

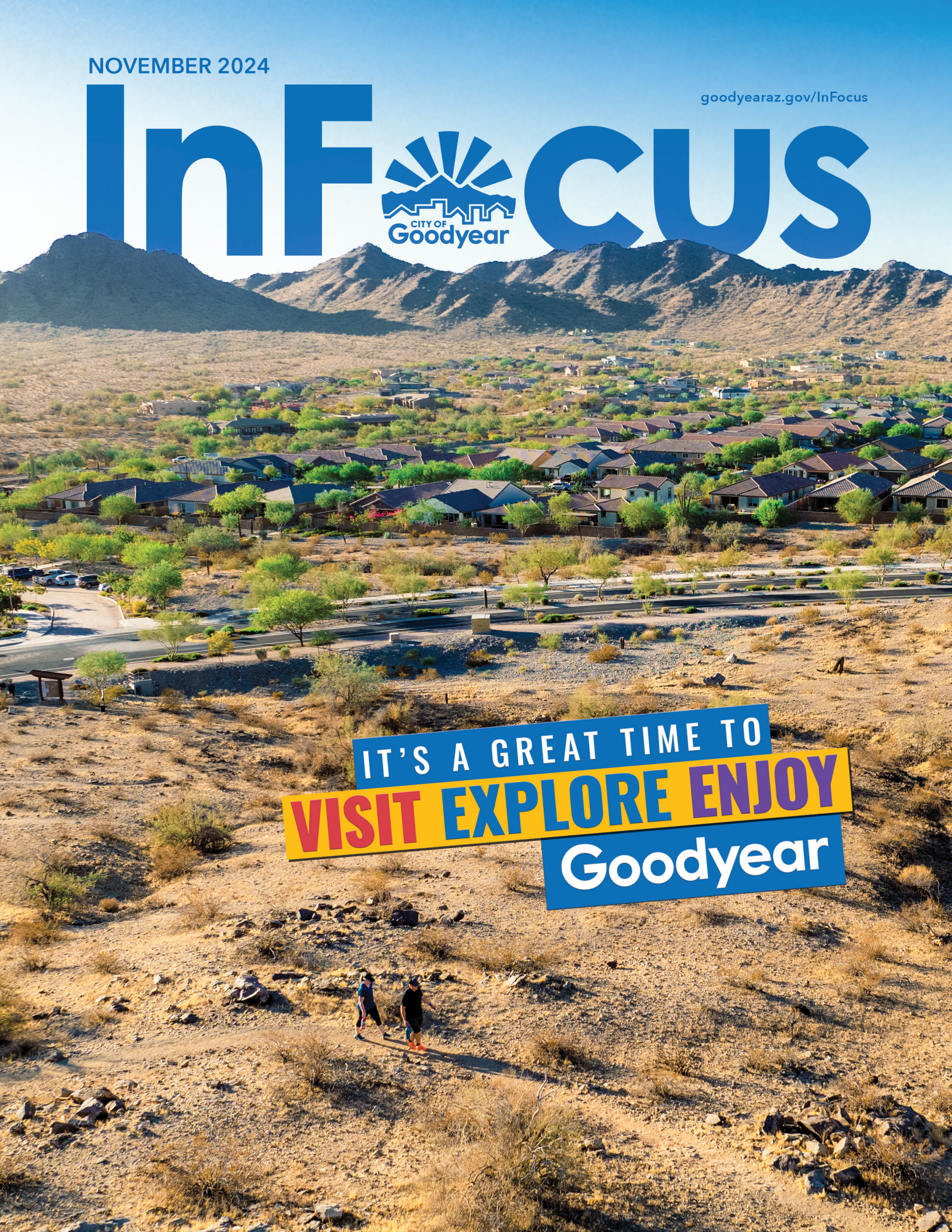
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IT'S A GREAT TIME TO
VISIT EXPLORE ENJOY
Goodyear



AT A GLANCE

This is one of the best seasons to get out and enjoy all that Goodyear has to offer. This InFocus has a list of fun things to do outside and places to

take friends and family who might be escaping cold and snowy weather for Goodyear sunshine.

GET TO KNOW GOODYEAR

300 

Days of Sunshine

100+
MILES 

Paved Bike Routes

200+ 

Restaurants, shopping and
entertainment options

47
MILES 

Desert Trails

12 

Hotels

20
MILES 

To Downtown Phoenix

9TH 

Fastest Growing City in the U.S.

5 

Golf Courses

20 

City Parks

FEB.
22 

MLB Spring Training Starts

Take a journey through Goodyear's history and view photos of the city throughout the years, at goodyearaz.gov/history.



