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CITY OF GOODYEAR
YOUTH
COMMISSION
EDITION



**REC CATALOG
INSIDE**



by Wyatt
Arnsbarger

*Sophomore,
Canyon View
High School*

GET TO KNOW

THE GOODYEAR YOUTH COMMISSION

Hi, my name is Wyatt Arnsbarger, and I am a member of the 2024/25 Goodyear Youth Commission. We are a group of like-minded high school students with a drive to take part in local government and lead our community into an even better future. We come from many different schools around Goodyear, ranging from Millennium to Canyon View and Xavier to Estrella Foothills. We meet once a month to talk about upcoming events and community service opportunities, like Make-A-Difference Day and the West Valley Youth Council Summit.

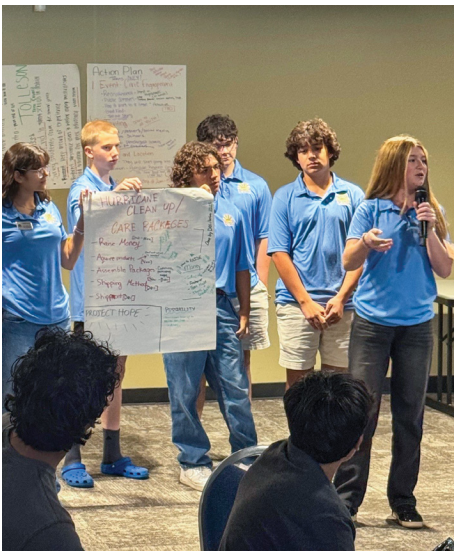
It's been a great way to grow my leadership skills, and our projects have a lasting impact on our community. For instance, this year we helped the Estrella Vista neighborhood paint the exterior wall of their community. Our group worked alongside Goodyear residents, and together, we were able to beautify a newly developed stretch of road just outside of their neighborhood.

We also worked with the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Tolleson,



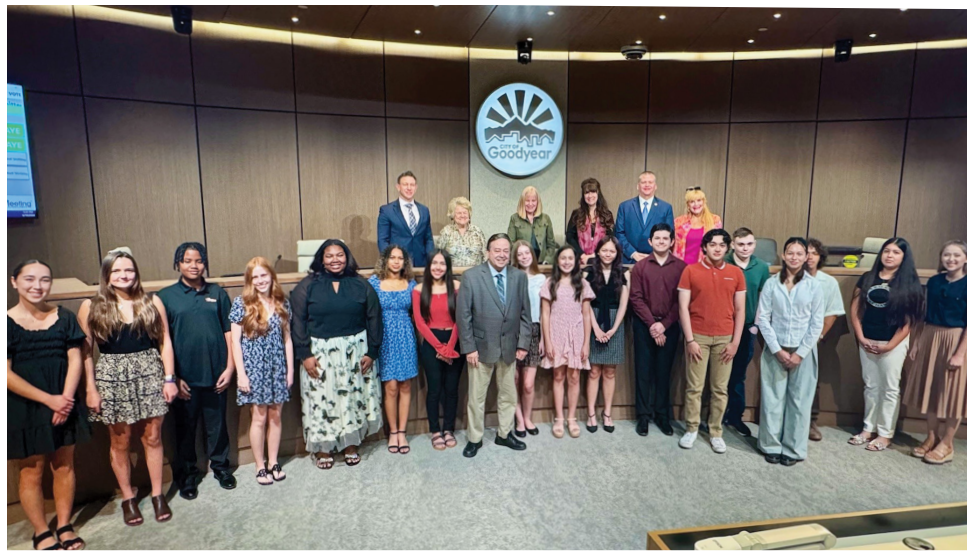
Surprise and Peoria to host the West Valley Youth Council Summit. Youth Commission leaders from all seven cities partnered together to learn about drug prevention techniques, public speaking and job seeking skills and commit to ways to help improve our communities.





TAKING OVER INFOCUS

We took over this issue of InFocus to spread awareness about who we are and what we do. Through this issue, we hope to highlight our plans for Goodyear in the upcoming year and showcase how youth can become more involved in their community. We want to inspire other young individuals to step up and make a difference.



JOIN US

I love being connected with a group of friends who are making a difference through civic engagement. Don't miss the opportunity to join this impactful group and take the first step toward becoming an active leader in your city!

If you are a Goodyear high school student and passionate about leadership, community service and making a difference in Goodyear, the youth commission is the place for you!

Applications are now open. Once you apply, you'll be invited to city hall for an interview with the council sub-committee. I know that sounds intimidating, but don't worry, it's not bad. The councilmembers just want the opportunity to get to know you a bit more. You'll interview with a group and can hear what everyone else is saying, too.

Don't wait, start the process today. Apply by May 1 at goodyearaz.gov/youthcommissionapply and come be a part of the fun!

CITY OF GOODYEAR 2025 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

CONGRATS TO YOUTH COMMISSION CHAIR, AMEERA SINGH!

Learn more about Ameera and the amazing works she's doing to make our community a better place!



