CASAGRANDE

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

BUSINESS UPDATE

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Greetings from the Chamber

Andrew Long, Dean of Enrollment Services
Central Arizona College
2026 Chairperson, Board of Directors

At our April Board meeting, we took an important step forward by adopting a new balanced scorecard to better measure the effectiveness of our Chamber. This is a shift from relying primarily on financial metrics to a more holistic approach that looks at four key areas: Membership Metrics, Membership Engagement, Financial and Operational Health, and Tourism and Advocacy. I'm excited about this change and believe it will help guide our work as we continue strengthening the value we bring to our members.

We're also working toward rolling out a new dues structure—the first update since 2018. The goal is to better connect members with the opportunities they value most through the Chamber. As part of this process, we've been meeting directly with members to gather feedback and those conversations have been energizing. Some of the most common themes we've heard members value include:

- Opportunities to connect with other Chamber members
- Promotion to visitors and newcomers through our website
- Local visibility through Chamber campaigns and the Community Guide & Business Directory
- Support for our local advocacy efforts
- Reaching fellow members through Chamber newsletters
- Investing in a stronger community

As we prepare for our June mid-year Board Chamber Review, I'd love to hear from you. What do you value most about the Chamber and what would you like to see more of in the future? Reply to me at **andrew.long@centralaz.edu** with your feedback!

Congratulations to Buechting Financial - Raymond James
Business of the Week

For more information about **Buechting Financial - Raymond James** 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

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office

invites you to attend our next

Biz Outlook Luncheon

Arizona Legislative Update
a Panel Presentation

Moderator:
Adam Hawkins, President
Global External

Speakers:
Arizona State Representative - Teresa Martinez
Arizona State Representative - Chris Lopez
Arizona State Senator - T.J. Shope

Friday, May 15
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

at

Francisco Grande Hotel & Golf Resort

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Reservations are Required (deadline Thursday, May 7)

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

May Business After Hours

Wednesday, May 27, 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by

EFP (Engineered Foam Packaging)
1341 S. Sunland Gin Rd.

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

Ice Cream Social

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

Recent Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, April 29 we were pleased to join **Maid Right of Pinal County** for their ribbon cutting.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Palm Creek Resort & Residences (Golf Course)
1110 N. Henness Rd.
Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 AM

Northern Lights Therapy, PLLC
1821 N. Trekell Rd., #5
Thursday, May 7, 4:00 PM

Fairfield Inn - TownePlace Suites Casa Grande
742 N. Mission Pkwy.
Thursday, June 18, 3:00 PM

Upcoming Chamber Groups & Meetings

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 6, 7:30am - 8:30am - Hybrid Meeting

Business Ambassadors Committee
Thursday, May 14, 7:30am - 8:30am

Healthcare Roundtable
Wednesday, May 20, 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Hybrid Meeting

Young Professionals Network
Thursday, July 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.

AyeZee Web Designs
Aaron Soto
Casa Grande, AZ
(520) 261-8481
aaron@ayezeewebdesigns.com
Category: Website Design

Edward Jones - Investments: Wendy Covington
Wendy Covington
Casa Grande, AZ
(480) 621-8440
wendy.covington@edwardjones.com
Category: Financial Services

Pinal Community Service Solutions
Adam Gutierrez
Casa Grande, AZ
(520) 553-5871
support@asheroes.org
Category: Pet Services, Shelters & Veterinarians

***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

Vantage West Credit Union is proud to celebrate the **grand opening** of its newly relocated Tatum & Shea Branch. The modern location replaces Vantage West's former 32nd & Shea branch and reflects the organization's continued investment in Paradise Valley. For more information, please visit **VantageWest.org/Tatum-Shea**.

The Garnet of Casa Grande is hosting a **Spiritual Wellness** lunch on Tuesday, May 26 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Come explore purpose, mindfulness and reflection practices with Samuel Ortega - Chaplain from **Gentiva Hospice**.

Tickets are on sale for the next **PinalCentral** Presents event: **Plugged In: Powering Pinal's Future!** Join us on Thursday, May 14 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Robson Ranch Hermosa Ballroom. Click **here** to purchase tickets.

During the 2026 spring semester, 100 **Central Arizona College** students were inducted into **Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)**, the largest international honor society of two-year colleges. Students being inducted to PTK have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. These students were recognized during a ceremony earlier this month.

The City of Casa Grande is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2026–2027 **Youth Commission**. The application window is open through **Friday, May 8, 2026.** The Youth Commission is composed of up to 16 members who work together to represent local youth perspectives and support community initiatives.

Eligible applicants must:
- Reside in Pinal County
- Be actively enrolled in a public, private, charter, virtual, or home school
- Be entering or currently in 8th through 12th grade
- Up to two at-large members may be selected from lower or upper-level education programs

Interviews for selected applicants will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, between 7:30 a.m. and noon at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 510 E. Florence Blvd. Selected applicants will receive a confirmation with their assigned interview date and time. **Apply today** and be a voice for your community! For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (520) 421-8600 ext. 1100.

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, May 9, 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**.

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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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