

GREATER ORO VALLEY Chamber of Commerce

This Week's

Update

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019

Our next events

A ribbon-cutting, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m., iBalance Wellness Spa, 6700 N. Oracle, Suite 501. Free.

New member orientation, Friday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m., El Conquistador Tucson. Free, but RSVP is requested to duane@orovalleychamber.com.

An evening mixer, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, Senior Home Care of Tucson, 1171 E. Rancho Vistoso, Suite 155, Oro Valley, 85755. \$5 and \$10.

Fall Book Sale through Saturday at OV public library

The **Fall Book Sale**, presented by Chamber member the **Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library**, runs through this **Saturday, Oct. 26**.

Half-price day extends through **5 p.m. Friday** at the **Oro Valley Public Library**.

Saturday is Bag Day, from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, when guests can fill a \$1 Friends reusable bag with all

the books that fit for \$7.

The Friends offer **32** categories with more than **20,000** items. More than **60 volunteers** are needed to help with everything from set up, tear down, including talliers, floaters and cashiers. The book



Contestants in last year's Gravel Grinder worked their way up the Catalinas.

Courtesy photo

Gravel Grinder this Saturday in Oracle, onto the Catalinas

The fourth annual **Mount Lemmon Gravel Grinder**, with stout cyclists pedaling from Oracle onto the slopes of the **Santa Catalina Mountains**, unfolds this **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26**.

Festivities begin **Friday**, with a **party, live music, shorter fun rides, a beer garden, food and coffee vendors, on-site camping and lodging**, and a bike and gear **expo**. The **3C Ranch** is the host venue.

Then, on **Saturday**, mountain bikers take on 40-, 50- and 60-mile options on gravel and pavement.

There are a number of sponsors, among them Chamber members **Oracle Ford, Arizona Zipline Adventures, Visit Tucson** and **Nova Home Loans**.

The Gravel Grinder is hosting a food drive benefiting Chamber member

IMPACT of Southern Arizona, marking its **20th anniversary** this year.

IMPACT is seeking **volunteers** for both Friday and Saturday to help at the IMPACT activity table. E-mail **Barbara McClure** at barbara@impactsoaz.org.

We'll cut a ribbon at

sales have netted more than **\$220,000** to benefit the library **since 2006**, a release said.

Book donations are accepted all year at either the **Book Shoppe** in the library or at Book Shoppe Too, in the plaza next to Harvest Restaurant on La Canada and Lambert.

Map & Guide ad sales under way

It's Map & Guide time.

The **Arizona Daily Star / Tucson.com**, your Chamber's Platinum-level member, is ramping up sales and production of the **2020 Greater Oro Valley Chamber Map & Guide**.

The product, complete with **membership directory**, map of Oro Valley and **information** about the community, is a 25,000-copy strong print product coupled with **digital residence**. It's distributed at major visitor and commercial sites throughout the region. **And it gets used.**

Ad sales close **Monday, Dec. 2**. It'll be on the streets by **Jan. 1**.

Your support is greatly appreciated. To advertise, or for more information, contact **Shayne Caffrey** at scaffrey@tucson.com, or **Tatyana Anderson** at tanderson@tucson.com.

We need your gift items to give away (that's what gifts are)

Do you have something to share with fellow Chamber members?

Consider bringing us **gift items**, **discounts**, **promotional materials**, whatever it might be, and we can give them as **door prizes** at Chamber network development events.

At our morning mixer Thursday at Clear Vision Express, your Chamber gave away **coffee cards**, a **massage** treatment, **tickets** to the International Wildlife Museum, an **anti-theft bag** to store critical items and **first-aid kits**. Often, we're giving away **bottles of wine**, **drinking vessels**, **gift cards**, **cool promotional items of value**, and more.

It's a good way to get your name before the group, and to make someone's day.

We'll cut a ribbon at iBalance, 3:30 Tuesday

Join us this **Tuesday, Oct. 29**, at **3:30 p.m.**, when we cut the ribbon at **iBalance Wellness Spa, 6700 N. Oracle, Suite 501**.

Owner **Lynda Gonzales** has assembled a team of highly skilled massage therapists specializing in **therapeutic rehabilitative** massage.

"If chronic pain or muscle tightness are in the way of you living your life to the fullest, we have the solution," she said.

Do join us in **welcoming a new business** to your Chamber.



Music & Dance Academy annual Halloween recital Saturday, Barnes & Noble

Young musicians from Chamber member **Music & Dance Academy** present their annual, fun-filled, spooktacular **Halloween Recital and Book Fair** this **Saturday, Oct. 26**, at Barnes & Noble in the Foothills Mall.