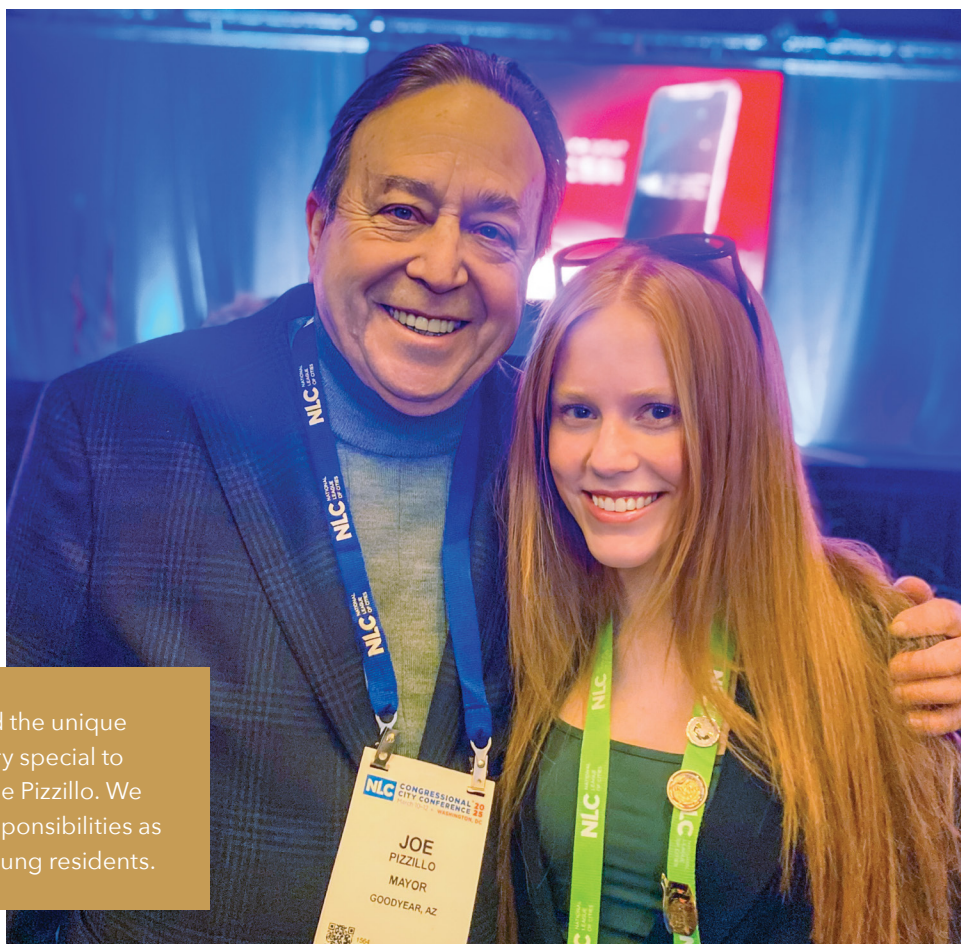
A CHAT WITH MAYOR JOE PIZZILLO:

INSIGHTS FROM A GRANDFATHER AND LEADER



by **Sophia Pizzillo**

Senior, Millennium
High School



As a Goodyear Youth Commissioner, I had the unique opportunity to sit down with someone very special to me – my grandfather, Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo. We talked about his personal interests, his responsibilities as mayor and what the city has to offer for young residents.

Mayor Pizzillo, grandpa, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy taking motorcycle rides on my BMW 1250 RT, especially trips up to Sedona to unwind. I also love going to the movies with friends and family. My go-to movie snack is nachos with cheese!

Outside of your role as mayor, what other activities are you involved in?

Family is very important to me. I'm a husband, father and proud grandfather. In addition to my family roles, I'm an adjunct professor, teaching online finance courses at Grand Canyon University, Estrella Mountain Community College and Park University.

What does a day in the life of the Goodyear Mayor look like?

My days are filled with meetings and events that connect me with our residents. I listen to their concerns and work to make Goodyear the best city it can be. I visit schools to hand out awards, read to students and even serve lunches – my favorite being the annual Thanksgiving meal at local elementary schools. I also serve on various boards, attend grand opening ceremonies and stay busy responding to phone calls, emails and texts from residents, city employees and business owners. And, of course, city council meetings are a crucial part of my schedule where we discuss important issues that impact Goodyear.

What does the city of Goodyear have to offer for young people?

I'm excited about the new Alice Cooper Teen Rock Center, a safe and creative space for teens to explore their musical talents at no cost. I also take great pride in our Goodyear youth. Additionally, the rec campus offers a variety of activities and events to keep young people engaged and active.

As a grandfather, what have you learned about the Goodyear youth?

I believe the future for our youth is incredibly promising. I've seen firsthand how fun, talented and capable our young residents are, and I admire their drive and enthusiasm. Goodyear's youth are filled with potential, and I'm confident they will achieve great things in the years to come.

Speaking with my grandfather gave me a deeper appreciation for the hard work and dedication he puts into making Goodyear a great place to live. His commitment to the community and passion for the city's future are truly inspiring. As young residents, we have so many opportunities to get involved and shape the future of our city! — **Sophia Pizzillo**



DO YOU HAVE FOR GOODYEAR TEENS?



**VICE MAYOR
WALLY CAMPBELL**

Take the initiative to engage with your community and contribute your ideas and vision for what you want to see happen. Never underestimate the power of even the smallest effort, no matter how minor it may seem. We all have the potential to spark significant change and make a lasting impact.



**COUNCILMEMBER
BRANNON HAMPTON**

As someone who grew up in the community and attended Agua Fria High School, I encourage you to get involved in the community and participate in your high school. Your voice matters and you have the power to make a difference. So, get involved and let your voice be heard.



**COUNCILMEMBER
LAURA KAINO**

I challenge you to resist familiarity and engage with what Goodyear has to offer. Push yourself to try something new or delve deeper into a passion you hold dear. Consider a volunteer opportunity, attending a different type of community event or exploring a new part of the city. Take a tour of an interesting facility, go to a public meeting, meet someone new for boba and/or partake in the many multi-generational opportunities that make Goodyear an exceptional city.



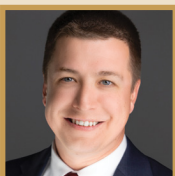
**COUNCILWOMAN
VICKI GILLIS**

Many of you know me, and it is no secret that my heart is in public safety. My advice to you would be surrounding just that. Public safety isn't only about laws and enforcement – it's about looking out for each other and building strong, supportive communities. This summer, find ways to get involved, whether it's mentoring youth, volunteering or simply looking out for one another. Remember, whatever you do, always strive to make a positive change. It will make a bigger difference than you'll ever know!



