CASA GRANDE
Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Business of the Week
Absolute Homes AZ

Congratulations to Business of the Week, **Absolute Homes AZ**. Absolute Homes AZ, a family owned and operated business, located at 930 E. Florence Blvd. in Casa Grande, is a full-service general remodeler and home builder that specializes in new construction and expert remodeling projects, offering homes with big backyards, large lots, mountain views and no HOA. Founded in 2002, their roots run deep in the heart of town; proudly serving the Valley with unwavering dedication and expertise for more than two decades.

Their family-owned ethos, commitment to quality craftsmanship and enduring partner relationships, ensure that every project is built with pride from the

ground up. **Absolute Homes AZ** prioritizes building lasting relationships with their clients and earning their trust project after project. From new custom builds to meticulous remodels, their commitment to excellence, integrity and community, shines through in every endeavor they undertake, helping to turn each customer's dream into reality.

With a focus on staying on budget, on schedule and delivering unparalleled quality, they invite you to experience the Absolute difference for yourself. Schedule a consultation today and let them bring your vision to life. Please call 520-836-6511 and tell them that you were referred by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office.

#TACOBOUTCG

Join us for an unforgettable culinary adventure with the 2026 Casa Grande Southwest Taco Trail Passport! We have a total of 15 participating restaurants! From classic tacos to unique variations like taco pizza and Choco tacos, the taco trail promises to tantalize your taste buds and celebrate the vibrant culinary culture of the city.

Sign up now for the mobile Casa Grande Taco Trail Pass and get ready to embark on a flavorful adventure that will satisfy your taco cravings and introduce you to new culinary delights.

Visit **www.ExperienceCasaGrande.com** to learn more about the pass, the restaurants, and how to track and redeem your prize for visiting the restaurants.

Visit at least 8 of the participating restaurants to qualify for either a $20 gift card or a Southwest Taco Trail T-Shirt, your choice!
This taco trail pass is valid from now until May 22, 2026. Don't forget to use #TACOBOUTCG when sharing to your social media platforms!

Upcoming Chamber Events

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!

For more information, contact **Ken Saltzmann** via **email**.

January Business After Hours

Wednesday, January 28, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

WM
1310 N. Jefferson Ave.

~ Make business connections!
~ Food, networking and fun!
~ 50/50 (**tickets are CA$H only**)

Golf Themed - come wearing your favorite golf attire (hat, shirt, pants, etc.)

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

REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED!

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, The Grande Graze Appetizer Competition and Silent Auction
7:00 pm ~ Plated Dinner
Awards Presentation to Follow

NEW THIS YEAR: Introducing *The Grande Graze Appetizer Competition* Social Hour. Attendees will receive a complimentary drink ticket and the opportunity to taste and vote for your favorite Chamber Member's Appetizer. The competition will begin at 6:00 pm on the back patio. Enjoy starters while hearing music from our very own CGUHS Guitar Students.

~ Semi-formal/Business Attire ~

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Applicants must show what economic impact their project will have in Casa Grande. The sponsorship fund availability is based on the Casa Grande Tourism yearly budget allocation for this purpose. Maximum funding for a single event will be as follows:

Attendees	Maximum amount allowed For-Profit Organization	Maximum amount allowed Non-Profit Organization
Small Event 20 – 1,000	Up to $1000	Up to $2,000
Medium Event 1,001 – 3,000	Up to $1,500	Up to $3,000
Large Event 3,000+	Up to $2,500	Up to $5,000

Click the link for additional application criteria.

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Stewarding experiences & attractions that strengthen our community and enhance our local economy.

Did You Know?

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office provides a **Tourism Sponsorship Program** for Events, Event Venues and Event Organizers.

The Tourism Office stewards experiences and attractions that strengthen the Casa Grande community and local economy. The sponsorship fund availability is based on the Casa Grande Tourism Office yearly budget allocation for this purpose.

The sponsorships will provide funding to non-profit and for-profit organizations to produce family-friendly local events that will assist with services, supplies and marketing of tourism events and activities. The program is open to projects that align with one or more of the following:

- Attract visitors from out of the area
- Inspire interest in and enhance long-term growth of the local tourism and hospitality industry
- Serve to promote travel and tourism to Casa Grande

Primary consideration will be given to projects that will have a positive impact on the local economy. Applicants must show what economic impact their project will have in Casa Grande.

