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Easter!

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# Chamber Connection

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## Honoring Community Excellence at the 2026 Chamber 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 connect and network with fellow business leaders, elected officials, nonprofit partners, and community champions.

The Silent Auction Basket fundraiser is now live, and you won't want to miss it. Browse and bid on a wide variety of

items generously donated by local businesses, from one-of-a-kind experiences to beautifully curated gift baskets and services. Whether you are looking to treat yourself or find the perfect gift, there is something for everyone. Every bid supports the Chamber and helps spotlight the incredible businesses that make Citrus County such a special place.

Registration is open 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. For more information, contact Corrine at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.

For tickets and additional event information, visit CitrusCountyChamber.com/chamber-pillar-awards/.



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.

## FDOT Secretary to Highlight Major Road Projects Impacting Citrus County

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

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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.



## UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

- 04/16 April Chamber Mixer, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters, Inverness
- 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
- 05/08 May Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am - 1:00pm; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club; Sponsor: Family Chiropractic Center for Wellness; Speaker: FDOT Secretary Jared Perdue

## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

### Hallock Pools



Welcome to the Chamber, Hallock Pools! Based in Citrus Springs, Florida, this locally owned and operated company specializes in luxury custom in-ground pools and spas, offering full services that include new builds, remodels and renovations, pool deck installations, and comprehensive pool repair and maintenance. They pride themselves on superior craftsmanship using top-of-the-line materials and delivering custom outdoor living spaces tailored to your lifestyle, all while being fully licensed and insured. You can reach them at (352) 765-9797. We are delighted to welcome them into our Chamber community!

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.

### Kingdom Athletics FL



Welcome to the Chamber, Kingdom Athletics FL! Located at 3464 E Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL 34442, this dynamic facility offers programs in cheer, tumble, gymnastics, and dance for athletes of every skill level and price point. Their welcoming environment makes it easy for beginners and seasoned performers alike to train, grow, and thrive. You can reach them by phone at (352) 462-0866. We're excited to welcome Kingdom Athletics into 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.