



Greater Casa Grande
Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS UPDATE

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I am so proud of our community! The past week has brought a total shift in how we are living our lives. And, during this pandemic, our community members are connecting to businesses in new ways, our businesses are adapting to serve their customers safely, and mostly, it feels like our community is working together for each other.

Often, visitors who have come to the Chamber office for information, have told us that they love Casa Grande because it still feels like a small town and residents are so friendly, that they feel at home immediately. And they are right. That's why we live here. Business people are our friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers. In terms of our local businesses, we need to *continue* stay local and loyal and patronize the businesses in our community.

At the Chamber, we are keeping in touch with leaders at the local and state levels. We are sharing your news on social media, and our *Business Briefs* include resources for our businesses and community.

It's important to stay connected and stay supportive, of our families, friends; fellow business owners and employees. Please continue to share your business news with us and even helpful tips on navigating through these unknown waters. We will be happy to share with our colleagues on [www.Facebook.com/cgbiz](https://www.facebook.com/cgbiz) or in our weekly Chamber e-Newsletter.

~Renée

Renee Louzon-Benn, President, Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce

*"Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much."*

~Helen Keller

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, **Casa Grande (City) Mayor Craig McFarland** and **Council** approved a Resolution earlier this week declaring an emergency. Mayor McFarland issued a Proclamation outlining current specifications related to the outbreak. According to Mayor McFarland, this action allows the City to act rapidly in the deployment of resources and establish any necessary regulations to combat the spread of the flu-like contagion. "Public health is paramount," expressed the Mayor. "The Proclamation gives us the ability to do what is necessary to preserve public peace, health, safety and the general welfare of our community."

Additionally, this past week, Governor Ducey has issued an [Executive Order](#) closing bars, movie theaters, indoor gyms and fitness centers throughout the state, as well as, ordering restaurants to move to drive-thru or take-out business only. This measure helps to ensure food access, increase hospital capacity, provide updated guidance and some flexibility for businesses and waive Arizona Department of Transportation requirements for seniors and commercial drivers. The Executive Order became effective March 20, 2020.

The **City of Casa Grande** has established a COVID-19 page on their website (<https://casagrandeaz.gov/covid19/>), this "one-stop" webpage encompasses resources and up to date information for businesses and community members, including latest updates from: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#); [Arizona Department of Health Services \(ADHS\)](#); [Pinal County Public Health District](#); [U.S. Small Business Administration](#); and information for emergency [resources for CG Business](#). **Additional Guidance - Bars, Restaurants, and other facilities:** Per [the executive order published yesterday](#), the Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control will be posting its guidance to title 4 licensees shortly on its website and distributing to licensees (also attached to this email). This will provide clarity to restaurants on carry-out and delivery liquor operations during the public health emergency.

Mark your Calendars

***** [March Business After Hours Canceled](#) *****

Business Briefs

A general message from our banking institution members, *"If a business is experiencing issues due to COVID-19, it is a recommendation that they reach out to their lender and discuss the issues they are incurring. The sooner the business owner and the lender are on the same page, the better. Together they can work on a plan that will work for both."*

As Coronavirus cases continue to creep up in Arizona, there are legal issues that could arise in the workplace. Jessica Post, head of Labor Employment at Fennemore Craig offers up advice in a recent issue of Chamber Business News - Dry Heat. [Read the article here](#).

[Legion Protection Agency](#) is currently offering **10% off** of their security services to Casa Grande Chamber members.

[Arizona Water Company](#) provided an update on the actions they are taking across the company to protect the health and safety of employees and customers and to help ensure that the communities we serve can continue to count on the critical water service that they provide. *"Phase Two continues heighten cleaning and hygiene protocols for our employees that was implemented in Phase 1 and adds in the following changes to our business effective through April 10, 2020: closed our local offices to non-employees including our customers and the general public; all service disconnections and late fees for residential customers have been suspended; All business meetings will be cancelled, including conferences and business travel; and we are encouraging our employees to practice social distancing and to use phone calls and emails to communicate with fellow employees."*

The Casa Grande Municipal Airport will begin restricting Terminal Building admittance effective Friday, March 20th, limiting facility usage to employees, clients, and their guests for official business ONLY. The **Foxtrot Café** will be CLOSED until further notice as well. Monthly Fly-In Pancake

Breakfasts and all Airport events including CGAA Art@theAIRPORT events are also canceled until further notice.

Plan for overnight I-10 restrictions between Phoenix and Casa Grande through this Fall, according to [ADOT](#). The project, scheduled to begin March 22nd, will replace pavement on both directions of I-10 between State Route 587 (Casa Blanca Road) at milepost 175 and SR 387 at milepost 185 near Casa Grande. Work is scheduled Sundays through Thursdays from 8pm to 5am. Drivers should plan for delays of up to 20 minutes. Download the [ADOT Alerts app](#) to know when unplanned, major events are impacting traffic near you.