**COUNCILMEMBER
BENITA BECKLES**

During your "youth" years many opportunities will come your way. Spend this time exploring the various activities that are offered in the city of Goodyear and beyond. Seek the experiences that tap into your personal interests and/or talents. This is the time of your life to learn your likes and dislikes. In addition, this will help build your confidence as you move out into the world and into adulthood. To name a few opportunities available in Goodyear, we offer a variety of sports programs yearlong, a new teen center to explore music and art talents, library programs, entrepreneurial training, the youth commission and opportunities to learn about diverse cultures through city festivals.



**COUNCILMEMBER
TREY TERRY**

Your teen years are some of the most important in shaping who you'll become, and Goodyear is full of opportunities to help you grow. Take it from someone who graduated here 20 years ago – this time goes by fast, but the experiences you have now will stay with you forever. Get involved in clubs, sports and community events to build confidence and discover your passions. Explore the outdoors, meet new people and try as many new things as possible – each one helps you learn more about yourself. The more you expose yourself to now, the better prepared you'll be as you set off on your path in life.



by **Graham
Holmes**

*Sophomore, Basis
Goodyear*

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORTS: A CONVERSATION WITH A GOODYEAR YOUTH ATHLETE

As a member of the Goodyear Youth Commission, I have had the opportunity to connect with other young leaders in our city and hear firsthand how they're making an impact. One way we can get involved is through

youth sports. To get more insight, I sat down with Mason McElDowney, a freshman at Canyon View High School, to talk about his experiences and how sports help strengthen our community.

Can you share your experience with Goodyear youth sports?

Mason McElDowney: I've played on Goodyear's fall volleyball team for three years now, and each season has been more rewarding than the last. I love the competition and getting to practice every week, but more than that, I've made so many amazing connections with teammates and coaches. It's a great way to stay active while also having fun and building friendships. I always look forward to the next season!

How can joining youth sports help you become more involved in your city?

It's a great way to meet new people and represent Goodyear while doing something you love. When you play, you're not just an athlete – you're a part of a team that brings people together.

What are some of the positive impacts of being part of youth sports?

There are so many! First, you get to improve your skills and challenge yourself, no matter what level you start at. Goodyear offers sports like basketball, soccer, volleyball and football, so there's something for everyone. Beyond the game, you learn important life skills like teamwork, sportsmanship and respect. These lessons stick with you, not just in sports but in school and other areas of life. Plus, it's just a lot of fun!

If someone doesn't want to play a sport, is there another way to still be part of the action?

Absolutely! There are so many ways to get involved even if you don't want to play. Volunteers are always needed and

just attending games to cheer on your friends is a great way to be part of the sports community. Being a fan is just as important as being on the field.

Youth sports in Goodyear offer much more than just competition — they create opportunities for leadership, teamwork and a strong sense of belonging. Whether you're on the field, in the stands or behind the scenes, there's a place for everyone to be part of the action. If you're looking to get more involved in our city, youth sports are a great place to start! You can learn more at goodyearaz.gov/youthsports, contact sports@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-882-7525. — **Graham Holmes**



THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING IN GOODYEAR

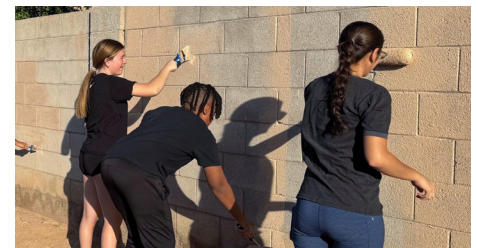


by Kendall Bailey

Senior, Canyon View High School

One of my most fulfilling volunteer experiences was participating in Make A Difference Day, a nationwide day of service held annually in October. Volunteers worked on various group projects, all dedicated to improving the community. These projects came in many forms, from helping build beds, assisting seniors, cleaning parks, painting parking lot lines and cleaning trash cans.

On this day, alongside the Goodyear Youth Commission, I helped repaint a block wall in the Estrella Vista neighborhood. We spent the morning painting, pausing only for meaningful conversations and cookie breaks. In the process, I formed genuine connections with my fellow volunteers – we ate together, we sweated together,



we got paint in our hair together. These shared moments turned into lasting friendships with people I may have never met otherwise.

I believe at the heart of volunteering is a heart for others. Service is the selfless act of giving yourself – your time, finances,

even a listening ear – freely to another person. It fosters true connection and a sense of belonging, shaping a community into one that always has an extra helping hand. These principles have been foundational to our city, and in Goodyear, there are countless reasons to give back to the community.

The city of Goodyear offers many opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer. For more information on how to get involved, visit goodyearaz.gov/volunteer. Make a difference today! — Kendall Bailey

BRINGING CITY CONVERSATIONS TO YOU:

THE NEW TOPICS ON THE MOVE TRUCK



by Kaleigh
Guajardo

Junior, Desert
Edge High School

The city has an exciting way to connect with residents – the Topics on the Move truck. It's designed to spark conversation and encourages residents to share feedback, learn about local projects and discover how they can connect with the city.

One of the most eye-catching aspects of this truck is the vehicle wrap, created by a talented local student, Agasne Bragado of Desert Edge High School. Selected for her exceptional artistic skills and dedication, Agasne poured her creativity into the design, ensuring that it reflects Goodyear's vibrant spirit and sense of community.

"It still feels surreal to have something I've made displayed this way," she said. "It's a relief and a joy."

Agasne, an 18-year-old senior, has been passionate about art from a young age.

"I've always loved sketching and coloring cartoons," she shared.

**I hope people
see the artwork
and feel happy.**

Agasne Bragado



Her journey with the Desert Edge Art Club began in her junior year when she was invited to help with Colors, a district-wide concert. Since then, her involvement grew, leading her to become the club's secretary and take on leadership roles in various projects, including a traffic cabinet box design in her junior year. That success paved the way for her to be selected to design the Topics on the Move vehicle wrap.

Agasne drew inspiration from Goodyear's beautiful landscape and the strong connection between the city and its residents.

"Seeing the scenery and involving myself in activities that Goodyear offers really helped bring inspiration," she said.

