THE NORTHEAST POLK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CRITERIA FOR "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

* The Chamber of Commerce seeks to honor individuals dedicated to making the NE Polk County Area a better place to live and to work. Individuals that have volunteered or currently volunteer within our communities and are a good community leader.

* Please consider the range of activities and the involvement of the person that you nominate which have had a positive impact on your community.

* Neither age nor occupation should be a factor. Every living resident of the NE Polk County Area of exemplary character is a potential candidate.

* Social standing is not relevant; respect and integrity are.

* Only consider those individuals whose activities are truly for the good of the community. For instance, work done as a personal hobby or for personal gain is not the same as work that serves the needs of others.

* Remember that it is not a popularity contest, and the person receiving the most letters of recognition may not qualify. One well documented letter may be enough.

* A person may be honored even if that person has received previous awards if merited.

* The Chamber feels that it is appropriate to honor persons for freely giving service over a period of years.

* The question really is: Who has made the most positive impact on making our community a better place in which to live?

* It is important to remember that it has been customary to honor only those persons who are not paid for their efforts on behalf of the community.

NOTE: Please submit your nomination in writing to the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce, 35610 Hwy. 27, Haines City, FL 33844 or e-mail: info@northeastpolkchamber.com by **Wednesday, December 30th**. The winner will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet January 28, 2027 held at the Tom Fellows Event Center.