The March 26th TMG/Assurex Webinar's topic is changing from HSA Administration and Compliance to primarily cover COVID-19. The first portion of the webinar will cover COVID-19 benefits related issues. A shortened version of the HSA compliance discussion as originally planned will end the webinar, which may run a little longer than the scheduled 60 minutes. Please note that registration is nearing capacity and to address the additional interest, a 2nd webinar will be hosted on Friday, March 27th from 12-1pm MST. [Here is the link for Friday's webinar.](#)

[America's SBDC Arizona](#) Network honors 2020 Success Award Winners

Thirteen small businesses from across Arizona have been named 2020 Success Awards winners in recognition of their exceptional effort and performance. Each of the Success Award winners worked with a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or an Arizona Procurement Technical Assistance Center (AZPTAC) in their area. [Learn more here.](#)

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) Live Chat feature is now available from 7am to 6pm (MST). ADOR Live Chat is an option available to customers seeking information about state taxes, the transaction privilege tax program or answers to a variety of questions. The pop-up application provides answers to general questions, offers navigational guidance and is available at www.AZDOR.gov and www.AZTaxes.gov.

[Edward Jones](#) financial advisor, [Robert Miller](#), has provided the [attached article](#) to remind business owners to be proactive in planning their future.

Check out this blog by **David Rafeedie Coaching** - Two Important Principles on [How to Handle COVID-19](#).

Do you have a business update? Send an email to events@casagrandechamber.org to be included in the Business Briefs.

110% Club

The following Chamber Members have elected to donate 10% or more of their existing dues to the Chamber in addition to their membership investments!

We want to thank these members for their generosity and continued support!

To learn about each member, click on their name to follow link to their website or Facebook page.

[2Geckos Consulting, LLC](#)
[AMS Insurance](#)
[Anderson & Sarnowski, CPAs](#)

[Integrity Plus Property Management, LLC](#)
[Juice PLUS + - Susan Conn Hood](#)

[AZ New Horizon Realty](#)
[Banner Casa Grande Medical Center](#)
[Banner Casa Grande Urgent Care](#)
[Banner Medical Group](#)
[Bay of Islands Massage & Spa](#)
[BPL Plasma](#)
[Branham's Exterminating Company, Inc.](#)
[Casa Grande Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, PC](#)
[Caywood Farm Tours, LLC](#)
[Cote Investigations & Associates, LLC](#)
[Crossroads Church](#)
[Dell's Pizza & Sports Bar](#)
[Farmers Insurance/The Abbott Insurance Agency](#)
[Fitzgibbon's Law Offices, P.L.C.](#)
[Gallo Construction, Inc.](#)
[Giddens Tire & Automotive, LLC](#)
[Helping Associates, Inc.](#)
[HomeSmart Success](#)

[Lamar Companies/The Promenade CG L'Grande Café](#)
[Legion Protection Agency](#)
[Lessor's Business Machines, Inc.](#)
[Mary Kay Cosmetics – Judy Kitching](#)
[Mi Amigo Ricardo](#)
[Premier Cardiovascular Center Casa Grande](#)
[Professional Eyecare Associates](#)
[Rush Air Conditioning & Refrigeration](#)
[Solberg Engineering](#)
[Sun Life Center for Children](#)
[Sun Life Center for Women](#)
[Sun Life Family Dentistry](#)
[Sun Life Family Health Center, Inc.](#)
[Sun Life Pediatric Dentistry](#)
[The Promenade Casa Grande](#)
[Tri-Cor Air Conditioning & Heating](#)
[Visiting Angels](#)
[Western State Bank](#)
[Young Support Services, Inc.](#)

Business of the Week

In our efforts to keep our members and staff safe during this pandemic, there will be no Business of the Week for the next several weeks.



Please join in support of your business member colleagues by attending these **Open House and Ribbon Cuttings**

[New Furniture Outlet](#)

1004 North Promenade Pkwy., Suite #152
Saturday, April 4th

Ribbon Cutting @ 10:00am

[Willow Massage & Spa](#)

422 North Florence Street
Monday, May 4th

Ribbon Cutting @ 11:30am

Have you completed YOUR Census2020?



City and County Stats for February 2020



[Pinal County Building Permits - February](#)

[Casa Grande & Pinal County Labor Force Stats - January](#)

[Casa Grande Tax Collections FY 19-20](#)

[Pinal County Tax Collections YTD 2020](#)

Membership has its benefits!

Did you know... The Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce will provide Certificates of Origin at no cost to chamber-member businesses? This is a great benefit to our members who are manufacturers, processors, and distributors. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 520-836-2125, or [email our office](mailto:membership@casagrandechamber.org).

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

2020 Chamber 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. [Meet your Board of Directors](#)

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