Her goal was to create imagery that people could relate to and find joy in. After months of revisions and fine-tuning, Agasne is thrilled with the final product.

"I hope people see the artwork and feel happy. That's always my wish when making art – to spread good feelings to whoever sees it."

She also hopes more students get the chance to work on projects like this.

"It might seem overwhelming at first, but having this experience is extremely rewarding – not just as a learning opportunity but also for exposure."

Keep an eye out for the truck, and when you see it, take a moment to appreciate the artistry and hard work of one of our very own students, Agasne Bragado!



TOPICS ON THE MOVE
mobile info & feedback





by Katelyn Heuseveldt
and Aida Hudson

Freshmen, Millennium High School

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING IN GOODYEAR

Earth Day is April 22, so we thought it was important to reflect on the impacts we have on the environment. One of the simplest, yet most impactful ways to contribute to conservation efforts is by recycling! Recycling is

an everyday action that requires no extra materials or money to start. We spoke with Goodyear's Solid Waste Superintendent Adam Kurtz to get a better understanding of why recycling is so important.

What is something most people don't know about recycling?

Adam Kurtz: Recycling created more jobs than landfilling, offering employment opportunities in collection, processing and manufacturing. Additionally, Goodyear's waste provider, Waste Connections, employs inmates to sort recyclable materials, providing them with valuable job training.

That's really interesting. Does recycling cost more?

Recycling is generally more cost-effective than landfilling, leading to savings for residents and businesses and reducing overall waste management expenses.

But what about the things we can't recycle. Aren't we still creating long-term issues at landfill sites?

Many landfills now utilize methane gas emissions to generate energy, turning waste byproducts into a renewable power source instead of allowing them to contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

What would be your recommendation to Goodyear residents when it comes to recycling?

Recycling doesn't have to be complicated. If you're not sure what you can recycle, you can type in the item at goodyearaz.gov/recycle in the Recycle Right search bar and in seconds you'll have an answer.



We hope Earth Day serves as a reminder about the simple actions we can take each day to make our world a better place. Let's work together to create a cleaner, more sustainable future for Goodyear and beyond!
— Katelyn Heuseveldt
and Aida Hudson



RECYCLE RIGHT
GOODYEAR

Festivals & Events



Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/events



Hop & Hops Easter Festival

Join us for an egg-stravagant event featuring egg hunt zones, where little ones can hunt for colorful treasures hidden throughout the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Hunts are offered every hour with an adaptive egg hunt for kids and adults with disabilities. Stroll the peep or treat trail for surprises and treats from local businesses and organizations!

Friday, April 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.
Goodyear Recreation Campus
420 S. Estrella Pkwy



Goodyear Night Market

Join us on the Square for a night market, offering a diverse selection of vendors, presented by E.L.L.A. and Mujeres Mercado. Plus, enjoy live music and food trucks!

April 27 and May 25 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square

Star Spangled 4th

Experience the city's first-ever massive drone show. It will be a stunning patriotic display in the sky! Also, enjoy food trucks, live music and family fun activities. Entry, activities and parking are free.

Friday, July 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way

Dancing on the Square

Enjoy the rhythm of live music, dance instruction and indulge in tasty bites from local food trucks to dance the night away under the stars.

Friday, May 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square

Juneteenth Family Day

Celebrate Juneteenth featuring educational and insightful speeches, live performances and interactive activities. Learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth and engage with community through activities and workshops. All are welcome to attend and participate in this free celebration.

Thursday, June 19 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Recreation Campus, 420 S. Estrella Pkwy



April 2025



GOODYEAR RECREATION CAMPUS

The Goodyear Recreation Campus serves as the ultimate gathering place for the Goodyear community. Passes for the Recreation & Aquatics Center are limited to Goodyear residents and their guests.

Pass Type	Youth Age 3-17	Adult Age 18+	Senior Age 55+	Family Household
Day Pass	\$3	\$5	\$4	N/A
10 Punch	\$20	\$30	\$25	N/A
Monthly	\$20	\$30	\$25	\$60
Semi-Annual	\$100	\$150	\$125	\$300
Annual	\$200	\$300	\$250	\$600

Day Pass - No Strings Attached

Ideal for individuals or families who plan on dropping into the GRC infrequently or utilize the facility less than 10 times per year.

10 Punch - Flexibility without Commitment

Ideal for users who visit the GRC less than once a week or plan on visiting sporadically.

Monthly - All the Benefits of Being a Passholder

Ideal for users who visit the GRC at least twice a week or families with one or more members visiting more than once a week.

Semi-Annual - Always in Season

Ideal for individuals or families who frequent the Aquatics Center during open swim months or those who use the GRC seasonally.

Annual - Fun for the Whole Year

Individuals and families who utilize the GRC at least 1-2 times a week regularly throughout the year.

Insurance Based Passes

Passes are available for seniors with certain insurance benefits. If your insurance includes SilverSneakers, Active & Fit or Renew Active, you may be eligible for an insurance based membership.

Military Discounts (15%), customized payment plans and scholarships are available for those who qualify. Please contact the GRC at 623-882-7525 for details.

Recreation Center Hours

Monday through Friday from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Park Hours

Daily from 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Aquatics

Cabana Rentals

Pool cabanas can be reserved during open swim hours for a maximum of 25 people. Visit goodyearaz.gov/rentals for details.

Goodyear Sharks Swim Team

Recreational swim teams are open to children age 5-15 with a focus on skill development and having fun. The summer season begins June 2 and runs through July 19.

Junior Guard (13-14 yrs)

Participants will learn the basics of lifeguarding and first aid skills. Upon successful completion of the course, Jr. Guards will receive a shirt, hat and the opportunity to volunteer at one of the Goodyear pools for the summer where they will receive hands on training with the lifeguards.

Pool Rentals

Private rentals are available from May 31-August 3. Rental availability is Saturdays and Sundays only. Reservations must be made 14 days in advance.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are offered to participants of all ages and abilities. Each session includes eight 30-minute classes.

