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Summer DAYS

GOODYEAR GUIDE TO A SAFE SUMMER



AT A GLANCE

From soaring temps to surprise dust storms, summer in the Valley of the Sun comes with its challenges. This issue is packed with practical tips and local insights to help you stay cool, hydrated and prepared

all season long. Whether you're hitting the trails or just stepping outside, we've got you covered with everything you need to enjoy a safe, healthy summer in the desert.



A NEW WAY TO SEE WHAT THE CITY IS WORKING ON IS HERE!

The city strives to be innovative and to continuously improve, enhance and increase services and programs to best meet the needs of our growing community. Now, you can see what the city is working on to advance Goodyear all in one convenient spot. View the city's strategic priorities, projects and progress at

goodyearaz.gov/AdvancingGoodyear.



BEING SAFE AROUND WATER IS AS EASY AS A-B-C

A

ADULT
Adult
Supervision

B

BARRIER
Layers of
Protection

C

CLASSES
and Learn
CPR



**DROWNING IS
100 PERCENT
PREVENTABLE**



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

May 5	5 p.m.	Work Session & Council Meeting
May 12	5 p.m.	Work Session
May 19	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
June 9	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
June 16	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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FROM THE MAYOR

As the summer sun shines brightly, we are all eager to embrace the slower pace and relaxing possibilities that come with summer break. However, summer in Arizona also means being mindful of the dangerous heat and factoring in other important safety considerations to ensure it's fun and safe.

The Georgia T. Lord Library is a fantastic resource for residents, especially during the hot summer months. Conveniently located in the beautiful Goodyear Civic Square, the library offers a cool, air-conditioned alternative to the Arizona heat.

The Summer Reading Program encourages reading for all ages and is a highlight of the library's summer offerings. This program helps prevent "summer slide," the learning loss that can occur when school is out, and it promotes a lifelong love of reading. Kids can earn points by reading books, attending library events and completing

challenges. These points lead to prizes and incentives, motivating readers to pick up a book. The program runs from June 1 to Aug. 1.

The Georgia T. Lord Library also provides other resources and activities beyond the Summer Reading Program. These include:

- A children's area with age-appropriate activities and computers.
- Public access computers for adults and teens.
- A range of digital resources, including eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines.
- Regular events and programs for all ages, such as story times, craft events and book discussions.

So, if you're looking for a place to beat the heat this summer, consider making



**Mayor
Joe Pizzillo**

the Georgia T. Lord Library one of your stops. Remember, the library offers a welcoming, safe environment with plenty of opportunities for learning, entertainment and community engagement.

COUNCIL CORNER

Throughout the last two decades, water has been very much a part of my professional career and journey. In my seven years at City of Phoenix Water Services, I learned how water is produced, distributed, collected and treated. Ensuring employee safety in an industrial environment was a top priority. I have a deep appreciation for the diversity of careers in water services and those who are dedicated to this critical field.

My experience in Phoenix qualified me for a spot on the Goodyear Citizen's Water Conservation Committee in 2016-2018. Since becoming a city councilmember, I pursued education and experience to grow my water IQ. Today, I represent Goodyear as a member of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) where I continue to advocate for water security, conservation and community awareness.

Water is both essential for life and potentially dangerous. As temperatures rise

this summer, it is important to use water wisely and always be mindful of safety. Ensure you stay hydrated while also looking out for those who are most vulnerable to the heat, including children, the elderly and pets.

We all know the importance of pool safety: never ever leave children unattended, don't swim alone, install barriers and teach kids how to swim.

Summer monsoon floods can be unpredictable. Never drive through flooded roads, as only a few inches of water can sweep a car away. This is especially dangerous in remote areas.

The heat can be relentless. Always carry water and check on your vulnerable neighbors.

Goodyear is committed to protecting and expanding our water resources to meet the demands of a growing city. We will continue to regularly emphasize conservation and



**Councilmember
Laura Kaino**

water safety. Let's work together to ensure we are good stewards of the water we use, recognize potential water hazards and know how to prevent water-related accidents and emergencies.

PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS MOST

Summer in Goodyear means backyard barbecues, family gatherings and, of course, poolside fun. With the heat comes a heightened risk for drowning for ALL ages. More adults drown each year in Arizona than children. Swimming with a buddy is more fun – and safer – for everyone.



KNOW THE DANGERS

Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children aged 1 to 4 in Arizona.

Most drownings occur in home swimming pools, often when a child is left unsupervised for less than five minutes.

Drownings are often silent and quick, with little or no splashing or noise.

To help keep your loved ones safe this season, here are essential pool safety tips:



ONE

ACTIVE SUPERVISION IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

Never leave children unattended near water. Designate a “Water Watcher” – an adult whose sole responsibility is to keep eyes on swimmers. Avoid distractions like phones, reading or chores. If a child goes missing, check the pool first.



