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Guide to the Nov 4 Elections

You Can't Win If You Don't Play - Vote on Nov. 4!

By Mary Ann Miller, President/CEO, Tempe Chamber

No, I'm not talking about the lottery; I'm talking about the election. Nearly one-half of registered voters won't bother casting a ballot in a non-presidential election year. That's bad enough, but if you consider the number of people who are eligible to vote, those who meet the criteria but may not be registered, then nearly six out of ten people will throw up their hands and leave the decision-making to someone else.



I would bet that at least three of those six non-voters will complain on social media about the results and the policies enacted by those elected. Well, I don't want to hear it.

All over the world, people are anxious for free elections. They walk for miles to the polls. They wait in line for hours to cast their ballot. Some even risk their own safety in order to vote. And right here, you have four weeks to get to a polling place. You can even mark a ballot at home while in your pajamas. Or you can walk in on Election Day and cast your ballot. It couldn't be easier.

Please, please, please vote on November 4.

Polling places are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday,

November 4. [Click here](#) to find yours.

The Tempe Chamber Recommends:

- **NO on Prop 122**
- **YES on Prop 304**
- **YES on Prop 480**
- **YES on Tempe Elementary School District M&O Budget Override**

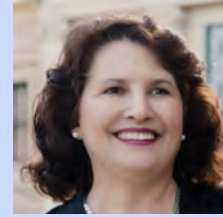
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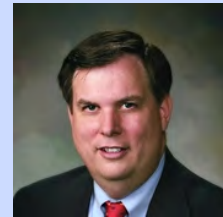
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Get Involved

City Council establishes first Tempe Veterans Commission

As part of a multifaceted effort to help improve quality of life for veterans and their families, the Tempe City Council on Oct. 2 voted unanimously to establish the Tempe Veterans Commission. The commission will strive to enhance and establish programs, policies and practices for Tempe veterans. [Click here](#) to read more.



The Tempe Coalition Needs Your Help

The Tempe Coalition, which works to reduce underage drinking and drug use among Tempe youth, is conducting an important community survey. If you live or work in Tempe, your opinion is crucial to the planning and performance of this group. The purpose of this survey is to learn views of the community as it applies to underage drinking, which will help the Tempe Coalition improve local prevention efforts. Please consider taking ten minutes out of your day to share your thoughts. [Click here](#) to get started.



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Helping You Succeed!

2015 Business Excellence Awards

The Tempe Chamber is now accepting applications for the 2015 Business Excellence Awards. Nominations can be submitted now through **November 17th**. [Click here](#) to get started.



Entrepreneurs Wanted

Know a business owner who embodies the true spirit of entrepreneurship? Nominate them for our first ever **Entrepreneur of the Year Award**. Nominations can be submitted now through **November 18th**. [Click here](#) to get started.



Member News

Another WIN for Four Peaks! The Phoenix Business Journal ran a Beer Madness competition and Hop Knot by Four Peaks is the ultimate winner! [Click here](#) to read more and see the brackets.

The Dhaba India Plaza restaurant and marketplace is one of 10 Arizona business finalists for the 18th annual Spirit of Enterprise Awards given by Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. These awards recognize firms for creating jobs, boosting the economy and delivering superior customer service. Winners of the W.P. Carey will be announced at a luncheon Nov. 21 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix.

Margo Brown of **Wave Productivity** completed a six week training classes called Strength Based Coaching with The Coach Approach, a program highlighting core coaching skills specifically for those in the field of productivity and organization. This training focuses on solutions to becoming more goal oriented, productive and organized. Congrats, Margo!

Jerry Brock of **Brock Supply** was recently awarded the 2014 President's Award from the ARA. For the full press release, please [click here](#).

We Love Our Members

Community News

Tempe Maintains Great Bonds Ratings
The City of Tempe is succeeding in its post-recession

Please recycle your campaign signs!

Thank you for participating in the general elections. Temporary drop off locations: Place campaign signs in blue Tempe Recycles collection bins at one of two convenient drop off locations:

1. Household Products Collection Center: 1320 E. University Dr. (northeast corner of University and Dorsey in front of the Tempe Fire Training Center).
2. Kiwanis Park neighborhood recycling drop-off center (west side of All America Way just north of Guadalupe Road)

Blue barrel bin: Place cardboard and plastic campaign signs in your blue recycling bin just as you would your other recyclable items.

The deadline for removing signs is Nov. 19. Signs must be disassembled with metal or wooden stakes removed before placing them in collection bins.

recovery, judging by the recent confirmation of the city's positive bond ratings and the release of an updated long-range financial forecast that projects a solid financial footing. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

United Way Breaks Record to Feed Hungry Children

Valley of the Sun United Way volunteers and hundreds of ASU students set a world record on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the World Record to End Hunger event. The Guinness Book of World Records® "Most Hunger Relief Kits Assembled" is now 1,993 in 3:00 minutes and was made possible by more than 2,000 volunteers. The historic event will transform lives for children who struggle with hunger. For more information, visit www.vsuw.org.



Tempe Bike Program Wins Award

Tempe was named 2014 Outstanding Bicycle Program winner at Thursday's Valley Metro Clean Air Campaign awards program, while Tempe Councilmember Shana Ellis was honored with the Blue Sky Award for her work to support accessible and affordable public transportation options for all residents.



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