Guests can enjoy great **performances** by fantastically attired **ghouls**, **goblins**, **witches** and **princesses** of all ages, performing on all instruments and in voice. There will be dancers, too! It's **free**, and open to the **public**.

The recital is set for **1:30**, **2:30** and **3:30 p.m.**, concurrent with the book fair. Mention the **bookfair** at the register, or use the bookfair ID, **12553723**, and a portion of your purchase will benefit the academy.

"Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes!" an invitation said. The website is www.musicdancetucson.com.

Barnes & Noble is located at **7325 N. La Cholla, Suite 100**.



someone's day.

If you have items, please let **Kristen** know. She's at kristen@orovalleychamber.com, 520-297-2191.

To age well, challenge yourself daily

Here's an **#agewell** tip from Mather Lifeways, parent of Chamber Copper member **Splendido at Rancho Vistoso**:

Challenge yourself every day.

Studies show that people who engaged in mentally challenging activities between ages 20 and 60 were less likely to develop Alzheimer's. "Take time to read, write, create, problem solve -do it now and reap the benefits for life," the tip said.

Splendido at Rancho Vistoso is completing and selling 47 Villa homes on its Oro Valley property. Go to splendidotucson.com.

Make plans for Thanksgiving buffet at El Conquistador

It's not too early for reservations at the Thanksgiving buffet, hosted Thursday, Nov. 28, at Chamber Gold member **El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort**.

It's a superlative menu of **salads** and **starters**, items made and **carved** to order, cold and hot buffets and no fewer than **13 dessert selections**.

The buffet is **\$63** for adults, **\$25** for children ages 6-12, and **free** for the youngest. The price does not include service charges or tax.

For information, call **520-544-1244**, go online at hiltonelconquistador.com, or stop by the concierge desk in the hotel lobby.

Desert Sun Customs & Restoration shows its space 10-4 Nov. 2

New Chamber member **Desert Sun Customs and Restoration** is hosting a re-grand opening to promote its newly expanded showroom from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2**.

Desert Sun Customs and Restoration is a home remodeling business specializing in **premier**



Tammy and Todd Holman readied the scissors to cut the ribbon at Havven Salon, in Oro Valley's San Jose Plaza along Oracle Road just below El Conquistador Way. A crowd of Chamber members, friends, Vice Mayor Melanie Barrett, staff and family enjoyed the ribbon-cutting Thursday.

Courtesy photo

For emotional owner, a longtime dream leads to Havven Salon in OV

She had her own scissors, but **Tammy Holman** chose the Chamber's big ones Thursday, when she cut the ribbon on her new **Havven Salon** business on Oracle Road in Oro Valley.

Tammy, a career hairstylist, has thought for years about opening her own business. It came true in September, with the help of her **husband Todd** and a team of women.

Tammy was emotional in the moment. She's passionate about her craft, and grateful for the "11 amazing girls" on her team, as well as her husband, family and supporters.

"This last year, there's been a lot of hard work." It's paying off. Havven opened a month ago, and "we've had such a good response."

Oro Valley Vice Mayor Melanie Barrett officiated the event. "It's such a great vibe you've created," Melanie said. Havven has combined 2 previous spaces at **San Jose Plaza, 10110 N. Oracle, Suite 140**, into one, and created a wood, steel and tile look that is clean and attractive.

"There's almost a therapeutic bond" between a stylist and a customer, one based on friendship and loyalty, Barrett said. Longtime clients have stayed with Tammy and her stylists. "It's so exciting to see that all come to fruition for you," Barrett said.

Havven is a full-service hair salon, offering haircuts, color, highlights, balayage (a technique for highlighting hair), perms, smoothing treatments, bonded, tape-in and hand-tied hair extensions, facial waxing, wedding hair and makeup applications.

The phone is **520-639-8812**, the website havvensalon.com.

Havven



business specializing in **promotional kitchen and bath remodeling**. It has been in business since 2007, emphasizing **excellent customer service** and **unparalleled craftsmanship**.

The business is located at **3912 West Ina, Suite 22**. The phone is **520-256-4260**, the website desertsuncustoms.com.

Trouvaille Salon runs good drive this month

Chamber member **Trouvaille Salon** is running a **food drive during October**.

Owner / operator **Jenny Ritchie** and her colleagues are giving a **basket of personal care products** valued at **\$294** to the holder of 1 winning raffle ticket.

Tickets are given to each person who brings a non-perishable food item to the salon, located in **Plaza Escondida** next to The Village Bakehouse in Oro Valley.

