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 **COMING SOON
TO GOODYEAR**

SPECIAL EDITION

ALL ABOUT BUC-EE'S AND TRADER JOE'S IN GOODYEAR

DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE!
TRADER JOE'S IS COMING TO Goodyear

**REC
CATALOG
INSIDE!**

AT A GLANCE

A wave of excitement is sweeping through the city and the entire state, as two highly anticipated businesses, Trader Joe's and Buc-ee's, get ready to open in Goodyear. With the immense excitement and questions from residents about these two businesses, we wanted

to share more about what to expect when they open their doors. They are among hundreds of businesses that make our city and business community so great. To view a list of businesses in the city, visit developgoodyearaz.com.

TRADER JOE'S BY THE NUMBERS


13,500

Square feet
of the new
Goodyear store


500+
Stores



ABOUT 30 MINUTES

About how long it currently takes to drive to the nearest Trader Joe's. (That's almost an entire episode of Love Island!) 🌴

1 BELL, 2 BELLS, 3 BELLS

Store employees use bells instead of intercoms

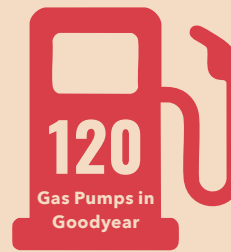
1 bell = another cashier is needed

2 bells = customer assistance needed

3 bells = manager needed



BUC-EE'S BY THE NUMBERS


120
Gas Pumps in
Goodyear


#1
First Buc-ee's
in Arizona

200+

Full-time jobs in Goodyear with competitive pay, full benefits, a 6% 401k match, 3 weeks paid vacation

 **74,000** **Square-Foot Store in Goodyear.** That's bigger than a football field!



COMING SOON



Trader Joe's will be on McDowell Road, just west of Bullard Avenue at GSQ. It's expected to open later this year and based on community excitement, a lively turnout is expected. Keep an eye on city updates for details.



Construction on Buc-ee's is underway on the southeast corner of I-10 and Bullard Avenue. It's scheduled to open Summer 2026 and when it does, it's expected to bring a mix of curiosity, road trip nostalgia and a big boost to its Goodyear fanbase and tax revenue which will help support key services for our residents.

FROM THE MAYOR

For decades, the development of a vibrant downtown district in Goodyear was a long-held community aspiration. Today, that vision is coming to life through GSQ, a dynamic and growing downtown that blends civic spaces, commerce, entertainment and community connection. This past year we saw more momentum with the addition of Shake Shack, Over Easy and High Tide, among others.

The city's original plans date back to 1984, with input from citizen committees shaping a vision that included city facilities and regional shopping. While early development efforts near Goodyear Ballpark and plans for a major mall were stalled by the Great Recession, the momentum never disappeared. As the retail landscape shifted away from traditional malls toward walkable, mixed-use destinations, Goodyear adapted and reimaged its future.

By 2018, as growth returned to pre-recession levels, city leaders pursued a

bold new vision: a civic and commercial hub. In partnership with Globe Corp., a family-owned business that owns acres of land north of I-10 around McDowell Road and Bullard Avenue, a public-private partnership was formed, and GSQ was born.

GSQ is now home to Goodyear City Hall, the Georgia T. Lord Library, a two-acre public park, the Gen 1 Class A office building and a growing collection of restaurants, and those soon to come include shops, medical offices and an upscale hotel. The area is also the perfect spot for community gatherings such as holiday celebrations, outdoor markets and cultural events.

One of the most recent to announce it's opening at GSQ is Trader Joe's. This is a huge milestone, as Trader Joe's is one of the city's most requested grocers. The store's arrival symbolizes Goodyear's growing appeal and its evolution into a premier lifestyle destination in the West Valley.



**Mayor
Joe Pizzillo**

GSQ will continue to evolve with new business announcements, expanded dining options and even more community-focused amenities. What we see today is just the beginning.

COUNCIL CORNER

When I moved to Goodyear in 2013, I quickly noticed that there wasn't a Trader Joe's for miles. The nearest one was about 30 miles away! It didn't take long before I realized I wasn't the only person in Goodyear who really wanted a Trader Joe's. Like many residents, I visited the grocer's website and requested a store in Goodyear several times. Now, I am thrilled that they'll be opening one in Goodyear's downtown!

