



Greater Casa Grande
Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS UPDATE

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A Message from our Executive Director

Renée Louzon-Benn

As we edge toward the fall and winter, traditionally the busier time of year for events, tourism and local business, the Chamber continues to monitor health and safety precautions and proceed according to the latest data. Chamber events are designed to provide maximum marketing and networking opportunities for our member businesses; connecting businesses and potential customers and clients together to share information.



After much consideration, we have decided not to hold the Business Showcase in 2021. Normally, there are 50+ business exhibitors at the Business Showcase, and about 250-300 attendees. However, since safety measures are still subject to change, it might mean that we would have to space out our business exhibitor tables - so, fewer exhibitors - which we feel would present a sub-standard outcome for both Chamber-member businesses and attendees.

We will hold the Chamber's Annual Fall Golf Tournament on the first Friday in November. Since it is an outdoor venue, there are fewer obstacles to planning and participation than for indoor events. Be sure to watch for registration and sponsorship information from the Chamber - and save the date for November 5th!

Business of the Week



Congratulations to [Pinal's Best Shuttle Service](#), this week's Business of the Week. Founder Louis Hernandez has been in the shuttle and transportation industry since 2012 and being laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic pushed him to fulfill a long-term goal of starting his own taxi business. Louis understands the value of providing friendly, efficient and professional customer service to his clients. He operates 24/7 and can do last-minute runs, so you know you can count on him at any time of the day or night.

Whether you need transportation to local appointments or errands, events, one of the three major airports in the area, or any other destination, please call Louis at Pinal's Best Shuttle Service at 520-560-0045 and tell him the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce sent you.

August Networking Events

[Business Before Hours Mixer](#)

Friday, August 20, 7:30am - 8:30am

[Casa Grande Alliance](#)

280 West McMurray Blvd.

~New Member Plaque Presentations~

~Win a Minute at the Mic - 50/50 CA\$H Drawing~

Register online [HERE](#)

No charge for Chamber member representatives to attend!

**Set up your Representative login now
for special member pricing at Chamber Events**

1. Your USERNAME is your first name or your email address.
2. Your PASSWORD can be set by clicking "Forgot your password?" and following the reset instructions in the email you receive.
3. Once registered for the event, you will receive a confirmation email.

Call the Chamber with any questions prior to the close of event registration.

Biz Outlook Luncheon

Friday, August 20 - 11:00am to 1:00pm

~ at ~

The Property Conference Center

Guest Speaker:

Mayor Craig McFarland
City of Casa Grande

Register online [HERE](#) by this Friday, August 13

Individuals, Tables of 8 and Sponsorship Opportunities still available

Thank you to our Featured Sponsor

Salt River Project



CHAMBER RENEWALS

July 1 - 31, 2021

A great big **THANK YOU** to the following Chamber Members for renewing their memberships!

- [Banner Casa Grande Urgent Care](#)
- [Banner Imaging Casa Grande](#)
- [Calvary Chapel Casa Grande](#)
- [Dell's Pizza & Sports Bar](#)
- [Ed Whitehead's Tire Pros](#)
- [Global Water Resources](#)
- [Grande Innovation Academy](#)
- [Holiday Inn Express & Suites](#)
- [Hot Spot Gymnastics & Cheer](#)
- [Inspector Homes, LLC](#)
- [Jones Ford Casa Grande](#)
- [MOAA - Military Officers Association of America](#)
- [NESCO Resource](#)
- [PowerHouse Fitness](#)
- [Pratt Pools Inc./Casa Grande Dive Shop](#)
- [PROforma Casa Grande Embroidery](#)
- [Robson Ranch Grill](#)
- [Safari Mobile Home & RV Park](#)
- [Seafab Metals Company](#)
- [Seeds of Hope](#)
- [Sherwin-Williams Paint Store #708288](#)
- [Stanfield Elementary](#)

- [Juice Plus + - Susan Conn-Hood](#)
- [David L. Krippner](#)
- [La Palma Correctional Center](#)
- [MainStay Suites](#)

- [School District](#)
- [Sunrise Optimist Club of Casa Grande](#)
- [Valley Humane Society](#)
- [Vitalant](#)
- [Walmart Distribution Center #7013](#)

Membership Information:

To learn more about benefits of membership contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, 520-836-2125, email membership@casagrandechamber.org. or visit the [Member Benefits](#) page on our website.

Business Briefs

The [City of Casa Grande](#) is hosting their first **Youth Sports and Activities Expo** on Saturday, August 21 from 9:00am - 11:00am at the Community Recreation Center, 1905 North Peart Road. If you are with a business/organization (that has programs/services geared towards youth under 17) interested in having a booth, the deadline to reserve your spot is Friday, August 13. The event is free and open to the public, with the goal to show new Casa Grande families what Casa Grande has to offer. [Learn more about this event here.](#)

The [Arizona Commerce Authority](#) has announced the following webinars:

Wednesday, August 11 | 2:00pm | **Special Paycheck Protection Program Update** [Learn more and register here.](#)

Thursday, August 12, 2021 | 9:00am | **Strategies to Engage Today's Workforce (How to give them what they ask for!)** [Learn more and register here.](#)

[Arizona Public Service \(APS\)](#) has announced the following webinar as part of their Energy Insights Training Series.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 | 11:00am MST | **It's not the heat, it's the humidity.** [Learn more and register here.](#)

[Academy Mortgage - Dawn Svoboda](#) invites you to learn more about **mortgages** and the best fit for you. Check out this [Lock & Shop program](#) where the buyer can lock in an interest rate for up to 90-days. Learn more, visit [their website](#) or call 520-316-1341.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary in business, [Yost Realty Group at RE/MAX Casa Grande](#) is proud to announce that this year they will be donating all company earnings from their 100th, 200th, and 300th sales during 2021 back to the community. As they move towards their 200th sale, they are asking for your vote on one local Casa Grande school to receive their donation! Please consider sharing your preference for a school via [this form](#). Their previous donation from this year's 100th sale (\$2,088) was put to great use by the Valley Humane Society - and they're excited to see how a local school will use these funds! Yost Realty Group is forever grateful to the Casa Grande Valley for your support across the years; please consider this a small token of their appreciation.

[Salt River Project \(SRP\)](#) has shared the following updates:

In an awareness program to help stop utility scams, Attorney General (AGO), collaborated with the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance (AFMA), Salt River Project (SRP), Southwest Gas, Arizona Public Service (APS), Tucson Electric Power (TEP), and UniSource Energy Services to install new warning signs at gift card displays within approximately 1,200 grocery and convenience stores across Arizona. The signs are designed to prompt customers to stop and think about why they're buying the gift card. Oftentimes, scammers pretend to be from a utility company and threaten to shut off service unless a payment is made via prepaid gift cards. [Read the entire press release here.](#)

Salt River Project (SRP) awarded 28 teachers across the state with SRP Learning Grants, distributing more than \$124,000 to be used by teachers for a variety of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) projects, ranging from robotics to lab equipment. Grants are up to \$5,000 per school. [Read the entire press release here.](#)

Do you have news to share?

Email president@casagrandechamber.org by Friday for inclusion the following Monday.

Formats: email, press release in word, and PDF documents.

[Meet your 2021 Board of Directors](#)

DID YOU KNOW your Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce is served by a Board of Directors that represents our Business Members and advocates on behalf of our business community?

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