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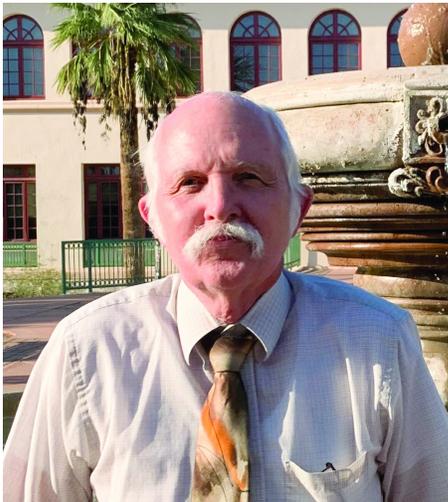
Greater Casa Grande
Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Greetings from the Chamber

Ole Solberg - *Solberg Engineering*
Chairman of the Board



As 2021 Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Chamber's 2021 Board of Directors, Happy New Year. I'd like to thank outgoing Board member Diann Prechel, A Latte Vino, for her six years of service on the Chamber Board. She was Chairman of the Board in 2018, as well. We welcome Fernando Cornejo, Eva's Fine Mexican Food, to the Board this year.

We are looking forward to a busy year, in which we may again offer our traditional in-person networking events, when safe to do so, and implementing our Strategic Plan for the Chamber.

Last year was a challenge for businesses and for each of us, in many ways. However, a positive outcome of 2020 is that it caused us to pause and be grateful for many things. We, as a business community, expressed solidarity by pulling together and supporting shopping, dining (whether take-out or dine-in) and holding meetings and networking events virtually.

As we venture forth, the Board, Chamber staff and Executive Director Renée Louzon-Benn, are finding innovative ways to offer meetings, events, virtual advertising and marketing services and to implement the suggestions you made in your responses to the Chamber's email survey last fall.

Our primary objective is to provide value to you through your Chamber membership. Thank you for your membership in the Chamber and remember, together we can make great things happen.



Business of the Week

Congratulations to [American Family Insurance - Ty Schraufnagel Agency](#), located at [1269 N. Promenade Pkwy., Ste. 127](#), in Casa Grande - this week's Business of the Week. Ty and his wife, Hayley, started with American Family Insurance in 2009.

While 2020 was challenging for all businesses and individuals, American Family Insurance - Ty Schraufnagel Agency found reward in creating ways to help customers in times of need.

Everyone in their office brings unique backgrounds, training and experience, helping them to meet the needs of individuals and businesses shopping for insurance. Ty and his licensed crew take pride in getting to know their clients so they can provide exactly the right kind of coverage for each person or business. They specialize in Home, Auto, Life and Commercial Insurance and they are licensed in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Nevada and Wisconsin.

Please stop by or give them a call if you have any questions concerning the protection of your assets. Their comfortable, welcoming office and friendly team are ready to provide the insurance services you need.

For questions or more information, call 520- 836-7004. Tell them the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce sent you!

January Chamber Events

Please join us for the following networking events to be held virtually.

[January Business Before Hours - Via Zoom](#)
7:30am - 8:30am, Friday, January 15 (**3rd Friday**)
Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce

January Business After Hours - Via Zoom

5:00pm - 6:00pm, Wednesday, January 27
Casa Grande Alliance

To RSVP - email events@casagrandechamber.org

Welcome New Chamber Members

ArtMobile - AZ Inc.

422 N. Florence St., Ste. 1
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 858-5136

lisaswanson@artmobilevan.org

Category: Non-Profit & Service
Organizations

BlackBox Foundation

407 N. Sacaton St.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 428-7050

blackboxfoundationaz@gmail.com

Category: Non-Profit & Service
Organizations

Coolidge Place Senior Apartments

350 W. Spruell Ave.
Coolidge, AZ 85128
(623) 414-1707

coolidgeplace@nlrmanagement.com

Category: Senior & Retirement
Housing

The Hideout Steakhouse & BBQ

1269 N. Promenade Pkwy, Ste. 121
Casa Grande, AZ 85194
(520) 277-6020

cg@hideoutsteakhouse.net

Category: Restaurant

RE/MAX Solutions

3170 S. Gilbert Rd., Ste. 2
Chandler, AZ 85286
(602) 740-4215

azbrokerbob@gmail.com

Category: Real Estate

Membership Information: To
learn more about benefits of
membership, contact Ken Saltzmann
at the Chamber,
520-836-2125, or email:

membership@casagrandechamber.org

Business Briefs

Mark your Calendars - special for our Casa Grande Chamber members only, a webinar to meet our local [Small Business Development Center](#) and the [Arizona Commerce Authority](#), and learn about the services they can provide to our small business members. Facilitated by [Central Arizona College SBDC](#), this FREE webinar is scheduled 10:00am to 11:00am, Tuesday, January 12. [Click here to register.](#)