Trader Joe's is so unique, and I have no doubt that is why Goodyear residents have requested this grocer every year since 2017 in the city's retail survey. This company will provide more variety to our grocery options in Goodyear, and personally, I've got my eye on their Dark Chocolate Covered Pistachios. 😊

They seem to be a friendly neighborhood store which fits right into what Goodyear is all about. I can

envision that relaxed environment, with food samples, hand-drawn signs and employees wearing Hawaiian shirts.

I'm excited to welcome Trader Joe's to Goodyear. It's a win for our community, and I know I'm not the only one counting down the days. For years, residents have expressed their hope of seeing this beloved grocery store become part of our growing city, I was one of them, and it's rewarding to see that vision come to life.

Trader Joe's decision to open in Goodyear is a strong sign of our city's continued economic development and appeal to major retailers. We recognize that this addition is the result of thoughtful planning, community input and a shared vision for what makes Goodyear a great place to live and do business. I'm excited about what's ahead for our great city.



**Councilmember
Benita Beckles**



GET READY,

GOODYEAR!

TRADER JOE'S



INSIDE TRADER JOE'S

Why all the hype over a grocery store? You'll soon find out at the Goodyear store that they do things a little differently. Their stores are smaller than your average grocery store but just as busy.

Something our residents say they're excited about are the store's version of well-known products, but with a twist.

Goodyear residents can expect to see a casual vibe in the new store with handwritten signs and employees wearing Hawaiian shirts. Word is, the shirts started as a laid-back clothing idea and ended up being their official uniforms!

IS FINALLY COMING TO TOWN

It's really happening! Goodyear residents have long asked, hoped and waited... and the time has come: Trader Joe's is officially opening its doors in our city.



FAN FAVORITES

Did you know that you can vote on your favorite Trader Joe's products each year? The grocer has even created the Trader Joe's Product Hall of Fame. Shoppers can expect to find these fan favorites at the Goodyear store:

SNACKS: Trader Joe's take on rolled tortilla chips and peanut butter filled pretzels are veterans of the snack section. Trader Joe's Chili & Lime Flavored Rolled Corn Tortilla Chips hit the shelves in 2018 and Trader Joe's Peanut Butter Filled Pretzel Nuggets were introduced in 1992!

SWEETS: A twist on a classic candy combo, Trader Joe's Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups takes the cake for Best Dessert/Sweets. It's been voted year after year as a favorite product and entered the Trader Joe's Product Hall of Fame in 2023.

ENTRÉE: Sweeping the entrée competition, Trader Joe's Mandarin Orange Chicken has been voted Favorite Overall and Best Entrée multiple years in a row since it was introduced at the grocer in 2004.

AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!

At the big reveal, the future Goodyear store captain shared this message from the stage:

The city's passion and persistence, especially through the We Want Trader Joe's campaign, made it clear that this isn't just about opening a store. It's about becoming part of a community that genuinely wants us here. From the billboards to the social media buzz to the heartfelt outreach, we heard you, and now we're ready to show up in the best way we know how - by being your neighborhood grocer. I'm thrilled to build a team of incredible crew members who will bring the Trader Joe's experience to life. Friendly faces, unique products and a warm welcoming atmosphere. We are here because of you, residents of Goodyear, and we can't wait to open our doors and be part of your daily lives.



Captain Chris



FUN FACT!

Trader Joe's general managers are called captains!

SEASONAL SURPRISES

Here's what Goodyear residents can expect at the store throughout the year:



FALL: Pumpkin everything! From pumpkin spice cookies to pumpkin butter and pumpkin spice coffee.

WINTER: Candy Cane Joe-Joe's, holiday truffle assortments and peppermint hot cocoa.



SPRING: Lemon-flavored sweets, floral-scented candles.

SUMMER: Watermelon jerky, tropical trail mixes and cold brew coffee.



THE ROAD TO TRADER JOE'S IN GOODYEAR

Trader Joe's has topped the list of most-wanted businesses among Goodyear residents for years. Trader Joe's heard you loud and clear!

2017



COMMUNITY RETAIL SURVEY

Trader Joe's has been the most requested business every year in the city's retail survey since it began in 2017.

2019



"WE WANT TRADER JOE'S DAY"

In 2019, the city declared Dec. 13 as "We Want Trader Joe's Day in Goodyear." Hundreds of residents gathered on a cold winter morning to sign petitions asking the grocer to come. They even made signs and wore shirts expressing their love for the store.

2022



TRADER JOE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

In 2022 for the store's 55th birthday, the city hosted a four-hour live streamed celebration with themed treats, games and giveaways inspired by Trader Joe's products. Hundreds of residents joined in to add virtual candles to a wall-sized cake, wishing Trader Joe's a happy birthday and again asking for it to come to Goodyear.

