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FastSigns Celebrate Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber keeps growing! Thursday saw [FastSigns](#), a printing and sign company, open their new expanded facility (pictured above). They now have nearly double the floor space, allowing more staff and production.

Know of a business that wants to join? Send an email to [Joanne Stockdale](#).

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More Seats Added to State of the District



Due to demand, we've added more seats to hear U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema at a breakfast this Friday at Rio Salado College. This once-in-a-year opportunity will be a terrific chance to hear from the congresswoman in an intimate setting about the ongoings in Washington.

Space is still limited! Reserve your seat now.

[Register Here](#)

Military Affairs Committee Honors Airman

The Chamber's Military Action Committee honored an airman who plays a pivotal role at Luke Air Force Base's F-35 fighter program. Staff Sgt. Allen J. Long was given the Graydon Williams Award, given to a member of the 944th Air Reserve Fighter Wing.

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Nominate an Excellent Business Today

The Tempe Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2017 Business Excellence Awards. These awards promote the advancement of responsible business leadership in our community and publicly honor local businesses that demonstrate a passion for excellence.

Last year's award winners were The Dhaba and Caliente Construction. Do you have a business to nominate? [Reply to this email.](#)

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Self-Employed? Get Tax Answers

By Barbara Weltman, SBA.gov

Those in the Chamber who are self-employed might have a bit rougher tax season than others do. This blog post uncovers the difference between being incorporated and having a proprietorship or LLC, and what a self-employment tax is.

[Read more](#)

The Value of Education in Vocation

By Amy Scott, Marketplace

As the workforce of the United States evolves into post-secondary and even post-graduate requirements, some are seeing the value in what is called "opportunity occupations" - jobs that need vocational training. Meet the students that look past the stereotypes of "blue-collar" jobs and find that the opportunities - and the pay - is better than expected.

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The Impact of Unforeseen Risks

By Conrado Morlan, Project Management

Risk identification is one of the first tasks many project managers tackle when they're assigned a new project. But identifying risks can't be a one-time effort.

The risk log is a living document that needs to be scrubbed and updated on a regular basis. Future internal or external factors can always impact the project.

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Member News

ASU Creates 100th Spinout from Students, Faculty

Innovators and entrepreneurs have now founded 100 companies from the campus of Arizona State University, according to a release from the school. Its 100th company, Gemneo Bioscience, is making a real difference in the way cancer is being treated.

ASU inventions attracted over \$96 million in external funding the last fiscal year.

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Join Tempe Leadership at Tempe Cares 2017



- Saturday, March 4, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Papago Park

Tempe Leadership's Tempe Cares invites you to step forward to volunteer with the City of Tempe's initiative to restore the natural habitat in Papago Park.

Volunteers of ALL ages can serve in project areas including tree limb removal, trail maintenance, painting, and more. A complimentary breakfast will also be provided to all volunteers.

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Community News

Tempe Seeks Nominations for Disability Award

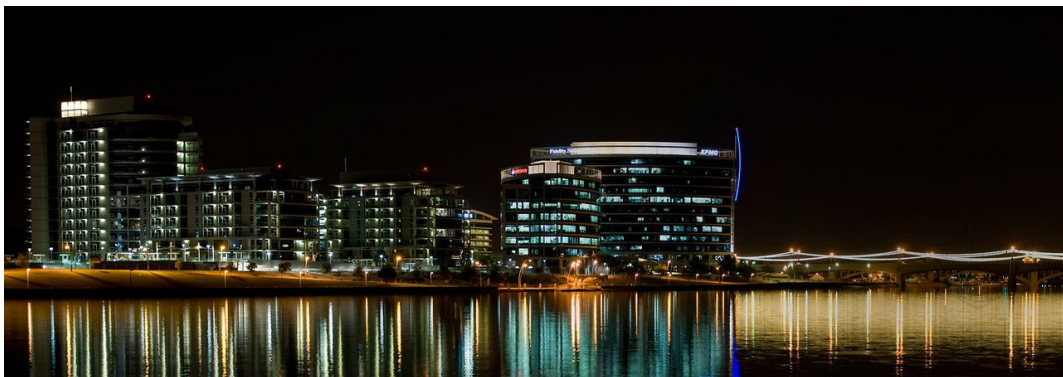
Do you know an individual or a business who has provided outstanding support

and accommodation to Tempe residents with disabilities? The Mayor's office is looking to recognize those for the city's annual Mayor's Disability Award at the end of the month. Several awards are available for businesses, and nominations can be made [here](#).

Dine-in Theaters Coming to Tempe, Chandler

The since-abandoned Lake Country Village Plaza will be getting a new Alamo Drafthouse (that's a movie theater with tables and full-service dining) soon. The Republic reports that the daft house will be an addition to their first location in Chandler. Additionally, Chandler will be getting a second dine-in theater downtown. The new addition is a welcome sight for the Rural and Baseline area, which has seen a spike in revitalization projects. [Learn more](#).

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