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## Chamber News & Events

### Program Unveils Office Savings for Chamber Members

Just by being a Chamber member, you can receive up to fifty-five percent off essential office supplies and software for your business.

The National Chamber Program helps businesses with valuable resources to bring exclusive group-purchasing savings to all Chamber members.

The Tempe Chamber is proud to partner with [OfficeMax](#) on Broadway and Priest for this program.

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### Finalists Named for Business Excellence Awards

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce six finalists for the prestigious Business Excellence Awards.

The recipients will be announced June 29 at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon, presented by Southwest Airlines. The awards promote the advancement of responsible business leadership in the community and publicly recognize local businesses demonstrating a passion for excellence.

The finalists for the small business category are:

- [FASTSIGNS](#)
- [Pest'R Us](#)
- [Special Moments Catering](#)

The finalists for the large business category are:

- [Tempe St. Luke's Hospital/IASIS Healthcare](#)
- [Tempe Marketplace/Vestar](#)
- [Waste Management](#)

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## Chamber Events At-a-Glance

Wednesday, May 24 - [Women in Business Conference](#), 8 a.m. at Hilton Doubletree

Thursday, May 25 - [Business Owner's Forum](#), 8 a.m. at Special Moments

Thursday, May 25 - [Business After Hours](#), 5:30 p.m. at Portillo's

Thursday, June 1 - [Women in Business Council](#), 8 a.m. at Chamber offices

Tuesday, June 6 - Ambassador Committee, 8 a.m. at Sweetest Season



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## Helping You Succeed

### Regional Partnerships Keep Water Affordable

*By Warren Tenney, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association*

It is not easy for cities to build, staff and operate water and wastewater treatment plants and

still maintain water and wastewater rates all residents can afford. That's why Central Arizona cities traditionally work together to build regional treatment plants that can deliver more water for less money.

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## Cyber-security for Small Business Owners

*By Peter Adams, Ping! Development*

Last week, Peter outlined some of the reasons cyber-security matters for small business. This week, he provides readers with some basic tools to help secure your website.

Learn ways to strengthen your web security proactively and learn about products that can safeguard your security and data for you.

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## Goodbye New York, Hello Arizona

*By Natalie Sherman, BBC Business*

Financial jobs in the US have finally rebounded -- but they're not growing where you might think.

Read a profile by the BBC on why Arizona is becoming a new financial hub of the U.S.

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## From Our Members

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### TCAA Seeking Businesses to Host Food Drive

The Tempe CommunityAction Agency (TCAA) will host a Summer Meals Campaign June 5 - 16 to help stock Tempe's largest food pantry for the summer months.

TCAA is looking for 10 local business champions to join the challenge of collecting non-perishable foods during this two-week period, with a goal of collecting the equivalent of 5,000 meals for the hungry.

With help from the local business community, TCAA seeks to change that by stocking their pantry shelves and feeding our most vulnerable children, individuals and families in need.

If your business would like to host a food drive as part of TCAA's Summer Meals Campaign, please contact Sophia Campbell at [sophiac@tempeaction.org](mailto:sophiac@tempeaction.org).

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### Develop Your Non-Profit at BRiC

- Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Tempe Public Library, 3500 S Rural Rd

This interactive seminar focuses on the definition, important and objectives of nonprofits as well as how they differ from for-profit organizations. The roles and responsibilities of the board of directors and the executive director will be clarified. Avenues of fund development will also be explored.

## Savings Galore with Member-to-Member Deals

Did you know? Many companies have deals **exclusively** for Chamber members.

From discounts for food, for cars or even a free chair massage, check out deals from your fellow members or create one yourself!

[Learn more](#)

## In the Community

### Prop 206 Sick Leave Provision Starts in July

- Tuesday, May 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 3200 N Central Ave #1125, Phoenix

The other component of the passage of Proposition 206 includes a provision for employee sick leave. The Arizona Chamber will hold a "Lunch and Learn" to learn from experts to understand the law in order to have perfect compliance.

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### Phoenix Mercury to Give Grant to Women-Owned Business

The Phoenix Mercury, in conjunction with BBVA Compass, is rewarding a women-owned business with a \$2,500 grant with an additional \$5,000 in marketing assets.

Women are encouraged to write a short essay expressing how winning this opportunity will make the future of their business brighter.

Submissions are due June 15, with the winner recognized at a Mercury game June 30.

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### Is Tempe the New Center of The Valley?

The social hub of Mill Avenue, the new Valley Metro Streetcar project, and Northern Trust, State Farm and ADP all moving into Tempe.

One writer asserts that the social and business hub of the Valley of the Sun isn't Phoenix

anymore..

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## Tempe Chamber of Commerce

For more than a century, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce has built an environment that enhances the economic vitality of our membership and the business community as a whole. Through our commitment to and involvement with the community, we provide...

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