2025



SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dreams finally came true earlier this year at a large community celebration when it was revealed that Trader Joe's would open in GSQ. The crowd counted down as a sign reading, "Dreams Really Do Come True, Trader Joe's is Coming to Goodyear!" was revealed.



A TEXAS-SIZED WELCOME!



MORE THAN A GAS STATION

What is it about Buc-ee's that has people traveling hundreds of miles to visit? Residents will soon find out as Buc-ee's, the Texas-born travel center, prepares to open its first Arizona location - right here in Goodyear.

Here's what Goodyear can expect: 120 fuel pumps, a huge convenience store, fresh brisket sandwiches and fudge.



WHO'S READY FOR BUC-EE'S?

Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the cult following, Buc-ee's is creating a buzz all across the state. It marks another

milestone in Goodyear's growth as a destination. It's expected to attract not only people across the Valley, but people nationally, too!

FAN FAVORITES

While Buc-ee's is technically a travel center, many who stop in don't come for the gas at all. Inside, visitors can expect a store that feels more like a blend of a general store, smokehouse and snack emporium, complete with its own mascot: a smiling cartoon beaver named Buc-ee. What visitors often come away talking about:

BRISKET SANDWICH: Hot, chopped brisket served fresh - often carved right behind the counter. At the brisket carving station, workers loudly announce "Fresh brisket on the board!" every time a new slab is ready - it's part of the Buc-ee's experience!



BEAVER NUGGETS: What is a Beaver Nugget? Think caramel-coated corn puffs like kettle corn but made with puffed corn instead of popcorn. They are hugely popular and come in a variety of flavors!

HOMEMADE FUDGE: The fudge counter isn't just about taste - it's entertainment. You can watch employees make fresh fudge behind glass, and they'll often hand out free samples.



JERKY WALL: A stretch of the store devoted to dozens of flavors of jerky, from mild to smoky to spicy.

BRANDED GEAR: Whether it's a Buc-ee's T-shirt, tumbler or pajama set, many first-time visitors leave with at least one beaver-emblazoned souvenir.



Baby Kasen can't wait for the Goodyear Buc-ee's to open! His family lives here and recently took a trip to another Buc-ee's to see what the hype is all about.



FUN FACT!

The restrooms at Buc-ee's are famous! They are known for being the cleanest in America.

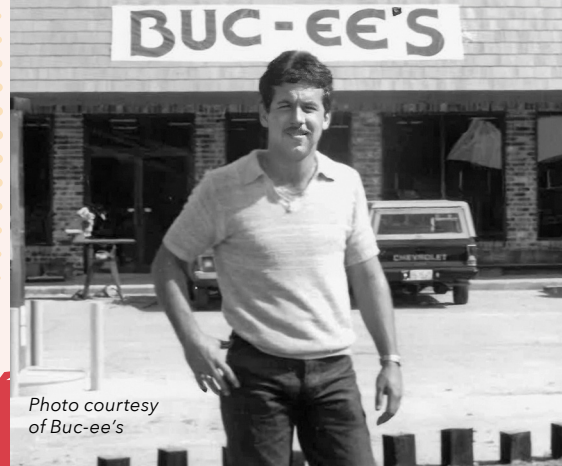


Photo courtesy of Buc-ee's

Arch "Beaver" Aplin III at his first store, in Lake Jackson, Texas, a week after it opened in 1982. As a kid, he stocked shelves and worked the register at his grandparents convenience store to learn the family trade.

THE ROAD TO ROADSIDE ROYALTY

“We're really excited about our first location in Arizona and we're particularly pleased to be in Goodyear. With the city's business-friendly city council and its amazing employment opportunities, Goodyear is the perfect location for us.”

Arch "Beaver" Aplin,
Buc-ee's Founder



Arch "Beaver" Aplin III combined his childhood nickname, "Beaver," with his Labrador Retriever's name, "Buc," to create the now-iconic Buc-ee's mascot.

1982

Arch "Beaver" Aplin III opened the first Buc-ee's in Texas. The goal was to create a better gas station experience. Aplin was just 23 years old when the idea came to life.

2003

Buc-ee's opened its first large-format travel center.

2012

Buc-ee's received national attention for opening the largest convenience store in the world at the time (66,000+ sq ft).

2019

The first Buc-ee's outside of Texas opened.

2025

History was made again with Arizona's first-ever Buc-ee's groundbreaking in Goodyear, AZ.



