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Deck the Halls! It's Christmas in July for Needy Families.



Throughout July, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with United Food Bank for their Christmas in July food program.

Christmas in July is an annual food drive competition between local chambers of commerce in eastern Arizona to see who can raise the most money and collect the most amount of non-perishable food items.

The program is used to help families and children during the summer months who do not have access to free or reduced lunches they would normally get during the school year.

Prizes are awarded to the chamber of commerce with the highest contributions as well as the highest-performing business within each chamber. **We hope you will participate!** Follow the link below for more information or to donate. Promotional resources including posters are available at the Tempe Chamber office.

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The Chamber partners with the National Chamber Program and Office Depot to bring exclusive group-purchasing savings to all Chamber members, from large businesses to entrepreneurs. Shop online or in the store, and pass the savings along to your employees.

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Chamber News & Events

Congratulations to our Annual Luncheon Award Recipients

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Luncheon Thursday, and honored businesses and individuals who have shown excellence in their fields and have given service to the community. Click on the links to read more about their company or achievements.

Business Excellence Award - Large Business Category winner:

[Tempe Marketplace/Vestar](#)

Finalists:

[Tempe St. Luke's/IASIS Healthcare](#)

[Waste Management](#)

Business Excellence Award - Small Business Category winner:

[Special Moments Catering](#)

Finalists:

[Fatsigns](#)

[Pest'R Us Exterminating](#)

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage - [Sprit of Tempe Award](#)

Desirae Noonan - [Volunteer of the Year](#)

Elizabeth Cling - [Tempe Leadership Outstanding Community Leader Award](#)

Booths Open for East Valley Business Expo

- Wednesday, October 4, 2 - 6 p.m.
- Mesa Convention Center
263 N Center St, Mesa

Registration for the 2017 East Valley Business Expo is now open for early-bird pricing.

Companies looking for a proven, cost-effective and fun way to promote their products and services have the ideal opportunity at the expo. As the largest annual event of its kind in the East Valley, the expo provides a dynamic setting for both business-to-business and business-to-consumer outreach and sales.

[Register here](#)

Chamber Events At-a-Glance

Please note: The Women in Business Council, GRTC and Military Affairs Committee meetings for July are cancelled.



Chamber Members Save at Office Depot and OfficeMax!
Text **TempeSPC to 555-888** to receive your savings card on your phone.
Or click here to sign up for an online business account.



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Helping You Succeed

Struggling in the Heat? Portland Wants You.

By Sandra Wilson, Phoenix Business Journal

Some of you may have noticed more of the feel-good folksy-looking commercials for Portland, Oregon recently.

Turns out, those ads are specifically targeted toward Arizonans who need to get out of the sun and into the more temperate Pacific Northwest.

Portland may become the go-to destination for Phoenicians if that city's tourism agency has its way.

Travel Portland, the city's destination marketing organization, has targeted Phoenix as one of three markets for its spring campaign, "You Can, in Portland."

[Read more](#)

How Big Can Amazon Get?

By Joe Ciolli and Alex Morrell, *Business Insider*

Breaking News: After the Whole Foods takeover, Amazon isn't done buying companies.

The question is, just how much can they grow, and how much can the market handle? Amazon added as much as \$50 billion after the Whole Foods purchase, as well as a new rumored partnership with Nike, so how will companies respond to Amazon's invasions?

[Read more](#)

Did you read something interesting? Tell us!

The Tempe Chamber is always interested in sharing current and compelling content with our readers of the Business Advocate that could foster innovative ideas in our community.

Send stories and ideas to [Chris Samuels](#), or send a direct message to one of our social media accounts.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE 
Reply to this email to learn more



From Our Members

Celebrate the Fourth at Tempe Town Lake

- Tuesday, July 4, gates open at 5 p.m.

Kiwanis Club of Tempe 66th Annual Fireworks Spectacular will present the best fireworks show in the Valley shot from Mill Avenue Bridge. The fireworks spectacular will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to music for all tastes and interests including patriotic, pop, country, and more.

Other activities during the evening include live bands, a pipe and drum band and color guard and a flyover.

Additionally, the City of Tempe has released a new interactive map of Tempe Town Lake, which shows everything from public facilities and bicycle stands, to public transport and local points of interest. You can visit the app [here](#).

[Read more](#)

Condor Airlines Adds Phoenix Flight from Frankfurt Next Year

Condor Airlines, a German-based leisure carrier, will add a seasonal flight to Sky Harbor from Frankfurt, starting in May 2018.

It's the second transatlantic flight to Europe that will serve directly from Phoenix, the other being British Airway's daily flight to London. Phoenix could serve as an important

starting point for European tourism next summer.

The Phoenix Business Journal reports that Germany was Arizona's sixth-largest export market in 2016 with \$726.5 million worth of goods shipped to Europe's largest economy.

[Read more](#)

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](#), or set up an event on ChamberMaster.

In the Community

Tempe Industrial Park Sold

Via AZ Big Media

Cushman & Wakefield completed the sale of Kachina Industrial Park, located at 1805-1850 W. Drake Drive in Tempe on behalf of Northern California-based Kieckhefer Properties. Libitzky Holdings LP of Emeryville, Calif. purchased the property for \$19.1 million.

Kachina Industrial Park is an eight-building, 202,941-square-foot general industrial property. The modern, high-image, multi-tenant complex is a well built, low- to mid-buildout general industrial property with flexible loading and suite configurations to accommodate a variety of tenants.

[Read more](#)

City of Tempe Launches Open Data Website

The City of Tempe released a new website that enables public access to hundreds of datasets of city data.

The website contains information ranging from graffiti cleanup efforts to crime data and zoning boundaries. Businesses could use the data to research areas for new storefronts or for area demographics.

[Learn more](#)

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Tempe Chamber of Commerce

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