CASA GRANDE

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Greetings from the Chamber

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2026 Chairperson, Board of Directors

Every month I'm reminded of one simple truth: **Casa Grande is strongest when we show up for each other.** And this month, we have three powerful examples of what that looks like.

Showing Up for Advocacy: Huge thanks to our Government Affairs Committee for launching our first *Casa Grande Chamber Day at the Capitol*. This is a big step for us. We're taking our voice, our priorities and our vision straight to state leaders—and advocating for policies that help every Chamber member thrive.

Showing Up for Celebration: Mark your calendars for March 21 and the *Southwest Taco Festival*! This is more than a fun event (though it definitely is that). It's a chance to bring people into our city, support local vendors and remind everyone why Casa Grande is such a great place to live, work and visit.

Showing Up for Each Other: Our *Chamber Champion Program* is built on simple habits that make a real difference:

- Share one positive online post each month about a Chamber business you support.
- Attend one Chamber event each quarter.
- Choose to shop local first.

I recently posted about my outstanding walk-in experience at **Sun Life Health** and Zoe Cooper shared a great highlight of the food and service **Ochoa's Restaurant** provides. These posts take only a moment, but they help amplify the businesses that make our community special.

When we advocate together, celebrate together and support each other, we create momentum that lifts the entire region. Thank you for being part of that momentum.

Congratulations to City Electric Supply
Business of the Week

For more information about **City Electric Supply** please visit their **website**.

#TACOBOUTCG

Join us for an unforgettable culinary adventure with the 2026 Casa Grande Southwest Taco Trail Passport! We have a total of 14 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

March Business After Hours

Wednesday, March 25, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

Buffalo Wild Wings
859 N. Promenade Pkwy.

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

St. Patrick's Day Themed - Wear Green

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

Our 3rd Annual Southwest Taco Fest will be on Saturday, March 21, from 3:00pm-9:00pm at Dave White Regional Park.

This event is **FREE**, so grab your lawn chairs and bring your appetite! With more food trucks and live performances all day and night, it'll be the perfect family play day!

Are you interested in Sponsorship Opportunities? Email Eric Snider at **tourism@casagrandechamber.org**.

Learn more at **www.swtacofest.com**.

Thank You to Our Main Stage Sponsor - Southwest Taco Fest

CACTUS MINE
ARIZONA USA

February Business After Hours

Our February Business After Hours, hosted by **ROX Real Estate** was a fun and eventful way to spend a Wednesday evening.

Members were social amongst each other while enjoying delicious drinks from **Bevy AZ**. Our thanks to Bea Lueck, her team and Bevy AZ for putting on such a great event!

We were honored to present the following new members with their plaques: **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 32-6**, **EFP (Engineered Foam Packaging)**, **Frank Lee the Best Heating and Cooling**, **McBeth Marketing**, **Mental Health Now**, **New American Funding, LLC** and **Wolfe Defense Labs**.

Congratulations to Minute at the Mic winners: Tara Davis, **Capital R Construction**; Kristin Gramando, **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 32-6**; Martha Mendez, **Enterprise Bank & Trust**; Shawn Hamilton, **Hospice of the West**; Nina Ismail, **Maid Right of Pinal County**; Lisa Navarro-Fitzgibbons, **City of Casa Grande** and 50/50 Winner Greg Moga, **Mission Royale Golf Club**.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Casa Grande Academy
1120 E. 6th St.
Thursday, March 26, 3:00 PM

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

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

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

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

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, March 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

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.

Agave House Apartments
Jessica Bastian
1936 N. Trekell Rd.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 600-5330
Agavehouse_Manager@reeapartments.com
Category: Apartments & Rental Homes

Casa Palomino Mexican Restaurant
Aurora Palomino
665 N. Pinal Ave.