Visit goodyearaz.gov/aquatics for the full schedule of offerings.

Teens

GRC University

GRC-U is an opportunity for young adults to give back to their community while gaining experience that prepares them for the workforce. GRC-U participants volunteer in various capacities around the GRC in order to gain knowledge and capabilities as a potential employee. Participants will also explore several career readiness workshops.

Teen Space

The Goodyear Recreation Center's teen space is a place for teens to gather, build community and come together to participate in recreation opportunities. This is a safe place for teens to grow emotionally and socially with staff mentors, as well as provide teens a space to connect with others using state-of-the-art gaming equipment.

Teen Events

The Goodyear Recreation Campus offers activities and special events created by teens for teens. Our teens have planned swim nights, movie parties, e-sports challenges, gym competitions, trips and more.

Teen Swim Nights

Enjoy two hours of pool time with friends, music and games, complimentary pizza and refreshments. This event is free to Goodyear residents; preregistration is required.

Open Swim Hours

Goodyear Aquatics Center Spring Open Swim

April 5-May 18

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Goodyear Aquatics Center Lap Swim

Through May 23

Monday-Friday: 6-8 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Goodyear Aquatics Center Summer Open Swim

May 24-August 3

Monday-Thursday: 12-5 p.m.

Friday: 12-7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday: 12-7 p.m.

Memorial Day: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Juneteenth: 12-4 p.m.

4th of July: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Goodyear Aquatics Center Lap Swim

May 24-August 3

Monday-Thursday: 6-8 a.m.

Friday: 12-4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday: 12-7 p.m.

Loma Linda Summer Open Swim and Lap Swim

May 24-August 3

Monday-Thursday: 12-5 p.m.

Friday: 12-4 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Memorial Day, Juneteenth and 4th of July: 12-5 p.m.





Fitness at the GRC

30*30

Feel stronger and improve your body mechanics, bone health and muscle mass. This powerful strength training circuit is followed by a stretch session that wraps up your workout.

Barre

Barre uses a modern version of ballet training designed to shape and tone muscles and build core strength.

BodyPump

BodyPump is a total body workout that uses light and moderate weights with lots of repetition.

Chair Yoga

Modified yoga poses that can be done while seated or supported by a chair to make yoga accessible to people who have various physical limitations or those who find other types of yoga classes too challenging.

CIRCL Mobility

This mobility and flexibility program is designed to help you move your body the way it's intended to.

COMMIT Dance Fit

COMMIT Dance Fitness is a dynamic, fun-filled HIIT-influenced dance workout. Each routine focuses on essential fitness elements created to a variety of popular music from all over the world.

Cycle

Group cycle is a party on a bike that helps improve cardio fitness, burns calories and strengthens the lower body.

Flex15

This quick, focused session will guide you through a series of fluid movements and stretches.

Pilates Fusion

Incorporates exercises from barre, yoga, strength training, cardio and dance to give a modern twist to mat Pilates.

Pilates Les Mills

Slow, simple movements tone your abs, glutes, back and hips with guidance to build technique.

Power Half-Hour

Power Half-Hour Circuit Training is your ticket to a high-energy, strength-building, calorie-burning workout.

Restorative Yoga

Restorative Yoga is a class designed for maximum comfort and support to allow you to release and relax and restore.

RPM

RPM is group indoor cycling where you control the intensity for a fun, low impact journey through hill climbs, sprints and flat riding.

Senior Fit

Senior Fit uses floor or chair work and standing exercises to achieve strength, muscle definition and full range of motion.

Shapes

A dynamic full-body, targeted workout that uses small, controlled movements and repetition to isolate muscles.

Sound Bath

Join us in this guided sound meditation. Release stress and anxiety, clear your mind of distractions and wash away daily cares. Revel in the sound and vibrations from quartz crystal singing bowls.

Strength Training

Uses a mixture of dumbbells, resistance bands and body weight exercises to sculpt and define.

Total Body Boot Camp

Build muscle, burn fat and increase performance as well as overall cardiovascular health.

Vinyasa/Flow Yoga

Vinyasa yoga incorporates energetic movement through a series of asanas, or yoga postures, giving a sense of fluid physical motion.

Warm Yoga

With a warming heat on in the studio, you will be guided through creative postures, focusing on your alignment, while you build strength, flexibility and a deep connection between your body and mind.

Yin Yoga

Yin Yoga targets the deepest tissues of the body including connective tissues, ligaments, joints and bones.

Register for fitness classes up to five days in advance in the app or online at recreation.goodyearaz.gov.



Group Fitness

HIIT

HIIT is a full body workout that includes interval training and high intensity exercises to build cardiovascular fitness and endurance.

HIIT & Strength

A dynamic total body workout combining weight lifting, stability training and HIIT workouts suitable for all fitness levels.

HIIT Pilates

Improve core strength and flexibility with our HIIT and Pilates fused class that offers traditional Pilates, barre-inspired, strength and cardio movements.

X-Treme Hip-Hop Step

Set to old and new school Hip-Hop, this re-vamp of traditional step aerobics, X-treme Hip-Hop is a high energy toning and cardio class using great music, step platforms and dance moves.

Zumba

Zumba mixes low intensity and high intensity moves for an interval style, calorie burning dance fitness party.

Youth Fitness

Zumbini (1-4 yrs)

Zumbini combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop won't-stop bonding and fun. Tap your toes, sing along and get lost in the only program to combine early childhood development with the magical joy of Zumba Fitness. Please register each child who will be participating in the session. Parents are welcome to bring more than one registered child per adult.

Critter Kids Fitness (5-11 yrs)

Stretch like a starfish, hop like a frog, crabwalk across the floor and roar through obstacle courses. This class combines playful calisthenics, silly games and creative challenges to keep kids active.

Teen Wellness Orientation

This online course teaches youth ages 12-15 the importance of basic exercise guidelines, gym etiquette and safety. Once completed, youth can work out in the fitness center, run the track and take group exercise classes at the Goodyear Recreation Campus.

