CASA GRANDE
Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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A Message from our Executive Director

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Welcome to the Chamber's last e-newsletter of 2025! In review, all of the activities, events and programs that have taken place this year, have been successful in connecting Chamber-member businesses with customers, clients and colleagues. Thank you to all who responded to the Chamber's Annual Member Survey. As the Board of Directors plans for 2026, your responses and comments about the value of your Chamber membership are vital in providing the groundwork for the continuation of/or changes to the programs we offer members.

More than half of the survey respondents were associated with small business (1-19 employees) with the others were fairly evenly divided between various sizes of larger businesses. The Chamber services and programs that had been most helpful to the respondents' businesses, were (in order of highest response number) the weekly e-newsletter, Business Before Hours (to be discontinued in 2026) and Business After Hours, online registration for Chamber events, Social Media posts, Biz Outlook Luncheons and Special e-newsletter updates.

The responses to the question asking for the top reasons for being Chamber members were overwhelmingly "To be more involved in the community: business/community advocacy." This was closely followed and evenly split by "To enhance my business visibility" and "Building my business network: business connections." Survey respondents felt that Chamber membership was very important (69.07%) or important (28.87%). Marketing tools considered most important to their businesses, were social media, print media/display advertising and digital media. Chamber members cited lack of time and time of Chamber events as the reasons they do not attend Chamber events.

Events and programs they would be most likely to attend were Biz Outlook Luncheons, then Business After Hours, followed (evenly split) by the Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration and the Business Showcase. We also received excellent feedback in the comments sections. The Board will study those comments as well as the other opinions to refine the plan of action in the new year. So, thank you, again, for your help. On behalf of the Board and Chamber team, have a *grande* holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Business of the Week
Villas by Mary T.

Congratulations to a Business of the Week that has been a Chamber member since 1998, **Villas by Mary T.**. This affordable independent-living rental community designed for older adults aged 55 and up, is located at 1576 E. Cottonwood Ln. in Casa Grande.

Villas by Mary T. is part of the Mary T. family of companies inspired by Rosa Camille Williams, a nurse who provided care in hospitals and in homes during the early 1900s. Her daughter, Margaret and granddaughter, Mary T., continued the tradition of serving communities by providing personalized care across a wide range of services by founding Mary T. Inc together in 1976.

Villas by Mary T. offers 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom floor plans. All units are single level, wheelchair accessible and have an attached garage. Each unit is wheelchair accessible with wide hallways, large bathroom and lowered cabinets and has an attached garage, private covered patio, dishwasher, refrigerator, oven and stove. The rental community is pet friendly and has a dog park, group activities and outings, swimming pool, clubhouse with cable TV and internet. There are no association fees and water and trash services are included.

If you know of anyone seeking an affordable, independent living community, please have them contact Villas by Mary T. at 520-836-5199 and ask them to mention this referral by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office.

Casa Grande - Shop It!

The holiday season is upon us! When you shop, dine and celebrate locally, you're helping locally operated businesses thrive. From family-owned restaurants to local shops, Casa Grande has everything you need to make the season bright. The character of the community is displayed in the historic downtown shops from products made by local artists and artisans to the many gifts and services that are unique to Casa Grande. Shoppers can explore stores located throughout the city, in stand-alone shops, shopping centers or the Promenade Mall. **#CasaGrandeShopIt! #ShopLocal**

Support Local with Chamber Branded Shirts

Stop by the Chamber today and purchase a State 48 Southwest Taco Fest Shirt or a Love It! Shirt for only $25 each! It's a way to represent Casa Grande and support local shopping.