Ever wonder how the city got its name? In 1917, Goodyear was 16,000 acres of cotton fields, and the cotton was being used by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company to make tires for airplanes during World War I. The U.S. Department of Defense later opened an aircraft plant in the early 1940s, and families started to move into the first homes in the area near Western Avenue and Litchfield Road. In May 1944, residents chose to call their small community "Goodyear."



American Heart Association.
Heart Walk.



WEST VALLEY HEART WALK

SATURDAY, 16th
NOVEMBER

GOODYEAR CIVIC SQUARE

FESTIVAL STARTS AT 9 A.M.



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FROM THE MAYOR

It's November, and I can't believe we've had to wait this long for the end of our summer heat. Fall temperatures are finally upon us, and I am so grateful for the relief. Now we can enjoy all the outdoor activities we've been longing for through the hot summer months.

Whether it's pickleball or basketball, hiking our beautiful trails, golfing or simply enjoying a picnic in the park, now's the time to venture out and delight in the weather that makes our region the envy of the nation this time of year. For me, that means getting out more for a ride on my motorcycle, which is far more enjoyable when it cools off. I hope you are taking advantage of the change in the weather and experiencing the great outdoors.

I am also grateful for all the great businesses that have chosen to open in Goodyear, bringing much-needed services, job opportunities and additional exciting options for dining

and shopping in our city. Businesses like Busy Bees Childcare Center, Sub-Zero, F45 Training GSQ, Copper and Sage, The Stillery and WinCo Foods recently opened, and more will open in the near future.

Not long ago, our medical corridor was greatly enhanced by the opening of Ironwood Cancer and Research Center, the expansion of both the Abrazo West and City of Hope campuses and the groundbreaking for a new Banner Health medical facility.

Business is booming, enhancing the quality of life for all of us. Local options save us time and the expense of traveling out of the area to access the quality services, jobs and amenities we need to live, work, play and enjoy life with family and friends.

I'm immensely grateful for all the wonderful things that are happening right now, and I'm incredibly excited for



**Mayor
Joe Pizzillo**

all that is yet to come. As I like to say, it's a great time to be in Goodyear! I hope you are getting out to enjoy all that our city has to offer, and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL CORNER

As I reach the end of my final term in office on the Goodyear City Council, I want to take a moment to recognize how much our city has grown. Over the years, Goodyear has developed from a small, blank canvas city into a place where families and residents can enjoy parks and events and gathering spaces throughout the year.

One of the most exciting changes I've witnessed is the development of various places and parks that bring people together. Civic Square Park at GSQ is a great example of this transformation. Entertainment venues, restaurants and art displays are beginning to surround the 2-acre park. Whether you're attending one of the many events we host throughout the year or simply enjoying a sunny afternoon with family and friends, Civic Square Park at GSQ truly embodies the spirit of our community.

The arts have also become an important part of Goodyear. Our "heARTS of Goodyear" project features 10 hand-painted hearts spread throughout the city - each designed by a local artist. It's a fun way to explore Goodyear and learn more about the community, and the hearts are occasionally updated with new artwork to keep the program fresh.

As we have all experienced, our Arizona summers are brutal. As the weather cools down, there's no better place to be than Goodyear, and now that we're headed into cooler months, it's an even better place to be. From family-friendly events to our parks, there's plenty to do and see.

It has been a privilege to serve this community and witness its growth, and I'm excited for what's next for Goodyear.



**Councilmember
Bill Stipp**



CITY EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

The city hosts **FREE** events throughout the year. They are always fun and often filled with great food, music and photo ops! Here's a look at the event lineup for the next six months. Hope to see you there!



VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE FESTIVAL

Goodyear Civic Square
November 11 | 5-8 p.m.

Gather with your community to reflect and honor our local heroes. Enjoy a concert, patriotic murals, giveaways, kids' activities and food trucks.



Get the details and stay up to date on events at **goodyearaz.gov/events**.



JANUARY

- ▶ **Jumpstart January: Wellness, Health & Fitness Event**

FEBRUARY

- ▶ **Heart & Sole 5K & 1 Mile**
- ▶ **Jazz in the Park**
- ▶ **Skatercon**
- ▶ **Spring training begins**

MARCH

- ▶ **Wag & Tag Pet Festival**
- ▶ **Dancing on the Square**
- ▶ **Theater in the Park**
- ▶ **Goodyear Lakeside Music Festival**
- ▶ **Night Market**

APRIL

- ▶ **Dancing on the Square**
- ▶ **Hop & Hops**
- ▶ **Night Market**

POP UP HOLIDAY MARKET

Goodyear Civic Square
November 23 | 5-9 p.m.