Insurance Based Passes

The Goodyear Recreation Center proudly supports memberships with certain insurance benefits. If your insurance includes SilverSneakers, Renew Active or Active & Fit, you may be eligible for an insurance based membership.

SilverSneakers Classic Group Fitness

SilverSneakers focuses on strengthening muscles and increasing range of movement for daily life activities.

Programs

For more information including session dates and registration, please visit recreation.goodyearaz.gov.

Adults

Female Self Defense Class

Level 5 Combat Systems presents a hands-on self-defense and personal protection class designed for women and teen girls. Classes are taught by highly qualified instructors certified in use of force, firearms, defensive tactics, defensive aerosol pepper spray and more.

Pickleball

Youth Beginner Class

Basic fundamental skills will be introduced and demonstrated in a fun learning environment. Youth participants will be learning safety, etiquette, rules, scoring and basic skills.

Adult Beginner Class

Class is for participants with little or no experience in playing pickleball. Basic foundational and fundamental skills will be introduced and practiced.

Adult Intermediate Class

This class will be focusing on improving your existing skills, court movement, court positioning, consistency, ball placement, serves, forehand and backhand volleys, overhands and strategies.

Youth Programs

8Eleven

Each weeknight, youth ages 8-11 have their own space for video games, S.T.E.A.M. activities, virtual reality and being with friends. All children under 10 must have a responsible parent or guardian in the facility. A pass to the recreation center is required.

Engenius Kids (6-11 yrs)

Through project-based activities, we'll cover concepts including the engineering design process, engineering as a career and the growth mindset. Each class will have challenges that students must tackle as a group.

GRC@Night (6-11 yrs)

Parents, are you ready to have a night out? Let the kids have a night in at the Goodyear Recreation Center featuring jam-packed activities for children with sports, games, crafts and a pizza party!

The Hub

Every weekend, the teen room transforms into the ultimate hangout spot, combining the best of the Teen Space and 8Eleven for an unforgettable experience. Whether you're into gaming, creative activities or just chilling with friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Mother Daughter Dance

This year's Under the Sea themed event is designed for girls of all ages and their mothers or mother figures. Enjoy an evening filled with a DJ, dancing, contests, raffles, food and beverages. Each attendee must register for the event.

Registration opens Monday, July 21

Friday, October 24 from 6-9 p.m.

Cost: \$25, \$30 NR

Junior Leader Volunteer

The summer recreation program is offering a 7-week opportunity for youth age 13-14 who want to gain valuable skills and job experience as a Junior Leader. Participants will learn skills such as organization, teamwork, activity facilitation and leadership skills.

Visit goodyearaz.gov/rec for more information and to apply.





Early Education

Bright Beginnings Preschool (3-5 yrs)

Classes focus on all areas of development including cognitive, emotional, social, creative and physical learning.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: August 5-December 18

Cost: \$435 (\$525 NR)

Kindergarten Readiness (4-5 yrs)

Classes focuses on preparing children for their elementary years by learning the skills necessary for entering kindergarten.

Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:

August 4-December 19

Cost: \$650 (\$780 NR)

Registration begins Monday, June 2 for Goodyear residents.

Participants must be completely potty trained to enroll.

Learn more and register for recreation programs in-person at the GRC or online at recreation.goodyearaz.gov or email goodyearprograms@goodyearaz.gov.

Youth Camps

Drop-In Summer Recreation (5-12 yrs)

Trained and experienced staff will facilitate on-site programs such as laser tag, gym games, STEM projects, DIY crafts and much more. Presentations, games and activities are based around unique and engaging themes each week.

Camp X-treme Drop-In Summer Recreation (8-13 yrs)

From visits to the aquatics facility to court games in the multipurpose gym and special presentations, participants will remain engaged in energetic activities throughout the day. This specialty camp is sports focused, there will be no arts and crafts projects.

Registration for all summer recreation programs begins Monday, April 7 for Goodyear residents. Program runs Monday through Friday from June 2-July 18. All participants must have completed kindergarten to be eligible for break camps.

Seniors

Bingo Bash

Join us once a month for an afternoon of fun. At Bingo, you will get the chance to meet new people and have the opportunity to win prizes. Light snacks and water will be provided.

April 17, May 15, June 12, July 24, August 21
from 1-2:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$7 (\$8 NR) Additional cards: \$5

Cards & Table Games

Gather with friends and meet new ones to play a variety of different games. Light snacks and water will be provided.

April 16, April 23, May 14, May 21, June 11, June 18, July 9, July 16, July 23, August 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 19 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$3 (\$4 NR)

Goodyear Stitchers

This club is designed for the new or experienced knitter and seamstress who wants to get out of the house to socialize and learn new techniques from one another. Must bring own supplies. Light snacks and water will be provided.

April 25, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 11, July 18, August 1, August 15 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3 (\$4 NR)

Lunch & Bunco

Play Bunco for prizes and meet new people from the area. Lunch will be provided. The menu changes monthly and features delicious items from a number of local eateries.

May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Cost:** \$15 (\$18 NR)

Make & Take Crafts

This class offers a community for seniors where they can be creative, learn new skills and socialize with others through arts and crafts activities.

April 22, May 5, May 22, June 9, July 7, August 7, August 12 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$10 (\$12 NR)

Senior Seminars

Science of Mindfulness

A certified mindfulness teacher will explain the science behind mindfulness, including how it can transform our brain, perceptions and emotions to reduce stress and improve wellbeing.

Thursday, April 24 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Healthy Feet for Life

Dr. Craig Udall from Foot Envy will discuss three common foot issues that develop with age: skin and nail conditions, structural deformities and diabetic foot health.

Thursday, May 29 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Physical Therapy 101: Treatment Goals and Rehab

The team from SWAN Rehab will explain how physical therapy can enhance movement, reduce pain, restore function and prevent disability to improve quality of life.

Thursday, June 26 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Senior Trips

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

The Queen of the Royal Court invites you to travel through the mists of time to a festive celebration where you'll be in awe of gallant knights and majestic horses. Price includes admission, dinner and transportation.

