



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**AUGUST 31, 2009 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The community of Vail, Arizona  
Establishes Area Chamber of Commerce**

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In late 2007 a small group of business owners and professionals met. All of them interested in growing their businesses close to home. Vail held a special place in the hearts of each of them, and they wanted to see it thrive and grow. The Vail Business Professionals group was born. Over time, with a dwindling economy, the group saw the need to change their focus and their structure. The idea for a Chamber of Commerce in Vail was born.

A small planning committee was formed and after much work, the Greater Vail Chamber of Commerce was launched.

**Mission:** To promote business interests in our community and encourage support of locally owned businesses.

- To advocate on a City, State and Federal Level the business interests of Vail businesses and residents with respect to taxes and other regulatory interests
- To attract new businesses to the community
- To promote and sponsor social functions in our community
- To create, when possible, collective buying power opportunity for members

“Our mixers and breakfast meetings have been very well attended” says Melissa Griebel, the current chamber president. “We have breakfast meetings on the second Thursday of every month with relevant community speakers as well as a more casual, afternoon mixer held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.” Events take place at different locations, so be sure to visit the group’s website at: [www.greatervailchamber.com](http://www.greatervailchamber.com). You can also contact the Chamber via e-mail at [office@greatervailchamber.com](mailto:office@greatervailchamber.com).