TWO

INSTALL A FOUR-SIDED BARRIER

A fence at least four feet high with a self-closing, self-latching gate is your best defense. This barrier should completely isolate the pool area from the house and yard to prevent unsupervised access.



THREE

TEACH SWIMMING SKILLS EARLY

Enroll children in formal swim lessons. Studies show that swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88% among children aged 1 to 4.



FOUR

U.S. COAST GUARD-APPROVED LIFE JACKETS

Floaties and inflatable toys are not substitutes for life jackets. Ensure any child who cannot swim wears a properly fitted, approved life jacket when near water.



FIVE

KEEP POOL TOYS AND LADDERS OUT OF REACH

After swimming, remove toys and ladders from the pool area. These can tempt children to enter the water unsupervised.



SIX

LEARN CPR AND RESCUE BREATHING

In an emergency, seconds count. Knowing CPR can make the difference between life and death. Classes are available through local community centers and the American Red Cross.



CPR TRAINING



The Goodyear Fire Department offers CPR certification through the American Health and Safety Institute, as well as non-certifying classes **for groups of 10 or more**. The cost varies depending on the type of certification requested. To request a class, please email gdyfdcrr@goodyearaz.gov.



STAYING SAFE IN THE HOTTEST MONTHS

Heat-related illnesses are a serious concern in the Valley. Last year, there were 602 heat-related deaths in Maricopa County. The Phoenix area also had a record-breaking year with 113 consecutive days at or above 100 degrees.



KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEAT ILLNESS

Watch for symptoms like:

- Dizziness or headache
- Rapid heartbeat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Confusion or fainting

If someone shows these signs, move them to a cooler place and get them water and medical help.



EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNINGS

An Excessive Heat Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when there is a high or very high heat risk.



HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE

Drink water all day – even if you don't feel thirsty. Dehydration sneaks up fast in the heat. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and sugary drinks that can dehydrate you even more.



PLAN AROUND THE HEAT

Try to schedule outdoor activities early in the morning or after sunset. The hours between **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** are the hottest and most dangerous.



DRESS SMART

Lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing helps your body stay cool. Add a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect your head and eyes from the sun.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COOLING CENTERS

If your home doesn't have air conditioning or you just need a break from the heat, Goodyear and Maricopa County offer free cooling centers and hydration stations during the summer, like the Georgia T. Lord Library. You can find the closest location through the Heat Relief Network at HeatAZ.org.



NEVER LEAVE KIDS OR PETS IN CARS

On a 100°F day, a parked car can reach **over 130°F in just 30 minutes**. Tragedies happen far too often and are 100% preventable.



USE SUNSCREEN

Apply SPF 30 or higher before going outside and reapply every two hours – more often if you're sweating or swimming.



CHECK ON NEIGHBORS

Seniors, young children and people with health conditions are especially vulnerable. A quick check-in could save a life.



#1 TIP FOR HIKING IN EXTREME HEAT

DON'T DO IT!

MONSOON 101

In the summer, our skies can go from sunny to stormy in a flash, the rain pours down in buckets and the dust storms come out of nowhere. While monsoons bring much-needed rain to our desert, they also bring real hazards.



WHAT IS MONSOON SEASON ANYWAY?

In Arizona, monsoon season runs from June 15 to Sept. 30. It's marked by intense heat, sudden thunderstorms, flash flooding, lightning, high winds and the infamous haboobs (giant dust storms).



TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Flooded streets might not look deep, but it only takes 6 inches of water to knock you off your feet and 12 inches to sweep away a car. Don't risk it and find a safe route.



PULL ASIDE, STAY ALIVE

Caught in a dust storm while driving? Pull over, turn off your lights and keep your foot off the brake. You don't want other drivers thinking you're moving and accidentally following you off the road.



WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS

Lightning is no joke. If you hear thunder, head inside immediately. Stay away from windows and electronics. Arizona ranks high for lightning strikes!



SECURE OUTDOOR ITEMS

Monsoon winds can turn patio furniture, umbrellas and even trash bins into dangerous projectiles. Before a storm hits, tie down or bring items inside.



Keep tabs on the forecast. You can sign up for weather alerts with GY Alerts, the city of Goodyear's official emergency alert notification system. GY Alerts is a free service that sends customized alerts via text message, email and voice message. Register to receive the alerts at goodyearaz.gov/gyalerts.