NEW! Events Calendar

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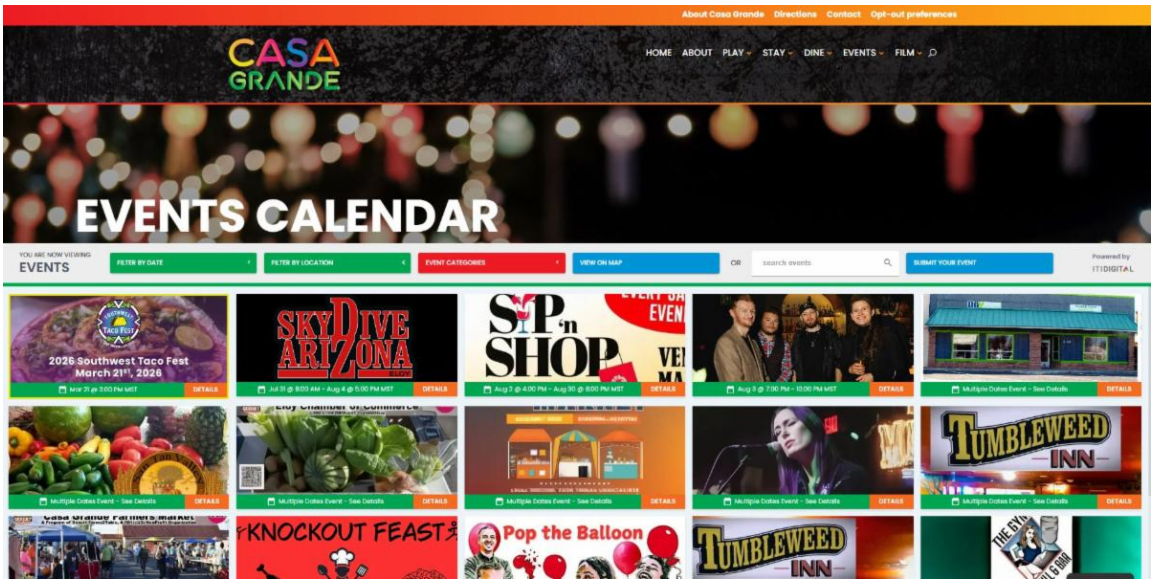

Check out our **NEW** **Events Calendar** for all events in Casa Grande and surrounding areas. Events can be filtered by date, location and categories. Have an event to promote? Click **here** for a step by step tutorial on how to correctly submit your event or how to correctly post it online for our software to locate it. For more information or further assistance, contact **Eric Snider** at the Chamber.

Upcoming Chamber Events

December Business After Hours

Wednesday, December 17, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

J. Warren
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525 N. Peart Rd.

~ Make business connections!
~ Food, drinks, networking and fun!
~ 50/50 (**tickets are CA$H only**)
~ **6th Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!**

NO CHARGE
for Chamber Member Representatives to attend
($20 for Prospective Members)

ORIENTATION

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Member Benefits, Events, Sponsorships and Networking

Attend our Hybrid Orientation

01.22.2026 | 7:30 am

575 N. Marshall St.

Visit our website for more information.

www.casagrandechamber.org

Join us for a New Member Orientation to discuss all member benefits, events, sponsorships and networking with other new members. This orientation is geared towards members who just joined or have joined within the past year. It is **FREE** to participate to learn about all the opportunities that your membership can provide to you.

Orientation will take place hybrid at the Chamber Board Room or on Zoom.

Zoom link will be emailed to you after registration is complete!

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office cordially invites you to attend the

Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration

Friday, January 23, 2026

2025 Honorees
Community Service: Matt Herman - Norris RV
Business Excellence - Small Business: Cook E Jar
Business Excellence - Large Business: Al & Riley's Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal
Hall of Fame: Regis Sommers

The Property Conference Center
1251 West Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande

6:00 pm ~ No-Host Reception and Silent Auction
7:00 pm ~ Plated Dinner
Awards Presentation to Follow

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Chamber Member Pricing: $90 per person or $720 for a Reserved Table of 8

~ Semi-formal/Business Attire ~

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Upcoming Ribbon Cutting

Angels Care Home Health
1821 N. Trekell Rd., Ste. 1
Thursday, December 11, 4:00 PM

Industrial Hose
1784 N. Pinal Ave.
Thursday, January 8, 4:00 PM

Your Graceful Living
1381 E. Prickly Pear Dr.
Thursday, January 22, 3:30 PM

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, December 10, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, December 11, 7:30am - 8:30am

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, January 7, 7:30am - 8:30am - Hybrid Meeting

Business - Community - Connections - Opportunity
These are the Chamber's areas of focus...and also a great way to promote our member businesses and Casa Grande Community.

RENEWALS - November 2025

THANK YOU to the following Chamber Members for renewing!

- Absolute Homes AZ
- ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County
- ArtMobile-AZ
- Cardinal Glass Industries
- Casa Grande Justice Court
- Casino Pawn & Gold
- Cypress Point Retirement Apartments
- The Hideout Steakhouse & BBQ
- Hospice of the West
- J. Warren Funeral Services - Dignity Memorial
- Keller Williams Legacy One Realty
- KVNG Grace 91.1 FM
- NK Development Group

- Desert Sands Apartment Homes
- Desert Sun Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration
- Fairways in Casa Grande
- First American Credit Union
- First Impression Ironworks
- Oasis Health Center
- Phoenix Title Loans
- PPEP Tec High School
- Su Casa Grande
- Synergisity Consulting, Training & Development
- Toshiba Business Solutions

Member Promotional Opportunities
To learn more about exclusive opportunities available to you, visit the **Member Promotional Opportunities** page on our website.

