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Tempe Chamber of Commerce

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Holiday Hours for the Chamber of Commerce

***The Tempe Chamber of Commerce will be closed today, December 1st.
We apologize for any inconvenience.***

The Chamber is traditionally open from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closes each day for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact us at 480.967.7891.

Get Involved



Honor Our Fallen Officers

The Tempe City Council is proud to announce the start of a six-month fundraising campaign to help fund the construction of a new Public Safety Memorial that will be placed in Tempe Beach Park. This memorial will honor the Tempe firefighters, Police Officers and Police Canines that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Not only will this memorial serve as a tribute to our fallen heroes, it will also serve as a place where families, friends and the community can come together to honor those who have fallen. For more information on this project or to make a donation, please [click here](#).



Help Rita's Spread Happiness This Holiday Season

As we enter the holiday season, our friends at Rita's Italian Ice Tempe are aiming to give a little spotlight to those in our community who are doing good and "spreading happiness." **Now through December 28**, when you post about your charitable activities, use [#SpreadingHappinessAZ](#) to enter into their drawing for fun prizes. These acts of spreading happiness can be of any size, whether it's a surprise coffee or gas gift card for someone who has been extra helpful in the office this season, donating clothing or gifts to a local angel tree, even spending a day off volunteering at local charitable organization. [Follow Rita's on Twitter](#) to learn more!



Membership Makes a Difference

by Kristine Kassel, Chairman of the Board

Things are definitely happening in Tempe this fall! Not only is the weather beautiful, but you can find many outside events going on such as 5Ks, Ironman, festivals and events every weekend. Then you add all the ASU events that are happening such as Homecoming, Parents Weekend and some BIG football games! [Click here to continue reading](#)

Helping You Succeed!

Holiday Advertising with the Chamber

Time is running out to advertise in our special **Holiday Promotions Newsletter** and spaces are filling up every day. If you want to close 2014 on a high note and reach thousands of potential customers, then contact [Meghan](#) to reserve one of the limited spots left.

December 10th

\$100 Header - **SOLD OUT**
 \$75 First Ad - **SOLD OUT**
 \$50 Standard Ad - 2 left
 \$25 Text Ad - 2 left

December 17th

\$100 Header - **SOLD OUT**
 \$75 First Ad - **SOLD OUT**
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Guest Bloggers Wanted

The Tempe Chamber would like to host YOU - our valued members - on our blog in 2015! We want to hear your expert opinion on the things that are important to your business, your customers or the Tempe community. This is a great opportunity for businesses of all sizes. If you are interested, please email [Meghan](#) with your ideas!

Member of the Week



Gwen Gustafson, Arizona Fun Services

Welcome to a new feature from the Tempe Chamber of Commerce! Each week, the Chamber team will randomly select a different member to interview so that they can share their experiences and advice for other members. And what better way to kick-off this fun new segment than with Gwen Gustafson from Arizona Fun Services!

[Learn more](#)

Member News

Tempe City Councilmember Corey Woods will be presented with the 5th Annual African-American Leadership Institute's (AALI) Gene Blue Public Service Award at a Dec. 9 dinner at South Mountain Community College. [Click here](#) to read more.

Got News?

Is there something exciting going on in your business? Did you land a really big deal? Did a team member join a board? Are you offering new Services? Did you sponsor an event? ***If it's news to you, it's news to us!*** If there is something you want the Tempe Chamber community to know, [please email](#)

[Meghan](#) before noon on Thursdays to get your announcements in!

Free Directory Listing

Did you know that your membership comes with a **FREE** online profile? Members with completed profiles are more likely to come up on Google searches, receive calls from prospects and increased web traffic. For more information on updating your member profile, please [click here](#).

Community News

Annual State of The Schools - Dec 12th

This event facilitates a meeting with a panel of educators to learn the condition of our educational institutions and determine how best to assist them in achieving their goals. Our focus this year is elementary education. The panel will feature representatives from Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District, Rio Salado College, Arizona Board of Regents, Mesa Community College, Kyrene School District, Global Pathways Institute and Arizona State University. For more information, please [click here](#).



In Case You Missed It

Mayor Mark Mitchell's 2014 State of the City address is available for viewing on Tempe 11, both online and on Cox Communications Channel 11. Check the [Tempe 11](#) program guide to find out the days and times when the address is being replayed on Channel 11 for Cox subscribers. Community members also can watch the video anytime on the city's [YouTube channel](#).



Lakeshore Music, Inc. (LMI), Tempe's resident concert producer at the Tempe Center for the Arts, is going back to Cuba in 2015 with its Rhythm & Views cultural exploration of Cuba's creative life. Two tours are currently scheduled, Jan. 28-Feb. 5 and Mar. 25-April 2.

These are 9 day and 8 night trips which set the new benchmark for People to People educational exchanges with Cuba. Producers Woody Wilson and Neil Birnbaum have spent the past two years working on Cuba Rhythm & Views, which focuses almost entirely on Cuba's music, art and culture. LMI is offering Tempe Chamber friends and members a discount of \$250 off the total price of the trip. All forms, visa application, itinerary, trip FAQs and ways for payment are available at www.cubarhythmandviews.com. Or, call 602.679.0590 for more information. This is truly the trip of a lifetime.

Get Social with the Tempe Chamber



Use **#TempeChamber** when you are posting on social media to show your pride in your membership. You may even get a like, retreat or repost!

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