El Conquistador Golf & Tennis seeks new membership person

Chamber member **El Conquistador Golf & Tennis** is seeking a **membership sales and marketing manager**.

The Troon-managed golf property in Oro Valley seeks candidates who will thrive in a hospitality environment, with high focus on membership recruitment, marketing and superior service.

Responsibilities for digital media and member communications are among the duties.

To apply, please send a resume to **Tom Meade**, general manager, at tmeade@troon.com. The phone is **520-229-5366**.

Toy drive begins to brighten holiday for military families

Chamber member **Military Assistance Mission** is hosting its annual holiday event for Arizona military and their families.

To brighten the holidays for people who serve our nation and their families, MAM is conducting its **holiday toy drive**.



Pima Federal Credit Union staff members present at the 2019 Star Gala in Denver were, in the back from left, Antonio Diaz, Eric Renaud, David Finerson, James Kisner, Cindy Campano, Leah Friedenberg, Celyna Cervatnes and Rebecca Rodriguez, and in the front from left, Kristy Schmidt and Angi Griffin.

Courtesy photo

Pima Federal is region's Credit Union of the Year

Chamber Diamond member **Pima Federal Credit Union** has received the Mountain West Credit Union Association's **Credit Union of the Year Award**.

The prestigious award recognizes a credit union for **innovation** and **outstanding achievements** in the various areas of day-to-day operations, financial prowess, and member service. The MWCUA is a regional trade association representing **123** member credit unions throughout Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.

The year 2018 was notable for Pima Federal, which experienced the most **financial success**, **membership growth**, and **efficiency improvements** in its 68-year history. Their strong financial position empowered them to focus on an overall strategy to provide an industry-leading value proposition for members of the credit union. In addition to placing a concerted effort on building efficiencies and offering new and enhanced products, they maintained an **unwavering commitment** to the **community**.

Employees and board member representatives accepted the award on behalf of the credit union during the 2019 Star Gala in Denver. The annual event honors outstanding credit unions and industry professionals for their dedication to the credit union movement and for making a difference in their communities.



Pay homage at Tohono Chul this Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Chamber member **Tohono Chul** pays homage to the cult of the fiery chile, decadent chocolate, and Día de los Muertos with its annual **Chiles, Chocolate, & Day of the Dead Festival** this **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26**, from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Throughout the gardens, vendors feature Day of the Dead-inspired **artwork**, **chile roasting**, **culinary demonstrations**, **food** and **craft** vendors, **live** entertainment, free Día de los Muertos-themed face painting, children's activities, and more.

Tickets to the festivities are **\$15**, with free admission for children under the age of 12. Ticket holders are encouraged to bring a **token of remembrance** for their departed to leave on the Community Altar.

For more information about the event, tickets, or vendors please visit

Donate new, unwrapped toys, and bring a smile to an Arizona military child. The toy drive runs until **Dec. 1**.

To give, or for information, contact **Debbie Seifert** at **520-990-2302**. Her email is [here](#).

Nov. 7 fund-raiser to aid Mentoring Tucson's Kids at Z

Save the date of **Thursday, Nov. 7**, when Chamber member **Mentoring Tucson's Kids** presents the **Thanks and Giving Fundraiser** at the Z Mansion, 288 N. Church in downtown Tucson.

There will be live and silent auctions, dinner, dessert and door prize raffle tickets. The evening runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The event supports mentoring young people in Pima County. More information will follow. You can reach out to [this address](#), or call **520-624-4765**.

With October, TEP adjusts 'peak' hours

On-peak electricity hours through **Tucson Electric Power** changed on **Tuesday, Oct. 1**.

On-peak hours switch to **6-10 a.m.**, and **5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday**, a release said.

TEP offers four unique plans that give residential and small commercial customers the ability to reduce their bills by changing their energy usage habits.

For information, go to [this site](#).

[Click here](#) to read our latest Oro Valley economic development update

Thanks for reading



<http://tohonochulpark.org/chiles> or call **520-742-6455**.

Mail your ballot for Amphi, GRFD votes by Wednesday, 10/30

Remember to vote by mail before **Tuesday, Nov. 5**, on the **3** ballot questions before voters in the **Golder Ranch Fire District** and **Amphitheater Public Schools**.

And - when you vote - take heed of **Wednesday, Oct. 30**, 6 days before the election. That's the date the Pima County Recorder's Office is suggesting for **ballots in the mailbox**.

The **fire district**, a Copper-level Chamber member, is requesting the issuance of **\$26.6 million** in general obligation bonds to raise capital for 14 total projects. The 3-phase proposal would cost the average district homeowner **\$31.08 a year**, according to a release.

