



Greater Casa Grande  
Chamber of Commerce

## ***BUSINESS UPDATE***

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### **A Message from our Executive Director**

Renée Louzon-Benn

Did you know The Chamber office is Casa Grande's Visitor Information Center and we are designated by the Arizona Office of Tourism? Recently, we have noticed that some of our members and the public are unaware of the Chamber's role in tourism development for Casa Grande and Pinal County.

The Chamber is first point of contact for most residents, tourists, and winter visitors seeking information on local destinations, activities, dining and events. Our lobby is stocked with printed maps, visitors guides and pamphlets for almost every city and attraction in Arizona. All information is distributed free-of-charge and our staff is well-acquainted with directions and additional information about most communities and tourism sites in the state. Prior to 2020, the Chamber averaged 7,000 walk-in visitors a year, while in the winter, we often had up to 100 people a day in our office, seeking information about Casa Grande and tourism information.

The Chamber is the local community marketing organization. Although our Visitor Information Center serves a different function from our Chamber of Commerce, it benefits our members and the business community, as well. Tourists often ask for suggestions for local places to dine, or hotels or any other number of services, especially if they will be in Casa Grande for days or months. We offer them our Community Resource Guide and Business Directory, or our Visitor Guide, calendar of events and suggestions for visiting local attractions and sightseeing options.

So, if you haven't had a chance to visit the Chamber office to see our partnership with the Arizona Office of Tourism at work, be sure to stop by!





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## Business of the Week Casa Grande Skateshop



Congratulations to Business of the Week, locally and veteran owned [Casa Grande Skateshop](#). They've got it all for skaters of all ages - even beginners - including skateboard decks and parts, roller skates, clothing, shoes, accessories and more. There is even a skate ramp so you can test your skills on the board.

Call Marcus and his staff at 520-858-4968, or head down to the shop in old town at 413 North Florence Street, and let them know that the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce sent you.

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## Upcoming Chamber Events



# Annual Dinner & Chamber Awards Celebration

Friday, January 14, 2022 - 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Highway

## Honorees:

**2020 Community Service**  
Bob Shogren, [Casa Grande Alliance](#)

**2020 Business Excellence - Small Business**  
[Pinal Council for CASA/Foster, Inc. \(PCCI\)](#)

**2021 Community Service**  
[Casa Grande Youth Commission](#)

**2021 Business Excellence – Small Business**  
[Caywood Farms](#)

**2021 Business Excellence – Large Business**  
[Sun Life Health](#)

**2021 Hall of Fame**  
[Fernando Cornejo](#)

## Thank you to our Sponsors:

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Please join us for the following networking events

**Register prior to the event on our website by clicking the event links**

**January Business After Hours**  
RSVP Requested by Tuesday, January 25

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 - 5:15pm - 7:00pm  
Hosted by [Palm Creek Resort & Residences](#), 1110 N. Henness Road

~ Make business connections!

~ Celebrate the new year with food, drinks and fun!  
~ 50/50 and Door Prize Drawings (tickets are cash only)

## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

### Cloud 9 Med Spa

1269 N. Promenade Parkway, Ste. 101

Monday, January 24, 2022

1:30pm-2:30pm

Ribbon Cutting at 2:00pm



## CHAMBER RENEWALS

December 1 - 31, 2021

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

- [A Latte Vino](#)
- [Academy Mortgage Corp.](#)
- [Arizona Medical Waste](#)
- [Banner Imaging Casa Grande](#)
- [Banner Medical Group](#)
- [C.G.Q. House](#)
- [Casa Grande Family Dentistry](#)
- [Casa Grande Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, PC](#)
- [The Colony Apartments](#)
- [Copper Sky Assisted Living](#)
- [Cote Investigations & Associates, LLC](#)
- [Culver's of Casa Grande](#)
- [Dave's Collision Specialists](#)
- [Fiesta Grande RV Resort](#)
- [Frito-Lay, Inc.](#)
- [The Hideout Steakhouse & BBQ](#)
- [Jeff's Appliance Repair](#)
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- [Pepsi Beverage Company](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- [Service King Collision Repair Centers](#)
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- [SERVPRO of Casa Grande](#)
- [Skydive Arizona](#)
- [Southern Pavilion Self Storage](#)
- [Sun Life Center for Children](#)
- [Sun Life Center for Women](#)
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- [Synergicity Consulting, Training & Development](#)
- [Toshiba Business Solutions](#)
- [Vantage West Credit Union](#)
- [Villas by Mary T.](#)
- [Walton Orthodontics](#)
- [WeSERV, Pinal County Chapter](#)

### Membership Information:

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

## Business Briefs

The [City of Casa Grande](#) Planning and Development Department and Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA - designated Community Action Program for Pinal County) collaborate annually on the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of the homeless.



Volunteers are now needed to help with the initiative, scheduled for January 26th through 31st. PIT is an annual census of people experiencing literal homelessness. The count helps to identify and understand the extent and nature of homelessness in the local community and is required by the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data from the count is used when applying for funding and to advocate. Results may lead to increased resources for the homeless in Casa Grande and other communities throughout Pinal County. To volunteer in Casa Grande, please contact City Community Development Manager Mary Allen by [email](#) or phone at 520-421-8600. For all other areas, contact Suzanne Payan at CAHRA by [email](#) or phone at 520-466-1112 or Staci Parisi at Pinal County by [email](#) or phone at 520-866-6253.

Donations of water, socks, jackets, blankets and hygiene items are helpful and can be sent to PIT Count Donations, CAHRA, 109 N. Sunshine Blvd, Eloy AZ 85131. To learn more about CAHRA, please contact Executive Director Mary Lou Rosales.

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[Bowser's Pet Care, LLC](#) is offering a CPR and First Aid Class, Thursday, January 13, 2022, 10:00am - 1:00pm At the Greater Casa Grande Chamber office, 757 N. Marshall Street. Class includes: CPR Adult, Infant and Child; Choking; First aid (poisoning, bandaging, environmental emergencies, and allergic reaction training). Cost per person is \$40.00 plus fees. Class size is limited. Register [online here](#). All passing participants get a 2-year certification card.

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The [Central Arizona College Foundation](#) Board of Directors is excited to announce and invite you to A Night of Stars on Friday, February 4 at the Windmill Winery in Florence, AZ. This is the Foundation's annual event to raise money for CAC's scholarship programs, including Pinal Promise, and to celebrate the support and partnerships from the CAC community. Reservations and ticket & sponsorships purchases can be made through the event website, <https://www.centralaz.edu/stars2022>. Print off and freely share the [attached event flyer](#).

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[Casa Grande Ruins National Monument](#) received an [Open OutDoors for Kids](#) grant from the National Park Foundation (NPF). This grant will enable development of a new education program titled "Mission: Resilience". Through a combination of online, live virtual and in-person self-guided programming, "Mission: Resilience" will strengthen students' mastery of six resiliency tenets while leveraging the power of place at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Read the entire [press release here](#).

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**Do you have news to share?**

Email [president@casagrandechamber.org](mailto:president@casagrandechamber.org) by Friday for inclusion the following Monday.

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

## Meet your 2022 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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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREATER CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