Business Briefs

The City of Casa Grande Arts & Culture Commission is delighted to announce the opening of the **2026 Education Mini-Grant** application period. This program provides funding to support arts education projects that promote creativity, cultural awareness and student engagement within local educational institutions. Eligible institutions may apply for up to $500 to assist with project materials, supplies or related expenses. Applications open on November 14, 2025 and must be submitted no later than December 15, 2025.

The Casa Grande Arts & Culture Commission invites artists to submit proposals for a new wall mural at Palm Island Family Aquatic Park. We're seeking a fun, festive, family-friendly mural with an 1980s-inspired design that captures energy, color and community spirit. The submission deadline is Monday, December 15 at 12:00 pm and all submissions must be a hard copy. For more information, contact **Evonne Aldana** or call (520) 421-8600 ext. 1100.

MainStay Suites is offering an **exclusive offer** for Chamber members and visitors! Whether you are here for a quick visit or a longer stay, MainStay Suites offers spacious accommodations. Click **here** to scan QR code for a discounted stay.

HomeSmart Premier has private offices available to rent for only $500 per month. Do you need a professional space to meet with your customers or clients? Is working from home too hard because of the distractions and noise? You can have a quiet space to lease with 24/7 access and all utilities included for a very low price. There is also a conference room available for no extra charge. Centrally located at Cottonwood Rd/Trekell Rd. Call Dayv Morgan at 480-251-4231 for more information.

Casa Grande Union High School District is looking for Community Interviewers. Help prepare students for their future by volunteering as an interviewer at the **Annual CGUHS Community Interviews**. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 13 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm in the main gym. For more information, contact **Vanessa Stephens** or call (520) 836-8500 Ext 3123.

The Garnet of Casa Grande invites you to an afternoon full of holiday cheer for the **Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar** on Wednesday, December 17 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. There will be crafting, vendors and baked goods. RSVP by Wednesday, December 10 to **Ricki Nader** or call (520) 876-4200.

CG Link will **not** be in service on **Christmas Day**, Thursday, December 25 or **New Years Day**, Thursday, January 1. For more information or to book your next ride, visit their **website** or call (520) 509-6900.

Central Arizona College is proud to announce a new strategic partnership

with **Pinnacle Southwest Compliance, LLC.**, designed to expand and enhance workplace safety and compliance training offerings for individuals and employers throughout Pinal County and beyond. Individuals and employers interested in exploring class offerings can view the full schedule and registration information at: **Workplace Safety & Compliance Training**.

In addition to the flood event in Globe, AZ, the SBA and Arizona Governor's Office have now formally declared a disaster from the tropical storm event of Oct. 10 – 13. While most of the damage occurred in Tempe, your local area homeowners, renters and businesses in Pinal County may also have experienced impacts and be in need of financial assistance. Please let your constituents know about the availability of funding for repairs and continued business operations. The relevant press release and fact sheet are attached. Please make use of your media channels to distribute to your area stakeholders. Those in need do not have to go on site to apply. They can phone: 800-659-2955 or go online at: **www.sba.gov/disaster**

Achieve Pinal and AARP Experience Corps Reading Program are looking for volunteer tutors. Volunteers must be 50 years or older and be able to pass a background check - no experience needed! This is a **volunteer-based tutoring program** that is proven to help children who aren't reading at grade level become great readers by the end of third grade. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable program, contact Patti King at (520) 836-6868.

Hot Spot Gymnastics invites you to **A Time to Shine Cirque De Gymnastics**, Saturday, January 10 through Sunday, January 11 at the Community Recreation Center. Join them in a fun-filled competition weekend with contests, prizes and lots of awards.

Join **Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project**, Saturday, December 13, for the next Open Mic & More! All Arts Community Stage at The Museum of Casa Grande! Come enjoy the show and share your music, dance, poetry, skills, stories and more. All arts, all ages welcome. See you there! Volunteers RSVP to **Info@yrhap.org**.

Do you have a business update for our newsletter?
Email **president@casagrandechamber.org** by Friday for inclusion the following Monday.
Formats: email, press release in Word, and PDF documents.

Meet your 2025 Board of Directors

DID YOU KNOW we are served by a Board of Directors
that represents our members and
advocates on behalf of our business community?

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