In May, Buc-ee's made history in Goodyear with its first-ever groundbreaking ceremony in Arizona! Mayor Joe Pizzillo, the Goodyear City Council and City Manager Wynette Reed, joined Buc-ee's executives, community members and other elected officials.

YOU'VE SPOKEN AND THE CITY IS LISTENING



The highly anticipated announcement of Trader Joe's and Buc-ee's speaks to the growing interest of some hugely popular businesses choosing to open in Goodyear. The city prioritizes hearing your feedback through public meetings, social media and resident surveys like the Goodyear Retail Survey.

Thanks to the continued leadership of the Goodyear City Council, the city is committed to growing responsibly while trying to attract the kinds of businesses residents have been asking for to make Goodyear a true destination.



Hundreds of residents gathered in May as the city announced Trader Joe's is coming to Goodyear.

SOCIAL BUZZ

The big news that Trader Joe's and Buc-ee's are coming to Goodyear sparked a frenzy of excited chatter online. City of Goodyear social media followers jumped at the opportunity to share their excitement for the highly anticipated businesses to open.

Follow the city on social to get the latest updates on city news.

TRADER JOE'S



It feels like Disneyland in Goodyear! 😊😊 I'm so excited.

Melissa C.



How awesome!! My favorite store!!

Robin K.



THRILLED!! Thank you, Trader Joe's and Goodyear!

Sanaz T.



Yay! So happy to finally have TJ here in Goodyear! It's been a long wait! 🎉

Natalie N.



So happy it's coming to Goodyear! 😊 Driving to Surprise took up too much time. Love Trader Joe's!!

Vera M.



Texan here!! I'm so glad y'all will get to experience Buc-ee's. It is literally THE best!! The cleanest bathrooms, the best food, a million gas pumps, and the best shopping!!!!!! To say I'm excited is an understatement. 🚚 And no, it is not a truck stop.

Summer S.



This is going to be amazing! I can't wait to go to Buc-ee's!!

Dusty E.



So excited to visit when it opens!



Eleni K.



We literally drove 2 days last November to go to a Buc-ees. Now we'll only have to drive 2 miles.

Joshua M.



Will drive 6 hrs from California. Can't wait!

Kathryn B.

Festivals & Events



Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/events

Ritmos y Raices | Rhythm and Roots

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening filled with vibrant music, lively dance, and rich cultural traditions. Enjoy delicious food from Hispanic-owned vendors, refreshing drinks in the beer garden, artisan goods, hands-on crafts, and a colorful flag garden honoring Hispanic countries.

Friday, October 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.
Goodyear Recreation Campus, 420 S. Estrella Pkwy.



Ballet Under the Stars

Join us for an enchanting evening of ballet performances at the Estrella Lakeside Amphitheater, presented by Ballet Arizona. Arrive early to indulge in a variety of food trucks, explore crafts and enjoy special giveaways. Don't miss this magical night of culture and community under the stars!

Friday, September 26 from 5 to 9 p.m.
Estrella Amphitheater, 10300 S. Estrella Pkwy.

New! Rock the BBQ

Get ready to grill and groove at Rock the BBQ! Enjoy delicious BBQ, burgers, and high-energy live rock music by talented youth bands from the Solid Rock Teen Center. It's a fun-filled night for foodies, music lovers and families—don't forget your chairs or blankets.

Saturday, October 4 from 5 to 9 p.m.
Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square



Movie in the Park

Bring a cozy blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy delicious snacks from our food trucks. Spend a relaxing night under the stars with friends and family and enjoy a great movie together.

Saturday, October 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

Fall Festival

Celebrate the season with family-friendly harvest fun or ghostly scares for those who dare. Trick or treat on the field at Goodyear Ballpark and dress to impress. Costume contest trophies will be awarded across a variety of categories.

Saturday, October 25 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way

Veterans Day Tribute

Join us for a heartfelt community gathering to reflect and honor our local heroes, the brave military servicemen and women of the West Valley. Enjoy a concert, patriotic murals and special giveaways. Families can enjoy a variety of kids' activities while indulging in delicious offerings from our food trucks. Come together with your neighbors to pay tribute to our heroes and celebrate the spirit of patriotism and community.

Tuesday, November 11 from 5-8 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square



Chalk Art in the Park

Join us for a vibrant and creative event, sponsored by APS, where community members and professional artists come together to transform the park pathways with stunning chalk art. Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking to have fun, everyone is welcome to participate. Enjoy music, snack food trucks, and a lively atmosphere as you watch the masterpieces unfold! All supplies are provided.

Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Goodyear Recreation Campus,
420 S. Estrella Pkwy.**



August 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%) 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.

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 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 (12-17 yrs)

Enjoy two hours of pool time with friends, music and food. The event is fully supervised by GRC staff, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all teens. Pre-registration required—free for residents and \$10.00 for non-resident teens.



Aquatics

Open Swim

Now - August 31

Monday-Friday: 5-7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

September 1 - September 28

Friday: 5-8 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Lap Swim Hours

Now - September 28

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

Saturday-Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are offered to participants of all ages and abilities. Fall weekend sessions are available August 2-24 and August 30- September 21. Visit goodyearaz.gov/aquatics for the full schedule of offerings.

Cost: \$30

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Fitness at the GRC

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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

Les Mills 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.

Pickleball

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.

Dink or Treat Tournament

Grab your paddle, throw on your costume, and join us for a spooky-good time at our Halloween-themed pickleball tournament! Come dressed to impress for the Best Costume Contest, and enjoy a tournament filled with music, prizes, raffles, refreshments, and pizza.

Thursday, October 30 at Goodyear Recreation Campus
Outdoor Pickleball Courts
Check in time is 4:30 p.m. with a 5 p.m. start time.



Programs

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.

Youth Programs

8Eleven (8-11 yrs)

Each weeknight, youth 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.

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 (8-17 yrs)

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.

Fall Break Exploration Camp (5-12 yrs)

This five-day exploration camp will introduce kids to all the GRC has to offer in a safe and supervised environment. The exploration includes sports and gym time, arts and crafts, teen room time and more. Guests are welcome to sign up and enjoy the entire exploration week or just join for their favorite Day. Please bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Children must have completed kindergarten to attend.

Monday through Friday: October 6-10 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (\$25 NR)

Jewelry from Earth (6-12 yrs)

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.

Jr. Crime Detectives (6-12 yrs)

Step into the role of a CSI agent and explore real-life crime scene analysis through hands-on forensic science experiments. Collect evidence, analyze findings, and use critical thinking to crack the case—all while enjoying interactive, lifelike crime scene recreations.

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.

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

Cost: \$25, \$30 NR

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



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: January 6 - May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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:

January 5 - May 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$650 (\$780 NR)

Registration begins Monday, October 20 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.

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.

August 12, September 8,
September 25, October 14, October
29, November 6, November 18 from
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 (\$12 NR)



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.

August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20
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.

August 13, August 20, September 10, September 17,
September 24, September 30, October 15, October 22,
October 28, November 12, November 19, November 25 from
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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.

August 15, August 29, September 12, September 26,
October 1, November 7, November 21 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.

September 3, October 1, November 5
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Cost:** \$15 (\$18 NR)

Senior Seminars

Scams & Online Safety

Learn how to spot and avoid common scams with Nancy Juarez from the State Attorney General's Office as she shares tips on fraud prevention, warning signs and how to protect yourself.

Thursday, August 21 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

How to Choose a Primary Care Provider

Join Sun Health at Home's Wellness Coordinator Connie Swearingen to learn key steps and considerations for finding the right healthcare provider to support your needs.

Tuesday, September 16 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Smart Steps to Mastering Life Care Planning

Join us for an informative seminar on Life Care and learn how you can maximize your retirement lifestyle and have a peace of mind for the future. Receive tips on how you can navigate the rising cost of long-term care.

Tuesday, September 23 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Be Prepared: 2026 Updates for Medicare & Retirement

Be prepared for new rules, changes and impacts for Medicare and retiring in 2026! Learn from a local resident who shows you the why's and how to find the solutions.

Monday, October 13 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Senior Trips

Lake Pleasant Narration Cruise

Experience a guided afternoon cruise on scenic Lake Pleasant, featuring expert narration on the lake's history, surrounding landmarks such as the Agua Fria River and Waddell Dams, local wildlife and recreational areas. Wildlife sightings may include wild burros, mule deer, coyotes, blue herons and bald eagles. Price includes boat admission and round-trip transportation.

Thursday, October 2 at 12 p.m. **Cost:** \$40 (\$48 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.

Arts & Culture

Art Block

Art Block is a dynamic year-round program for young adults and adults aged 15 and up. Led by Catitude Arts, this program is designed to enhance artistic skills for both practical use and personal enjoyment. All classes take place on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

August 7-14: *Creative Critters Pet Portraits*
 August 21-28: *Clay & Connections*
 September 4-25: *Pop & Shade with Samone*
 October 2: *Book Bedazzling*
 October 9-30: *The Art of Relief Printmaking*

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.

