**Camp Verde Chamber Update**

Here is the update email from the Chamber. We try to send out emails about every two months to directly update businesses and individuals who are keeping their finger on the pulse of the community.

1. **There are business resources available**. The Pandemic has been rough on many businesses. Please be informed that the SBDC has access to several loans and grants for businesses which were shuttered during that time. <https://www.azsbdc.net/> is the website to access for more information. Also, SCORE <https://www.score.org/> offers free information to business-regardless of their status. We will have a representative from SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives is a non-profit organization with members who provide free consultation services and advice to entrepreneurs) at our April 26th Chamber General Meeting at the Camp Verde Library 6PM.
2. **The Camp Verde Chamber & Business Alliance is continuing to work on getting our 501C6**-Ranger Rick Ellis is spearheading this process. We have around 14 steps and are on #11. SCORE is assisting with looking over the paperwork to keep us on track.
3. **The Chamber Board was represented at the City Council Meeting**-by John Smoley and Sheri Hauser. We have been invited to give a formal presentation at the next City Council Meeting on May 5th.
4. **We are moving along in professionalizing our image.** We just completed a re-fillable Membership form and will attach it to the web site. Additionally, we now give new Partners stickers for their window, formal Partner Certificates and placards. Membership is $60 per year (begins July 1). If you stop by our booth at the Pecan and Wine Festival, you can pick up a coupon for $10 off and receive the remainder of this year free. That makes the fee $50 for 2022! Also, you can see Richard Ellis (623-565-0291) for more information. You may also sign up on the [www.campverde.biz](http://www.campverde.biz) website. As we continue to have a cyber office, our expenses are low and we can keep our membership price low. Non-profits are free—just sign up!
5. **Website is completed**-Pages included The Camp Verde Chamber web site is officially done! It took 3 people who drove around to find hidden businesses in our local area, along with 4 who spent 4 months inputting data. But I can say that the website provides a great resource to find EVERYTHING you are looking for in the area. We have exhaustive pages on every business (we can find) in Camp Verde, all the restaurants, Churches and a specific page on 'New to Camp Verde'. Additional pages cover the Verde Valley. These include Camp Grounds & Picnic Areas, Hotels, Retreats, RV Parks, Trail Heads & Horse Trails, Tourist Information, Vineyards & Breweries, Air Bnb, Emergency, and Community Resources. The website includes general information about the source and includes their website and/or FaceBook address. If your business is not listed on the website, you may register it (on the website) and we will list it free of charge. [www.campverde.biz](http://www.campverde.biz)
6. **We are compiling the entire website** with anticipation of releasing a book-printed and e-book (updated yearly) as a local resource. Can upload to Amazon (free) and make available for print version (may order as many as 999 at one time) as well as an interactive e-book. All of the Web Links will be alive in the e-book. We can sell both books. Presently, we are copying off all of the information in anticipation of compilation. It will look much like a ‘phone book’. We will release the “Camp Verde.biz Book” yearly with quarterly updates. We will be opening up spots for businesses to have coupons within the “book”. Cost will be $25 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer). This is a great opportunity to have your businesses promoted!
7. **General Chamber Meeting** Scheduled for April 26th. Kathy Helman (Library) wants to share a program at the meeting. Logan Enright and Rick Rokosz from SCORE will be updating on their services for business in the area. Barry Maketansky (Community Enterprise Director) and Dustin Stienstra (Development Director) will give us an update on the new location of Verde Valley Sanctuary. Welcome to Camp Verde!
8. **Southwest History Come to Life-** For the purpose of appreciation of local history, the Camp Verde Chamber is expanding in our promotion of helping others to appreciate the South West. We feel history is an important aspect which needs to be fully recognized and understood. Individuals will better see where they are headed by noting where others have been before. We should learn from history—so let’s begin by telling it. With this in mind we would like to add a page to our website entitled “Southwest History Come to Life”. It will have a detailed map of the Verde Valley with Icons in certain geographical locations. When an individual clicks on the Icon, he will hear a story—related to that specific place and/or an event which occurred at that location. It is our goal to have the stories true-to-historical events and true-to-life. We have requested several groups and history buffs to help us with the sound bites. They will tell a 3-7 min story. We have free use of a Sound Studio, so we can make it professional and add sound effects. If you; or your group is interested in being part of this unique adventure, let us know.
9. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies scheduled**. As business begins to rumble again, we are attempting to finish the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies we began prior to the Pandemic and recognize those businesses which opened during the last year. If you desire a ribbon cutting ceremony, please let us know. Presently we have three scheduled:
	1. **Magic Wok** is opening May 4th. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is at 10:30 followed by the opening of the restaurant. The restaurant features Asian food and is the second location by Chef John Teah. Join us at 348 S. Main Street.
	2. **Yavapai Title Agency** renovated a building on Main Street in Camp Verde and moved into the location. They are anxious to have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and celebrate with the community. May 7th at 2PM is their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. 497 S. Main Street.
	3. The **Verde Valley Sanctuary** is opening up a Thrift shop 567 S Main (in the building where the Forest Service was across from the Calvary Chapel). May 28th at 10AM

CVCBA (Camp Verde Chamber & Business Association) Supporting Business in Camp Verde. Board Members: Sheri Hauser, John Smoley, Ranger Richard Ellis, David Love Cristy, John Teah

--Sheri Hauser President CVCBA