



April 9, 2018

Final Week to Nominate a Business for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards

Do you have a Chamber business that is outstanding? Nominate yourself or another business for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards! Winners will be chosen at our Annual Luncheon in June. Join the exclusive community of winners and apply today!

At the luncheon, we'll introduce our new Chairwoman of the Board along with the incoming Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and honor those who are moving on from their terms of service. Presentations by our leadership and an awards ceremony for our members add to the enjoyment of this plated luncheon.

The deadline to nominate is **Friday, April 13**.

[Nominate here](#)

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Chamber News & Events

New Chamber Website Tools for Members

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing new tools and abilities to our member to help grow their business and maximize their membership. Last week, we rolled out new features for members on tempechamber.org to stay informed and increase their digital reach.

Our updated website now has the ability for members to [post their own events](#) and [post a job opening](#) for their company and use the Chamber's website to reach the Valley's business and community leaders.

Also new to the website is replacing our monthly postcard with another innovative feature: an interactive, [visual At-a-Glance](#) that has all the Chamber's upcoming events in one location.

Each event has links to register, view sponsors, share and event save the event details in your calendar.

[Learn more](#)

Finalists Announced for 2018 Business Woman of the Year



The Tempe Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce three finalists for the 23rd annual Business Woman of the Year award. The recipient will be announced at the Chamber's Leadership Conference & Expo presented by the Women in Business Council on May 24.

The finalists for Business Woman of the Year are:

Tracy Bullock - Sandler Training
Melody Elkin - Sweetest Season Bakery & Cafe
Darin Sender - Sender Associates

[Full Story](#)

Tempe Leadership Class 34 Recruitment Reception

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
60 E. 5th St., Tempe

Tempe Leadership invites you to join us for an evening of mingling and fun to chat with board members and alumni about applying for Tempe Leadership Class 34. What's it like to be a part of Tempe Leadership? What are the benefits of participating? Come join us and find out! This event is free and will include a presentation on the program as well as mingling with alumni and board members.

As a program of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Foundation, our focus is to bring together community-minded individuals to engage and challenge one another, learn more about the ins and outs of Tempe and, most importantly, make a real difference in our community. Applications for Class 34 are available now at <http://www.tempeleadership.org/apply>. The program will commence in September 2018.

[Register here](#)

Have an Expo Booth at the Leadership Conference and Expo

Exhibit space is a terrific opportunity to showcase your company in front of hundreds

of business and community leaders at the 2018 Leadership Conference & Expo!

An exhibit space includes a 6-foot draped expo table located in the foyer outside of the main ballroom, two chairs and two admissions to the event.

[Reserve exhibit space](#)



Two More Companies Join Sustainability Pledge



Two more companies have taken the Sustainability Pledge this week -- MAC6 and The Paulsen Center for Integrative Healing!

Tempe.pledge.green is a resource site provided by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce to help educate businesses on ways to become more sustainable. Through resource news and success stories, this site celebrates local businesses' best practices while also providing information on city programs that can help save your business money and resources. Take the Pledge today!

[Sign up here](#)

Chamber Events At-a-Glance

Tuesday, April 10 - [TL Class 34 Reception](#), 5:30 p.m. at Tempe Mission Palms

Wednesday, April 11 - [Ribbon Cutting - AURA](#), 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 12 - [Ribbon Cutting - The World Iz Yourz Catering](#), 11 a.m.

Friday, April 13 - [Membership 101](#), 10 a.m. at Tempe BRiC

Tuesday, April 17 - [Business Before Hours](#), 7:30 a.m. at Rainforest Cafe

Wednesday, April 18 - [Business Development Council](#), 8 a.m. at Chamber office

[Get a full list of Chamber events here](#)

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From Our Members

AURA Grand Opening April 11

New Chamber member AURA, the largest nightclub, venue and lounge on Mill Avenue is proud to announce their grand opening weekend taking place Thursday, April 5 through Saturday, April 7, 2018.

AURA is an upscale multi-faceted space bringing a wide variety of musical talent to the Valley in a Vegas-like venue. Founder, Narender Raju's goal was to create a club and lounge where guests can come in any night of the week and enjoy national touring acts. Through an expansive network of today's top performers and artists, AURA aims to provide attendees with a unique nightly experience that keeps the crowd going and guessing what's next.

AURA will continue celebrating its opening on Wednesday, April 11 with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's Ribbon Cutting ceremony, followed by a private cocktail reception and tours of the space.