Explore a charming marketplace filled with an array of unique and handcrafted treasures! Local artisans and community vendors unite for a festive and vibrant experience as the holiday magic comes to life with live musical performances.

HOLIDAYS ON THE SQUARE & ICE SKATING RINK

Goodyear Civic Square
December 6, 13, 20 | 5-8 p.m.

There is no better feeling than being home for the holidays. Create new family memories and traditions at Holidays on the Square at Goodyear Civic Square Park. This unique holiday celebration features a new theme each week for you to choose as your favorite. The RinQ is a holiday experience to enjoy with your entire family. Glide into the ice-skating season on our synthetic ice-skating rink starting Dec. 6.

DID YOU KNOW?

The city has recreational programs and services, including group fitness classes and crafting activities. Learn more at recreation.goodyearaz.gov.





PICNIC IN THE PARK

Need a place for the kids to run around or a grassy spot to read a book? Goodyear has 20 community and neighborhood parks!



Goodyear Rec Campus Park
420 S. Estrella Pkwy.

SPECIAL FEATURES: dual zipline, multi-level play structures, pickleball courts and 1-mile walking path



Goodyear Community Park
3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

SPECIAL FEATURES: skate park, dog park and pickleball courts



Falcon Park
15050 W. Indian School Rd.

SPECIAL FEATURES: sand volleyball and connections to the Bullard Wash Trail



Foothills Community Park
12795 S. Estrella Pkwy.

SPECIAL FEATURES: multi-purpose turf and pump track



DID YOU KNOW?

The city has park rangers who provide an extra layer of customer service and security to residents and visitors.

Scan the QR code to meet two of the city's park rangers!



For a full list of the city's parks, visit goodyearaz.gov/parks.

MUST-SEE ART

THE ZIZ 1933 S. Ballpark Wy.

The Ziz, at the entrance of Goodyear Ballpark, is 60 feet and six inches tall, which is the exact distance between home plate and the pitcher's mound. The award-winning sculpture is a popular photo spot in Goodyear for locals and visitors. It was created by internationally renowned artist Donald Lipski. He looked to Goodyear's connection to aviation for inspiration and based his design off sculptures representing a bird in flight.



CHASING THE STARS 420 S. Estrella Pkwy.

The Goodyear Recreation Campus is home to the largest human powered kinetic public art sculpture in the world! Chasing the Stars is a sculpture that you can move. The 30-foot-tall kinetic art is made of independently moving arcs with different colored inlays. When you pull the attached poles to power the art piece, it projects vibrant colors onto the ground as it moves. The Arizona-based artist, Joe O'Connell, has created more than 50 public art projects all around the world!



GREAT JOY 1900 N. Civic Sq.

One of the newer large sculptures in the city is Great Joy located at Goodyear Civic Square. Blessing Hancock, the artist, drew inspiration for her design from the celebratory nature of civic square and the welcoming spirit of the city. Dozens of words cover the steel surface, which residents submitted as things that describe Goodyear. At night, the one-of-a-kind masterpiece piece pops in the park with LED lighting.



Take a virtual art tour in Goodyear at [goodyearaz.gov/arts](https://www.goodyearaz.gov/arts).



HIT THE TRAILS

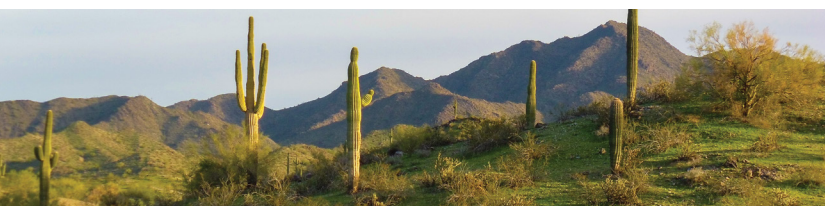
Maricopa County's first regional park was built in 1954 in Goodyear! The Estrella Mountain Regional Park is perfect for scenic, iconic Arizona views. The nearly 20,000-acre park has miles of desert trails and mountains to explore. The trails are great for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN...

At night, the Estrella mountains are a popular spot for stargazing. The natural environment away from the city lights makes it a prime spot to view the night sky. The county also hosts stargazing programs throughout the year where telescopes are provided, and experts share information about stars, planets and outer space.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park
14805 W. Vineyard Ave.

Photos courtesy of Maricopa County Parks & Recreation and Chet Provorse, Maricopa County Parks & Recreation Volunteer



Discover the top spots in Goodyear this season without the hassle of driving. Let WeRIDE take you to city events, parks, the library and restaurants. The service pairs multiple passengers heading in the same direction in a single vehicle. It's an affordable and convenient option for quick trips in the central part of the city.