TEST YOUR MONSOON KNOWLEDGE



- What is the average number of dust storms Arizona experiences each year?**
a) 10 b) 50 c) 100 d) 200
- Monsoon lightning can strike how far from a storm?**
a) Within 1 mile b) Up to 5 miles
c) Up to 10 miles d) Over 15 miles
- What should you do if you're caught outdoors during a lightning storm and can't find shelter?**
a) Seek shelter under a tree
b) Lie flat on the ground
c) Stay away from metal objects and crouch low to the ground
d) Continue your activity and ignore the storm

ANSWERS

- b) **50** - Arizona typically experiences around 50 dust storms each year.
- b) **Over 15 miles** - Lightning can strike far from the actual storm!
- c) **Stay away from metal objects and crouch low to the ground** - Minimizing your height and avoiding metal reduces lightning risk.

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:



LOCK UP TIGHT

Double-check doors, windows, garages and pet doors. Secure sliding doors with a dowel or bar in the track.



USE LIGHT TIMERS

Set timers to turn inside and outdoor lights on and off in the evening.



PAUSE MAIL AND PACKAGES

A pile of mail is a clear sign no one's home. Put a hold on mail at USPS.com.



LET A NEIGHBOR KNOW

Give a trusted neighbor your contact info and ask them to keep an eye on things



START A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH OR JOIN ONE!

The Goodyear Police Department encourages neighbors to get involved in Neighborhood Block Watch programs. It's a great way to stay connected and boost community safety. Learn more or get involved at goodyearaz.gov/blockwatch.



GOT SENIORS AT HOME? CHECK OUT YANA

If you have a senior family member staying behind or you're concerned about an elderly neighbor, Goodyear Police Department offers the **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** program. Volunteers provide regular wellness checks and friendly visits to help keep our older residents safe and supported. Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/YANA.

VACATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ☒ Secure all entry points
- ☒ Set timers on lights
- ☒ Pause mail and deliveries
- ☒ Inform a neighbor
- ☒ Unplug unnecessary electronics
- ☒ Leave a car in the driveway (if possible)



CAR SEAT INSPECTION



Driving to your summer destination? Make sure your child's car seat is installed properly by having it inspected by the Goodyear Fire Department Certified Child Passenger Seat Technician. **Make an appointment by calling 623-882-SEAT (7328).**

Arizona law requires that any child under the age of 8 and 4'9" tall be in a child restraint when in a vehicle. Remember to keep your children buckled up and away from the airbags in your vehicle.

SPECIAL ELECTION

IN GOODYEAR ON MAY 20

There is a special, all-mail election in May to consider proposed changes to the Goodyear City Charter and to create two franchise agreements. It's important for every Goodyear resident to be informed and make their voice heard by voting in the election.

WHAT IS A CITY CHARTER?

The city charter is like the city's constitution. It outlines basic governing procedures and includes overarching principals, like the form of government and what the requirements are to be an elected city official. It does not set tax rates and generally does not include administrative processes as the charter can only be changed by a vote of Goodyear residents.

WHEN WAS THE CHARTER ADOPTED?

The city charter was originally adopted by voters in 1988. It has been amended numerous times since then, most recently in 2021. The proposed city charter amendments on the May 20, 2025 ballot were recommended by the city of Goodyear Citizen Charter Review Ad-Hoc Committee. If approved, these would be permanent changes to the city charter.

WHAT IS A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT?

A franchise agreement is a contract between the city and a utility service provider. It allows the utility service provider to use public rights-of-way to serve their customers within the city. The city currently has franchise agreements with Arizona Public Service for electrical service and Southwest Gas for natural gas services. Voters will decide whether EPCOR and Liberty Utilities will each have a franchise agreement with the city.



WHAT WOULD BE IN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS?

Each franchise agreement would allow the utility company to use present and future rights-of-way within the city to construct and operate water delivery and wastewater collection systems. It would also include the following agreements:

- Each utility company will provide safe and reliable service to all its customers including those within the city of Goodyear.
- Each utility company will operate its water distribution and wastewater collection systems at its own cost.
- The city will receive an annual fee for use of the right-of-way from each utility company.
- All construction in the rights-of-way will be completed promptly and in accordance with established city guidelines, practices and standards.

ON THE BALLOT

1 QUESTION ONE



Voting YES means the charter will be updated to add that the city council can make decisions about how land is used, zoning rules, building design and site planning, as long as they follow the city's General Plan. This change formalizes the process and helps keep control at the local level.

Voting NO means the charter will stay the same. The council will still make decisions about how land is used, zoning, building design, and site planning using current laws and processes, but this authority won't officially be written into the charter.

2 QUESTION TWO



Voting YES means the Council Compensation Committee will make recommendations on council salaries and benefits for council approval by majority vote and clarifies any changes would become effective the following budget year.

Voting NO means the charter stays the same, and the Council Compensation Committee will continue to make recommendations on council salaries for council approval of an increase less than 5.1% and voter approval for anything greater.