August 26: *Arizona Loves Movies, Jason Carney*
September 30: *Crafting a Brand That Lasts,*
Kathy Cano-Murillo
October 28: *Intro to Silversmithing: Alexis Ludwig*

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.

Futuristic Frontier

As the world rapidly evolves through technology and transformation, we invite you to imagine and share your vision of the Futuristic Frontier. *Submission window closes September 29.*

Heritage Lecture Series

Learn from diverse cultural speakers provided by the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center. Lectures are held at Goodyear City Hall.

September 18 from 10-11 a.m.

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.

August 18, September 15, October 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Loma Linda Community Center

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+.

Hawaiian Hula

Tuesdays, August 5-September 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cost: \$25 material fee due the first day of class

Portrait Planning

Tuesdays, September 16-October 7 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cost: \$25 material fee due the day of class

Abstract HeART

Tuesdays, October 14-November 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cost: \$15 material fee due the first day of class





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.

Fall Sports: Swimming, Bowling and Soccer (8+ yrs), Golf (12+ yrs), Softball (16+ yrs)

Spring Sports: Basketball, Track and Field (8+ yrs), Cheer and Volleyball (12+ yrs), Flag Football and Powerlifting (16+ yrs)

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.



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.

Pickleball with B.E.S.T.

Kids will learn the fundamentals of one of today's fastest-growing sports in a fun and active environment. This class covers proper grip, stance, swing techniques, serving, volleying, and groundstrokes—all while building coordination, confidence, and a love for the game.

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)

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
Fall Soccer	3-13	September-November	July
Fall Volleyball	7-15	September-November	July
Winter Flag Football	5-12	December-February	October
Spring Soccer	3-13	March-May	January
Spring Volleyball	7-15	March-May	January
Summer Basketball	5-12	June-July	April

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

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.





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Adults

AI Workshop

In this interactive session, we'll build on the basics of AI and focus on prompt engineering. **Aug. 12 at 6 p.m.**

Ask a Master Gardener

Get free gardening and landscape advice from a Master Gardener. **Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18 at 10 a.m.**

Emotional Wellness Series: Anxiety and Depression

Retired psychotherapist Robert Johansson shows us how to gain tools to improve emotional wellness. **Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.**

Empowering Caregivers

Join us for our Caregiver Information Series to gain practical tools, valuable resources and meaningful support.

Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

Exploring our World: 432 National Parks

Meet Arizona residents Kathleen and Darryl Toupkin as they share stories from visiting all 432 U.S. National Parks.

Sept. 9 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.

Aug. 25, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27 at 1 and 4 p.m.

Master Gardener Presents

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

Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 at 12 p.m.

Plant-Based Cooking Demo

Discover the power of a whole food plant-based lifestyle.

Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

1900 N. Civic Square

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Youth & Teens

Baby Time

This is a 45-minute program including playtime, appropriate for ages 0-24 months and their caregiver.

Wednesdays at 10 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 caregiver. **Tuesdays at 10 and 11 a.m.**

Tummy Time

Tummy Time offers babies ages 0-12 months and caregivers a chance to bond through songs, stories and play in a relaxed, social setting. **Wednesdays at 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.

Thursdays at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

Family Flicks Friday

Bring blankets and your favorite movie treats to enjoy a different movie every month. **Sept. 12 and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.**

Kids Craft Corner

This program is designed for children age 5+ and their caregiver. **Sept. 6 and Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.**

STEAM Labs

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

Sept. 15, Oct. 6 and Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Tween Board Game Hangout

Ages 8+ can play classic favorites like Jenga and Clue and many more. **Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m.**

Tween Craft Zone

Relax and craft with fellow tweens ages 8+. Children under age 10 will need an adult helper for the craft.

Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Teen Crafternoon

Relax and craft with fellow teens.

Aug. 14, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Goodyear 311

See It. Snap It. Send It.

There are many ways to contact the city, and you can add Goodyear311 to the list. A bonus, it's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Whether you've spotted

graffiti at a neighborhood park, a broken streetlight or debris in the roadway, Goodyear311 makes it easy to let the city know, wherever you are.



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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

August 25	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
September 8	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
September 15	5 p.m.	Work Session
September 22	5 p.m.	Council Meeting

Meeting dates are subject to change. 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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