle Health Care Heros Awards; Sponsor: Citrus County Chronicle

8/18 — August Mixer 5PM – 7Pm; Host & Location: Shaw's Senior Home Care Services

CHAMBER LEGACY PARTNERS

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.



Help Grow Our Workforce!

The Florida Chamber Foundation's Florida Workforce Needs Study 2.0 needs your response to inform strategy and recommendations for tackling Florida's talent crisis head-on.

Your responses to this survey will provide information to the statewide Florida Chamber.

However, by using the link below, Citrus County will also receive the tabulations to help us better understand the workforce needs on our local level.

Take the 10-minute survey easily online at <https://tinyurl.com/2022WorkforceSurvey>

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.

Lisa Yeager for Citrus County Judge



Welcome to the Chamber, Lisa Yeager for Citrus County Judge.

Captain Salty Realtor



Welcome to the Chamber, Captain Salty Realtor! Strength of Character and a drive to please in all capacities of business and personal relationships helps him be the best choice for your Real Estate needs. Real Estate can be complicated, you need a professional in your corner to help you through the little details, and contracts, showings, and legal issues that arise with the buying or selling of one of your most expensive assets. You don't trust your Business or Home to just anybody. Consider Listing or Buying with the Captain. He will NOT steer you wrong. (850) 933-0914. <https://hirethepirate.com/>

Ed Spaight for Citrus County Judge



Welcome to the Chamber, Ed Spaight for Citrus Judge! <https://spaightforcitrusjudge.com/>