April 30 at 5 p.m. **Cost:** \$59.50 (\$71.50 NR)



Register for Senior Programs in-person at the GRC Welcome Center, online at recreation.goodyearaz.gov or over the phone by calling 623-882-7525.

Art Block

Art Block is a dynamic year-round program for young adults and adults aged 15 and up in the West Valley. This program is designed to enhance artistic skills for both practical use and personal enjoyment.

March 27-May 1: *Techniques, Themes and Creativity (15-18)*

May 8-June 12: *Paint Your Name in Graffiti Letters*

August 7-14: *Creative Critters Pet Portraits*

Follow Your Art Jr.

Follow Your Art Jr. is a free summer program that gives West Valley students the opportunity to develop and expand their art portfolio. This four week intensive program will focus on the student's skills while experimenting in multi-media.

Session 1: Tuesday through Thursday, June 3-June 26 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesday through Thursday, July 1-July 24 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Both sessions take place at Loma Linda Community Center



Arts & Culture

Learn more about programs, events and artist opportunities at goodyearaz.gov/arts.

Creative Aging

Creative Aging is a national movement aimed at fostering an understanding of the vital relationship between creative expression and quality of life for adults 55+.

Brushstrokes & Beyond: Watercolor Fundamentals

Tuesdays, April 15-May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: \$20 material fee due the first day of class

Memoir Demystified: Crafting Life Stories That Have Life!

Tuesdays, May 13-20 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$10 material fee due the day of class

Hands On Clay

Tuesday, May 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$15 material fee due the first day of class

Hawaiian Hula

Tuesdays, August 5-September 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: \$25 material fee due the first day of class

Hot Coffee Art Lecture

Join the Goodyear Arts & Culture Commission to learn from art leaders across the Valley. Lectures are free to attend and do not require registration.

April 29: *Brazil and Its Music, Dominick Moio*

May 27: *Legoland Master Builder, Alec Posta*

June 24: *Stitch by Stitch: Creating Art Paper Quilts, Sami Lange*

Art lectures are held at Goodyear City Hall from 7-8:30 p.m.

Library Fine Art Show - Call for Artists!

The Library Fine Art Show showcases the talent of our local artists with various shows throughout the year.

Kitchen Creations

Food is an everyday part of life, but its visual appeal, from a fluffy cake to a perfectly grilled steak, is an art worth sharing. *Submission Window Closes Monday, June 16.*

Juneteenth Expressions Contest

High school students are invited to showcase through your artistic expressions, "Why is the celebration of Juneteenth significant?" Winning students in each category will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card and have their artwork showcased at the Juneteenth Family Day event. *Submissions are due on or before Sunday, May 4.*

P.W. Litchfield Historical Society Heritage Lecture Series

Learn from diverse cultural speakers provided by the Litchfield Park Historical Society. Lectures are held at Goodyear City Hall from 10-11 a.m.

May 15: *The History of The Wallace and Ladmo Show*

July 17: *The History and Mystery of the Gila River*

Teen Art Pop-Up (12-17 yrs)

Join us for a vibrant and engaging art experience where creativity knows no bounds! Connect with like-minded peers, share your work and get inspired.

April 16 and May 21 from 3-5 p.m. at Goodyear Rec Center

WHAM: A Path to Healing Veterans Art Classes

WHAM Art Association offers a free art program for veterans of all ages. Supplies are provided for each participant along with a light lunch. No registration required.

April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Loma Linda Community Center

Sports

4 Sport Multi-Sport with B.E.S.T.

This program introduces four sports including soccer, baseball/softball, basketball and track and field. We aim to maintain an energetic and highly active program that will teach, encourage and advance your young players regardless of their skill level.

Soccer Skills with B.E.S.T.

Learn core skills in a fun, safe, non-league environment where your child can learn coordination, listening skills, motor skills, balance, teamwork and more.

Adult Sand Volleyball

This non-competitive league features an eight-week season, including a one-week post-season, single elimination tournament. Games played on Thursday evenings at the Goodyear Recreation Campus sand volleyball courts. Teams are comprised of four players on the court and cannot exceed more than two male players on the court at one time. Rosters can have a maximum of 10 players.

Cost: \$150 per team, \$180 (NR)



Adult Softball

This program offers an excellent recreational opportunity for adults. Emphasis is placed on healthy competition in a recreational atmosphere. Leagues play a double header, 14-game schedule with a season-ending single elimination tournament. Sunday Coed, Wednesday Men's, Thursday Men's and Friday Coed leagues are available.

Cost: \$550 per resident or returning team, \$660 (NR)



Adaptive Programs

Goodyear Roadrunners

The Goodyear Roadrunners are proud to offer affordable rates to participants. Adaptive athletes can participate in all sports for \$20 each season.

Spring Sports: Cheer, Basketball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Powerlifting

Fall Sports: Swim, Golf, Soccer, Softball

Special Olympics Registration Begins in July

Special Olympics is a great place for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate in their communities, make new friends, promote physical activity and grow in confidence through participation in sport.

Please contact Luke Parker for more information at lucas.parker@goodyearaz.gov or 623-882-7548.



Become a Volunteer Coach

Experience a great opportunity to give back to the community and become a mentor! All youth sports leagues require volunteer coaches.

The time commitment ranges from 3-4 hours per week for seven to

nine weeks. Coaches are required to communicate with teams while providing a safe and fun atmosphere at practices.

For more information, please contact sports@goodyearaz.gov

League Information

All Goodyear youth sports leagues are recreational (non-competitive) with an emphasis on equal playing time, having fun and sportsmanship.

Teams are coached by volunteer coaches. Players receive a uniform and end of season award.

Indoor Sports (Volleyball and Basketball): Practices and games are held at Goodyear school gyms.