The [Arizona Department of Transportation](#) advises drivers to plan ahead for the following restrictions along I-10 between State Routes 387 and 587 for lane striping:

- I-10 will be narrowed to one lane in either direction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4 through Thursday, Jan. 7.

Construction activities and closures are subject to change based on weather or

other unforeseen conditions. ADOT advises drivers to slow down and use caution around construction personnel and equipment while paving work is under way. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to azdot.gov/contact and select *Projects* from the drop-down menu. For real-time highway conditions statewide, visit ADOT's Traveler Information Site at www.az511.gov, follow ADOT on Twitter ([@ArizonaDOT](https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT)) or call 511, except while driving.

Seeds of Hope is hosting their **3rd annual "Run/Walk for Hope,"** 9:00am, Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Ed Hooper Park. [Register here.](#) Registration includes race shirt, medal and swag bag. Seeds of Hope has your safety in mind: All staff required to wear masks and gloves throughout the event. Participants assigned an arrival window time to check in. After check-in, participants will go directly to the start line. No "event" before or after the race for people to gather. Groups of 2 will be sent out every 10 seconds to allow for distance on the course. Only unopened bottled water available, Finish Line set apart from the start line. No event following the race - awards will be mailed. Print off and freely share the [attached flyer.](#)

Vitalant Blood Donation and **The City of Casa Grande Public Library** are partnering to host a Blood Drive, Tuesday, January 5, 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Downtown Public Library 2nd Floor Activity Room at 449 Drylake Street. Donate Blood and receive a voucher for a **FREE pizza** from Pizza Hut. Advance appointments are encouraged to help maintain social distancing. All donors must bring and wear a mask or cloth-based face covering. Learn more, visit the [Library's Facebook Page.](#)

The **Arizona Department of Revenue** has lowered the Business Electronic threshold. Beginning January 1, 2021, businesses with an annual transaction privilege tax (TPT) and/or use tax liability of \$500 or more during the prior calendar year will be required to file and pay electronically starting in February 2021 for the January reporting period.

The revised 2021 threshold of \$500 is a change from the 2020 level of \$5,000. Additionally, the following taxpayers must remit their taxes electronically:

- Withholding Tax - Any taxpayer with \$125 average quarterly liability for withholding tax during the prior tax year.
- Corporate Estimated Tax - Any corporation with \$500 prior tax year liability.

Electronically filing and paying are more secure and faster for taxpayers and critical for ADOR to deliver a more results-driven, customer-focused management system that produces enhanced services for Arizonans.

Businesses failing to file and pay electronically are subject to the following:

- A penalty of 5% of the tax amount due for filing a paper return. The minimum penalty is \$25, including filings with zero liability.
- A penalty of 5% of the amount of payment made by check or cash.
- A penalty of 4.5% of the tax required to be shown on the return for each month or fraction of a month the return is late. There is a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of 25% of the tax due or \$100 per return, whichever is greater.

To file and pay online, a business must be registered on www.AZTaxes.gov and utilize Automated Clearance House (ACH) Debit, e-check, or credit card as a payment method to comply with electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment requirements. In 2021, the out-of-state sellers' economic threshold is \$100,000, and accordingly, they are required to file and pay electronically. For more information on e-services for businesses in Arizona, go to <https://azdor.gov/e-services/e-services-businesses-arizona>.

Do you have a business update? Send an email to president@casagrandechamber.org to be included in the Business Briefs. Please provide any press releases in PDF format. Please send announcements at least 7 days before our weekly publish day (Monday).



**MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, AND
YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME.**

Meet your 2021 Board of Directors

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.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREATER CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