For more information, visit **werideaz.com**.



For info on park passes, hours and events, visit **maricopacountyparks.net**.



PATIO SEASON

It's prime time to be outside whether that means doing more outdoor activities or simply sitting outside. Soak up the cool temps while you can.

Goodyear has more than 200 restaurants, and as the list continues to grow, you'll see a lot more people outside of them than inside right now. Patio seating is the popular place to be! The city recently welcomed a couple

new spots for outdoor dining. The Stillery and Copper & Sage at GSQ have spacious patios in the heart of Goodyear and more are to come. GSQ, the area around 150th Drive and McDowell Road, is being developed into a vibrant downtown. Globe Corp., which owns the land around Goodyear Civic Square, is working with the city to attract highly desired businesses to GSQ. Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/downtown.

We asked on social media, what is the best part of fall weather in Goodyear?

PATIO DINING	82%
HIKING	18%
GOLFING	0%



Patio or not, there are plenty of restaurants to enjoy in Goodyear – some even with a golf course view!

Check out the list developgoodyearaz.com/restaurants.



ONE-OF-A-KIND LIBRARY

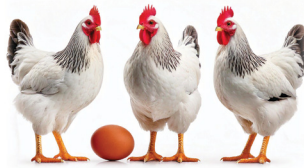
Have you visited the Georgia T. Lord Library? The modern two-story building is one of only two in the Maricopa County Library District to have a special county kiosk. It allows users to connect virtually with someone from the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and take care of things like the transfer of a deed or record a document, without having to travel outside of Goodyear. The kiosk is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The library is also known for its children's area. The fun treehouse themed space features an inviting, large shade tree that was handmade. It's a cozy spot where kids can grab a book off the tree and relax.

For info on the various activities and programs at the library, visit mclldaz.org/goodyear.

FOWL PLAY: THE NEW RULES FOR CHICKENS

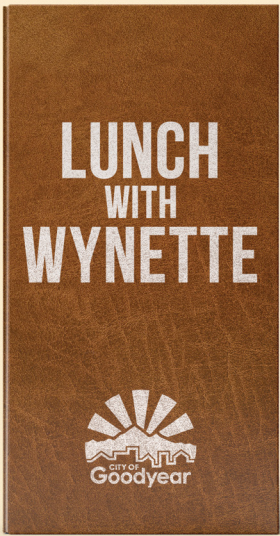
The state of Arizona recently passed a law that requires cities to allow backyard chickens in certain single-family homes. You can have chickens in Goodyear if your HOA allows them. You'll need to also meet certain requirements, which include having no more than six chickens (roosters are not allowed) in an enclosure, and their enclosure must be less than 8 feet tall; it cannot be taller than your fence. The enclosure must also be at least 20 feet from your neighbor's property. Get more info on the requirements at goodyearaz.gov/development.



STREET IMPROVEMENTS

More than 46 miles of city streets will be treated over the next several months to keep them in good structural and visible shape. Repaving on Estrella Parkway from Yuma Road to Illini Street will begin mid-November and last two weeks. During that time, there will be lane restrictions and taking alternative routes, including using Cotton Lane, Sarival Avenue and Litchfield Road, are suggested.

Get updated on road projects at goodyearaz.gov/streets.



Learn more about the employees who keep our city running and check out a local restaurant.

Visit goodyearaz.gov/LunchWithWynette to watch the latest video of Goodyear City Manager Wynette Reed sitting down with city employee Lenny Ledbetter, best known for his viral city hall tour video! Hear what it means to him to get the opportunity to meet and welcome so many residents to Goodyear in his role.



Scan QR code to view episode

WHEN IS MY TRASH DAY?

There will be NO TRASH, recycle or bulk pickup on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 28
Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day	Wednesday, Jan. 1

Trash, recycle and bulk pickup will take place as normal on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11.

To look up your pickup day, visit goodyearaz.gov/trash.



GROWING GOODYEAR PODCAST

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT APARTMENTS? THE GROWING GOODYEAR PODCAST HAS THE ANSWERS!

Learn more about some of the common myths on apartments and how they play a role in the growth of Goodyear!

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GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL

(front row; l to r): Vice Mayor Laura Kaino, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell
(back row; l to r): Bill Stipp, Vicki Gillis, Sheri Lauritano, Brannon Hampton.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

November 4	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
November 18	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
December 9	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
December 16	5 p.m.	Council Meeting

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 our Facebook page @goodyearaz and YouTube channel.



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