Outdoor sports (Soccer and Flag Football): Practices held at Goodyear Recreation Campus or Foothills Community Park; games are held at Goodyear Recreation Campus

For detailed league dates and registration, visit goodyearaz.gov/youthsports

Youth Sports Annual Calendar

SPORT	AGES	SEASON	REGISTRATION
Summer Basketball	5-12	June-July	April
Fall Soccer	3-11	September-November	July
Fall Volleyball	7-15	September-November	July
Winter Flag Football	5-12	December-February	October
Spring Soccer	3-11	March-May	January
Spring Volleyball	7-15	March-May	January

For more information including registration, please visit recreation.goodyearaz.gov or contact sports@goodyearaz.gov.



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mcladaz.org/goodyear or call 602-652-3000

Georgia T. Lord Library

Adults

Adult Crafting Adventures

Join the community of crafters in the West Valley that offer a variety of classes to support all interests.

May 6, June 3 and July 15 at 6 p.m.

Art Docent Talks

Docents from Phoenix Art Museum present a series of one-hour talks on a wide variety of art topics. Art is a transcendent force, and we'll experience its power by viewing and discussing various periods and works of art.

May 1 at 1 p.m.

Emotional Wellness Series: Spirituality

Retired psychotherapist Robert Johansson show us how to gain tools to improve emotional wellness.

June 24 at 6 p.m.

Fiction Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion. Copies of the book for each month are available for checkout at the front desk.

April 28, June 23 and July 29 at 1 and 4 p.m.

Master Gardener Presents

Presentations cover topics from vegetable gardens, landscape watering, desert adapted plantings and everything in between.

June 13 at 12 p.m.

Writing for Wellness: A Poetic Medicine Approach

Review the history of poetic medicine and discuss some of the studies that support the efficacy of writing and reading poetry.

April 23 at 12 p.m.

Family

Family Flicks Friday

Bring blankets and your favorite movie treats to enjoy a different movie every month.

May 2, June 20 and July 18 at 2 p.m.

Family Story Time

Join us for an interactive family story time featuring books, songs and rhymes.

June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1, July 15, July 22, and July 29 at 10 a.m.

Kids Craft Corner

This program is designed for children age 5+ and their caregiver.

May 17, June 4, June 11, June 14, June 25, July 2, July 9, July 12, July 16, July 23 and July 30 at 10 a.m.

Sensory Story Time

Sensory Story Time is an inclusive and interactive program for families looking for a more adaptive experience.

June 5, June 19, July 10 and July 24 at 11 a.m.

Youth & Teens

Baby Time

This is a 45-minute program including playtime, appropriate for ages 0-24 months and their grown-up(s).

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m.

Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs that are just right for your growing toddler! This story time is for children ages 2 to 3 with their parent or caregiver.

April 22, April 29, May 6 and May 13 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

This interactive program will feature longer books and a variety of activities such as songs, finger plays and skill building activities needed to get your child ready for kindergarten.

April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15 at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

STEAM Labs

Explore fun projects related to science, technology, engineering, art or math. Designed for age 8 and up.

April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16 and July 7 at 4 p.m.

Teen Crafternoon

Relax and craft with fellow teens.

May 8, June 12, July 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Teen DIY

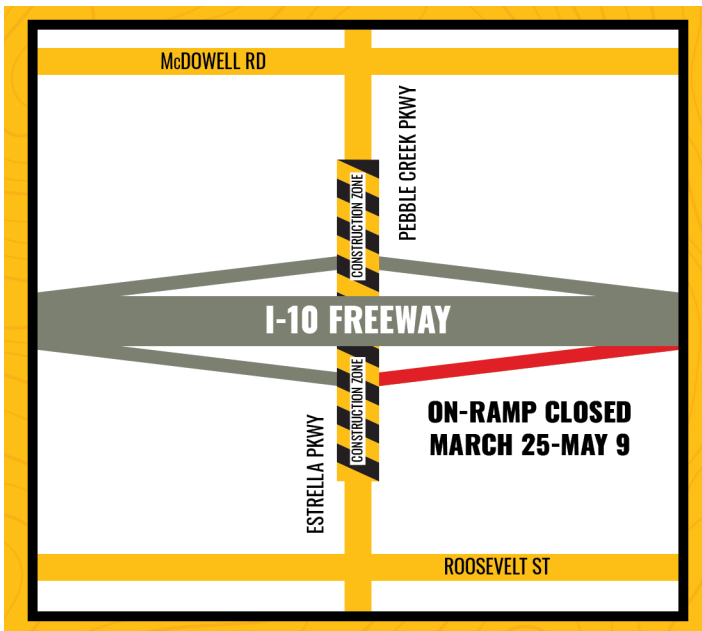
All supplies provided.

June 5 at 5 p.m.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

I-10 CLOSURE ON ESTRELLA PARKWAY

Roadwork continues this month under Interstate 10 at Estrella Parkway to build additional lanes. The eastbound on-ramp to I-10 on Estrella Parkway will be closed through May 9. Get the latest on the project including road restrictions at goodyearaz.gov/roads. Have additional questions? Email roads@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-932-3005.



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL

(front row; l to r): Vice Mayor Wally Campbell, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Laura Kaino.
(back row; l to r): Trey Terry, Vicki Gillis, Benita Beckles, Brannon Hampton.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

April 7	5 p.m.	Work Session & Council Meeting
April 14	5 p.m.	Work Session
April 28	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
May 5	5 p.m.	Work Session & Council Meeting
May 12	5 p.m.	Work Session

For the latest meeting information, visit goodyearaz.gov. Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear City Hall at GSQ, Council Chambers, 1900 N. Civic Square.

Catch all of the council meetings streaming live on the city's Facebook and X pages and YouTube channel.



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SPECIAL ELECTION COMING UP

ALL-MAIL ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

APRIL 21

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BY

APRIL 23

ELECTION DAY

MAY 20

The ballot will include proposed changes to the city charter and to create two franchise agreements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
scan the QR code or visit
goodyearaz.gov/specialelection2025



HOP & HOPS EASTER FESTIVAL

APRIL 18  **GRC**

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