For information about the sponsorship application process, eligibility requirements and funding amounts, visit the Tourism Office website, **www.experiencecasagrande.com/tourism-sponsorship/program.com** or call 520-836-2125, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Recent Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, January 15 we were delighted to join **Cornerstone Caregiving** for their recent ribbon cutting at 820 W. Cottonwood Ln., #3.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Good Ruby Christian Store
973 E. Cottonwood Ln., Ste. 101
Thursday, January 22, 10:00 AM

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

EFP (Engineered Foam Packaging)
1341 S. Sunland Gin Rd.
Thursday, April 16, 3:00 PM

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, January 21, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, February 4, 7:30am - 8:30am - Hybrid Meeting

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, February 12, 7:30am - 8:30am

Young Professionals Network
Thursday, April 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm

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.

110% Plus Club

We want to recognize and thank these members for their generosity and continued support in electing to donate 10% or more of their dues to the Chamber in addition to their annual membership investments.

- Al & Riley's Air Conditioning & Sheet Metal
- American Tire Depot
- AMS Insurance
- Andersen & Sarnowski PC
- Banner Casa Grande Medical Center
- Bay of Islands Massage & Spa
- Cactus Mine
- Caywood Farm Tours, LLC
- The Cleaning People
- Cote Investigations & Associates
- Curphy, Rona
- Dell's Pizza & Sports Bar
- Farmers Insurance - The Abbott Agency
- Heavenly Touch Landscape
- K & M Roofing
- Lawson Realty
- Mi Amigo Ricardo
- Pinal County Federal Credit Union
- Quail Run RV Resort & Campground
- Solberg Engineering
- State Farm Insurance - Lorrie Carter Agent
- Sun Life Center for Children
- Sun Life Center for Women
- Sun Life Family Dentistry
- Sun Life Family Health Center
- Sun Life Orthodontics
- Sun Life Pediatric Dentistry
- Sun Life Walk-In Care
- Synergisity Consulting, Training & Development LLC
- Western State Bank

Business Briefs

The Arts & Culture Commission is proud to announce the **2026 Utility Box Art Project - Phase V** is back! The CG Arts & Culture Commission is teaming up with APS, turning everyday utility boxes into magical works of art. Deadline to submit proposed artwork is Monday, February 16 by 5:00 pm. For more information visit the **website** or email **Evonne_Aldana@casagrandeaz.gov**.

Join us on January 30 at 3:00 pm for the "CG Wins" community pep rally to honor remarkable achievements by some of our community members. All monetized proceeds will go to the Casa Grande Food Bank. Some community recipients that will be rewarded for their achievements are:

- **Kenny Salinas:** President of the Casa Grande Food Bank, Arizona Cardinals Fan of the Year, and up for NFL Fan of the Year to be announced on February 5.
- **Jesus Ramos:** Current WBC World Champion Boxer
- **Kayla Tacker:** Arizona Cardinals High School Girls' Flag Football Player of the Year. Finalist for NFL Girls' Flag Football Player of the Year.
- **Sawyer Barth:** who won a prestigious college scholarship that is worth over $450,000 to pay all expenses to attend Duke University
- **Casa Grande Union Spirit Line:** which will be competing in the National Championship Finals in California in December.

For more information, contact **Jeff Lavender** or **Jennifer Kortsen**.

The Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness presents the **3rd Annual Reentry Roundtable** on Tuesday, January 20. The roundtable will take place at the San Tan Valley Central Arizona College Campus. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Click here for a detailed view of the **agenda**.

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.

Casa Verde Estates is pleased to share the following:

Saturday, February 14 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Casa Verde Estates will be hosting their **Spring Patio Sale**.

Come join us Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for the **Casa Verde Estates Spring Bazaar**. There will be live entertainment, bazaar quilt raffle, bake sale and much more.

Join **Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project**, Saturday, February 14, 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**.

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.

Do you have a business update? Send an email brief to president@casagrandechamber.org to be included in the Business Briefs.
Submit text or PDF.
Photos are considered advertisement and we will reach out to confirm your ad.

Meet your Chamber Board of Directors

Your 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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