Amphitheater Public Schools is seeking 2 overrides.

Proposition **475** would extend the current 10 percent property tax override that's been in place since 2005. It would result in about **\$7.9 million** in locally generated funds for Amphi schools. Property tax bills would **not change** if the tax is approved.

A second proposal, proposition **476**, requests an additional **3.5** percent override for **K-3 programs**, specifically for **free** all-day kindergarten and to **reduce** class sizes in primary grades. The override would provide about \$2.9 million in classroom funding. The average homeowner would pay about **\$43** a year for the override.

Your Chamber has suggested a **"yes"** vote on **all 3** questions.

At a Chamber-hosted voter education forum last week at the **Northwest YMCA**, Amphi CFO Scott Little said cumulative cuts to Amphi funding since the recession of 2008 have exceeded **\$100 million**. Local taxpayer overrides are much appreciated, but don't cover the full loss, Little said.

Golder Ranch is "very fiscally conservative," Assistant Chief for Operations Tom Brandhuber said. **GRFD's tax rate** is the **lowest** of any full-service fire district in the region.

Oro Valley has 3 openings on planning, zoning commission

The Town of Oro Valley is accepting applications from residents who are interested in serving on a board or commission.

Among those slots are **3 openings on the planning and zoning commission**, which holds public meetings and makes recommendations to the Oro Valley Town Council on **matters relating to the General Plan, zoning code amendments, rezonings and other land use requests**.

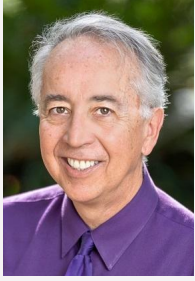
P&Z members serve two-year terms. The commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

To serve on a board or commission, members must be **residents of the Town of Oro Valley**, be **available to attend the designated meetings** and be **committed to the completion of the Town's Community Academy** within their term.

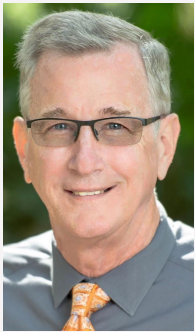
These positions will be open until filled. For more information visit the Town's **Board and Commissions** page www.orovalleyaz.gov.



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Council seeks public input on qualities for a new police chief

The Oro Valley Town Council is currently seeking **public input as part of its police chief recruitment process.**

Novak Consulting Group, retained by the town to help find a successor to retiring **Chief Danny Sharp**, has set up a brief, online survey that asks Oro Valley residents for their input on important traits in a police chief as well as priorities for whomever is selected for this position.

Since this process is being managed by a third party, responses are **anonymous and will go directly to the consulting firm.** A summary of the responses will be shared with Council and the top candidates who participate in interviews. **The survey closes Oct. 30.**

The survey can be found [here](#).

Chief Sharp is **retiring this February** after 20 years in the post. The chief of police is a council-appointed position in Oro Valley; however, council is first seeking community input for their consideration in making **"this very important decision,"** a release said.



At State of the Town, Tom Moulton of the Southern Arizona Attractions Alliance attempted to sell Dusty the Roadrunner a Book of Fun as if Dusty wasn't having enough fun already. The Roadrunners hockey club, by the way, is at home this Friday and Saturday nights. Go to tucsonroadrunners.com for tickets.

Photo courtesy Ambrose Photography

'20 Book of Fun is now available

The **2020 Book of Fun** is literally hot off the presses, with that freshly printed scent and a pile of bargains for residents and visitors alike.

The **Southern Arizona Attractions Association** produces the book, now **on sale at your Chamber** and elsewhere for **\$25 each**. It features 2-for-1 deals and discounts at a number of greater Tucson attractions, and it's good through

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and discounts at a number of greater Tucson attractions, and it's good through
Sept. 15, 2020.

Buy your copy today at the Chamber office, **7435 N. Oracle, Suite 107,**
between **9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.**

3 Ways To Prevent Your Employees From Leaking Confidential Information

A lot of businesses need to come to terms with the fact that their employees are their greatest IT threat. As a business owner, you may be aware of cyberthreats to your business, but your employees might not be.

They might not know about the threat of cyber-attacks or malware. They might use unsecured WiFi on company equipment.

As a result, your employees may be putting your business at serious risk.



Here is the link on the top 3 things you can do to protect your business:
<https://www.acaciait.com/leaking-confidential-information/>

If you wish to chat about any of these tips or expand on them, please feel free to reach out to me. I am always happy to discuss business and your security.

Wishing you a successful month in business!

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