New American Funding, LLC
Aracely Hoffmeister
Tucson, AZ
(520) 808-0863
aracely.hoffmeister@nafinc.com
Category: Mortgages & Title Insurance

Solana Place at Carlton Commons
BreAna Bandin
18 S. Boniface Ln.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 607-2233

casapalominoaz@gmail.com
Category: Restaurants

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 32-6
David Hood
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Category: Non-Profit & Service Organizations

McBeth Marketing
Erica McBeth
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Category: Advertising & Marketing Services

Mental Health Now
Ramses Vargas
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Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 660-0680
mentalhealthnow@mhnarizona.com
Category: Counseling & Therapists

SolanaPlaceCarltonCommons@AssetLiving.com
Category: Apartments & Rental Homes

Victor Moreno Photography
Victor Moreno
Maricopa, AZ
(602) 723-4338
victormorenomvp@hotmail.com
Category: Photography, Videography & Filmmaking

Wolfe Defense Labs
Scott Wolfe
Casa Grande, AZ
(405) 953-3611
support@wolfedefense.com
Category: Security Services

***Membership Information**:*
To learn more about **benefits of your membership**, *contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, call 520-836-2125, or email:* **membership@casagrandechamber.org**.

Membership has its benefits!

Did you know... Chamber members have access to the Chamber's conference room at no cost to Chamber-member businesses?

If you need meeting space for an in-person or hybrid meeting, contact the Chamber at 520-836-2125, or **email our office** to check availability. **To**

learn more about other membership perks, contact Ken Saltzmann at the Chamber, 520-836-2125, or **membership@casagrandechamber.org**.

Business Briefs

SRP has issued an **all-source RFP** to meet increased energy demand. The RFP seeks proposals for resources that can provide up to 2,900 megawatts (MW) of nameplate capacity - including carbon-free energy resources like solar and wind, wind associated with new interstate transmission projects and proposals to meet peak capacity need including energy storage and natural gas resources.

Florence Copper LLC is proud to announce the successful harvest of its first **Copper Cathode** in Florence, marking the first major new source of copper production in the United States in more than a decade from a greenfield operation. This milestone represents a significant step forward for U.S. domestic copper production at a time of rapidly growing demand driven by electrification, advanced manufacturing, national defense, data centers, and AI.

Central Arizona College is pleased to announce the following:

Health, Art and Culture Expo will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The event will include a health fair and health screenings facilitated by Nursing Program faculty and students, information booths for various Pinal County community organizations and employers and family-friendly activities like line dancing lessons, face painting, henna art and more.

Central Arizona College student, **Deryn Henry** has been named a **2026 Hites Scholar** by Phi Theta Kappa. She will receive a $7,500 scholarship to assist with costs associated with her future baccalaureate studies.

The fourth and final round of the **Cactus Cup** event will be Friday, March 6 - Saturday, March 7 at the **Podium Club**. To sign up, **click here** or go to **https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/podium-club-cactus-cup-round-4-176734** before Thursday, March 5.

Mayor Lisa Fitzgibbons and the Casa Grande City Council invite you to attend the annual **State of the City Address** on Wednesday, March 4, to celebrate our ***Past. Present. Possibilities.***

This event offers an opportunity to reflect on Casa Grande's journey, recognize the progress achieved, and look ahead to the possibilities that will shape our community's future. The Mayor and City Council will share insights and updates on infrastructure, economic development, public safety, and quality-of-life investments that continue to strengthen Casa Grande.

The Garnet of Casa Grande is excited to share a presentation on **Social Wellness**, Tuesday, March 24 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. For more information or to register, call (520) 876-4200.

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.

Join **Yoga Recovery Healing Arts Project**, Saturday, March 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**.

2026 Casa Grande on Canvas: Plein Air Painting Competition, hosted by the Casa Grande Arts & Culture Commission. The event is open to any artist who paints using the Plein Air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastel. Both artist and subject must be outdoors and photographs are NOT used. Contemporary plein air artists capture moments in time that reflect the ever-changing colors, light and shadows, temperature and shifting elements. This art form requires stamina, focus and the ability to be completely absorbed in the work. For more information, rules, guidelines, and application visit: **Plein Air Competition | Casa Grande, AZ**

Chamber at a Glance

January 2026

Visitors & Calls

117 People visited our office

230 People called to learn more about our community

Membership

9 Businesses became Chamber Members

39 Businesses Renewed their Membership

Social Media

76 Posts
54,899 Impressions

30 Posts
4,926 Views

21 Posts
547 Impressions

23 Posts
1,854 Impressions

YouTube Channel

6 Videos Published
768 Views

E-Newsletter

4,144 Emailed
52% Open Rate

Website

6818 New Users
8,352 Sessions

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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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CASA GRANDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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