3 QUESTION THREE



Voting YES means the city manager can create, combine, change or remove city departments as long as it fits within the city's approved budget and employee count.

Voting NO means the charter stays the same, and only the city council will continue to have the ability to create, combine, change or remove city departments.

4 QUESTION FOUR



Voting YES means detailed categories of current taxes and revenue sources the city receives will be listed in the charter and it will also clarify that existing rules for approving and issuing bonds will be reinforced.

Voting NO means the charter stays the same, and detailed categories of current taxes and revenue sources will remain unlisted, and clarification on existing rules for approving and issuing bonds will not be included.

5 QUESTION FIVE



Voting YES means EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. will get permission (a

Franchise Agreement) to use city streets to build and run water and wastewater systems. The city will charge the company a fee of 3% each year based on what it earns from providing water or sewer services in the city. The agreement would last for 25 years.

Voting NO means the city will not create or approve a franchise agreement with EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. The company will continue to operate under its current license agreement with the city and will keep paying 2% of its water service profits to the city.

6 QUESTION SIX



Voting YES means Liberty Utilities Corp. will get permission (a Franchise Agreement) that allows them to use city streets and public areas to build and run water and sewer systems. The city will collect a 3% yearly fee based on the company's water or earnings in Goodyear. This agreement would last for 25 years.

Voting NO means there will be no franchise agreement with Liberty Utilities and an agreement would need be resubmitted for voter approval.



Learn more about the election and view each ballot item at
goodyearaz.gov/specialelection2025





SUMMER LAWN CARE TIPS

Water usage peaks in the summer. You can help by watering grass every four days and desert plants every seven. Discover new ways to reduce water usage outside the home at goodyearaz.gov/water.



DON'T MOW LOW

Keeping the grass a little taller reduces the chance for weeds to take hold. Water also won't evaporate as quickly from the soil, so you can water it less.



AERATE YOUR LAWN

Your lawn benefits from a periodic 'opening up' of the soil to allow nutrients, air and water to soak in better.



WATER TWICE PER WEEK

Water deep to promote root health, then allow the soil to dry out before watering again. Summer grass is drought tolerant and can handle dry periods between watering.



LEAVE LOWER BRANCHES ON TREES AND SHRUBS

This can help prevent uprooting and toppling trees from high winds.



DON'T FERTILIZE

Most desert plants and trees do not need fertilizer and adding it can weaken branch growth and pollute the waterways.

ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAINS!

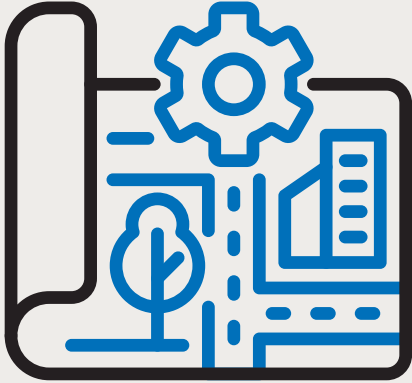


A storm drain is where rainwater flows to keep streets from flooding. That water can also push trash, motor oil and pet waste into the drain as it

flows over streets and yards. The water from storm drains flow into community basins, drywells, washes and rivers, so it's important to keep

the water clean. Learn more about simple water pollution prevention tips at goodyearaz.gov/stormwater.

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK



The Goodyear Zoning Ordinance, considered the city's rule book for development, is being updated. The update process includes community input and a comprehensive review. Portions of the ordinance have been amended over the years to respond to the changing needs of our growing city, but the last comprehensive update was in 1999.

To learn more and to provide feedback, visit goodyearaz.gov/zoning.

HOLIDAY TRASH SERVICE

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26

There will be trash, recycling and bulk pickup

JUNETEENTH

Thursday, June 19

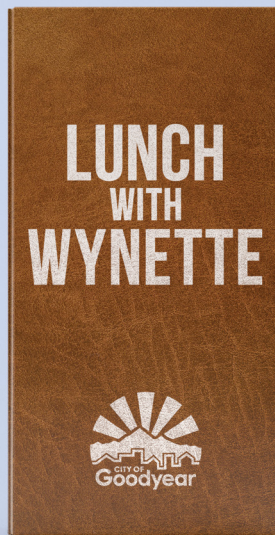
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 4

No trash, recycling or bulk pickup

Not sure of your trash day?
Visit goodyearaz.gov/trash



Meet the employees who keep our city running! In the latest video, City Manager Wynette Reed sits down with one of the employees helping to develop the city of Goodyear!



Visit goodyearaz.gov/LunchWithWynette to watch the episode.

GOODYEAR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, **MAY 17** • 9 a.m. to noon



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