[Learn more](#)

Maricopa Corporate College Impact Breakfast

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Conference Center at Rio Salado College
2323 W. 14th St., Tempe

As organizations begin to employ five different generations, creating a culture that encourages understanding between generations is imperative. Join us on April 18th, as we discuss how you can encourage your team to overcome generational differences and collaborate towards a common goal.

During this morning workshop, we'll have breakfast burritos for you to enjoy while we explore ways to communicate, collaborate and build meaningful relationships with individuals from all generations.

This free event includes breakfast and an opportunity to network with like-minded professionals.

[Read more](#)

Welcome to the Jungle Women's Breakfast

Friday, April 20, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Rainforest Cafe
5000 S. Arizona Mills Cir., Tempe

The Rainforest Cafe at Arizona Mills will be hosting a women's breakfast next Friday, April 20. Please email or call Nancy Winters for more information; nancy.winters@ldry.com or 480-752-9100.

Tempe State of the Neighborhoods and Care Fair

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tempe History Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

In Tempe, we all stand together. We care about each other.

Join us for the Fifth Annual State of the Neighborhoods, where we celebrate the best neighbors in our city. Hear about programs and services for our neighborhoods from Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. Then stay for Care Fair Tempe, a new event hosted by Tempe Community Council that brings together Tempe's non-profit community in a festival atmosphere.

Listen to local music while you explore booths to gather information about programs and services available to Tempe residents and ways you can volunteer to help care for your community. Learn about youth and family services, food assistance programs, suicide and substance abuse prevention, senior and aging services, dementia care, housing, disability resources, transportation assistance, domestic violence support, homelessness, employment programs, legal options, financial stability and more.

It's all free and kid-friendly.

[Learn more](#)

Kyrene School District Open House

Saturday, April 28, 8 - 10 a.m.
Kyrene de los Ninos Elementary
1330 E. Dava Dr., Tempe

The Kyrene Elementary School District invites the public to visit an open house and donation drive Saturday, April 28.

Any size item can be accepted for the donation drive. The Kyrene Family Resource Center earns money for every pound of items donated.

For more information, contact Irma Horton at ihorton@kyrene.org.

Help United Food Bank This Month at Walmart

Now through April 30, Walmart is offering four ways that

customers can get involved and fight hunger online, in-store and through social sharing to help secure meals for local food banks, including United Food Bank. Visit [Walmart.com/fighthunger](https://www.walmart.com/fighthunger) for further details. Here are the ways customers can participate in the fight against hunger.

- Purchase a product from a participating brand at Walmart stores or online
- Donate money to United Food Bank
- Make an online act of support using #FightHunger. Walmart will donate for every mention.
- Use Walmart credit card for any purchase through April



Do You Have News to Share? Tell us!

The Tempe Chamber is always interested in sharing the news and events of our members. From a grand opening to a milestone, this is the place to tell your story and reach thousands!

Send stories and events to [Chris Samuels](#).

In the Community

Conscious Capitalism Seminar April 11

Join AZ Conscious Capitalism on April 11 at Grand Canyon University for a very exciting evening of competition. Celebrate and support teams of college business students as they compete for multiple cash prizes and co-working/networking opportunities.

- Celebrates the free-market system and positions business as a force for good
- Showcases college entrepreneurs as community-minded business leaders
- Promotes innovations happening at Arizona's universities
- Demonstrates collaboration and inclusiveness within the community
- Highlights STEM initiatives and business applications

If investing in early stage company interests you, join MAC6 leading Angel Groups, other Venture Capitalists and the Arizona Commerce Authority for an informative seminar! You will learn how your investment can make a HUGE impact in entrepreneurship and our local economy.

[Read more](#)

Arts & Culture Sales Tax Public Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m.
Tempe History Museum
809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

Tempe community members are invited to learn more about a November 2018 city election question on a dedicated sales tax for arts and culture at a meeting on April 25 at 6 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

The current city sales tax increase (one tenth of one percent), authorized by Tempe voters in 2000, expires in 2020. It has funded the construction and operations of the Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust, as well as other arts and culture

offerings in the city. The City Council directed in May 2017 that city staff pursue a future ballot proposition to request a permanent arts and culture sales tax of the same amount (one tenth of one percent) to fund arts and culture in Tempe.

The March 28 public meeting also will cover a future ordinance that will be considered by the City Council that would be a companion to the ballot resolution. The ordinance would authorize the existing Tempe Arts and Culture Commission to advise the Council on the management of the tax funding and the realization of the Arts and Culture Plan, if the tax measure passes. A similar arrangement is in place with the Tempe Transportation Commission and its advisory role related to the 1996 dedicated tax for transportation in Tempe.

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