

Tempe Chamber of Commerce

The Business Advocate



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REBATES FOR LIGHTING
AND MORE.**



Helping You Succeed!

Coach Charli Turner Thorne's "Most Important Words"

ASU Women's Basketball Head Coach Charli Turner Thorne spoke to last week during our monthly Hot Topics & Lunch. A big takeaway for us was her list of the "most important words" you can use. This is so true, and translates equally well to your personal life and business model. Read more by [clicking here](#).



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



Guide to the Nov 4 Elections

Early voting has begun!

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**

get started.

New Business Award in 2015

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.



Small business health care tax credits may be reduced for tax-exempt employers

The Internal Revenue Service said that the sequestration process could have an impact on the amount that certain small tax-exempt employers receive on the refundable portion of the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit. Read more by [clicking here](#).



Get Involved

The Deaf Sensitivity Seminar

On Wednesday, October 29th, business community is invited to attend an educational session titled The Deaf Sensitivity Seminar. One does not realize that there are way over the number of people who are deaf who live and work around the corner, so to speak. They are members of the silent epidemic, unnoticed until they want to be. For more information on this seminar, please [click here](#).



Travel To Iceland...and Be Inspired!

The Tempe Chamber works hard so that when you want to take your vacation time, you have someplace exciting to go! Travel from **June 14 - June 22, 2015** for as little as \$4,999. This discounted rate includes round trip air from Sky Harbor Intl Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges and hotel transfers. You will enjoy 9 days of travel including stops in Reykjavik, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Snaefellsnes Peninsula, Puffin Cruise, Blue Lagoon. To book your trip, please contact [Mary Ann Miller](#).

October is Arizona Manufacturer's Month

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize its members who are in the manufacturing, production and wholesale industries. For the second consecutive year, Governor Jan Brewer will show her support for the Manufacturers of Arizona by designating October as Arizona Manufacturer's Month. Connect to the campaign on social media using

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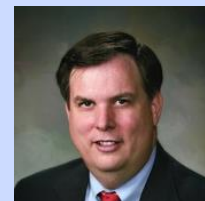
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We Love Our Members

#MFGAZ. For a list of Chamber Members, please [click here](#).

Community News

2014 Year-end Wrap

The Arizona Commerce Authority has worked hard to help strengthen Arizona's economy. Working with several partners, they have been able to enhance business developments in Tempe and throughout Arizona. [Click here](#) for their full report.



A Message from ASU Athletics to Sun Devil Supporters

The Tempe Chamber is a close partner of Arizona State University. To assist the athletics department in helping the community understand the NCAA regulations regarding student athlete compliance issues, we're pleased to pass along this letter and video from Sun Devil Football Head Coach Todd Graham. Please take a few minutes to help ensure that our athletes stay in the game. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Challenges From Transformational Change in the Taxi Industry

Jack E. Pisano and Nigel A.L. Brooks

The traditional business model of the taxi industry is under pressure because of entrepreneurs using technologies, such as mobile devices and the internet, to match customers wanting rides with drivers who are willing to carry them. As is always the case when transformational change occurs, there is resistance to adaptation, but ultimately the marketplace will determine the outcome, even if it is not optimal for the various players. To read the full article, please [click here](#).

Dept. of Revenue Delays Chamber-Backed Tax Portal

In an effort to streamline the tax-paying process for businesses that operate in multiple jurisdictions, the Tempe Chamber helped pass legislation to ease that burden on business. A one-stop tax portal, designed to be implemented in January 2015, has been delayed for a year. To read the notice from the Arizona Department of Revenue, please [click here](#).

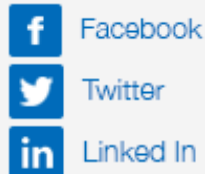
Member News

From our Friends at C2 Tactical: Zombies have arrived in Phoenix! Zombies are overrunning your desert compound and the only things keeping you and your family safe are your quick reflexes and double tap machine gun skills! Available for FREE download in Google Play, App Store and Amazon Apps today. Didn't get enough Zombie clearing skills practice? Swing by C2 and enjoy our Walking Dead package, Twin Gun Zombie Cleanser package or choose from one of other exciting offerings!

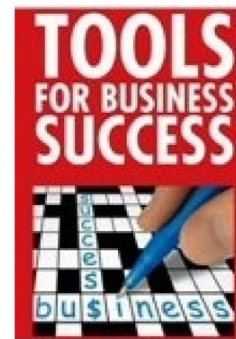
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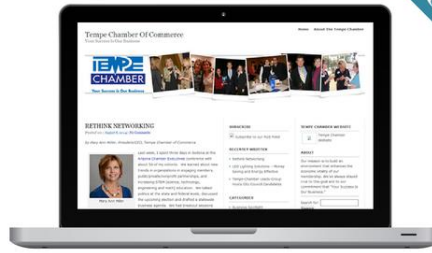
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