

BE PREPARED. SUMMER SAFETY GUIDE.

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AT A GLANCE Summer is here. Whether you're new to the Valley of the Sun or a native, there is one thing everyone needs to do to stay safe – be prepared. Summers in Arizona can be unpredictable. A dust storm, lightning strikes, torrential rainfall and flooding can all occur without warning. The heat is also unforgiving. Triple digit temperatures are dangerous and can unexpectedly turn deadly in seconds. This **InFocus** is a guide to help you stay safe this season.

Community Spots to Cool Off

Goodyear Aquatic Center

420 Estrella Pkwy.

Hours thru July 30

Sunday - Thursday, noon - 5 p.m.

Friday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

4th of July, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Loma Linda Pool

430 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Hours thru July 30

Monday - Friday, noon - 4 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, noon - 5 p.m.

4th of July, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Splash Pad at Goodyear Community Park

3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

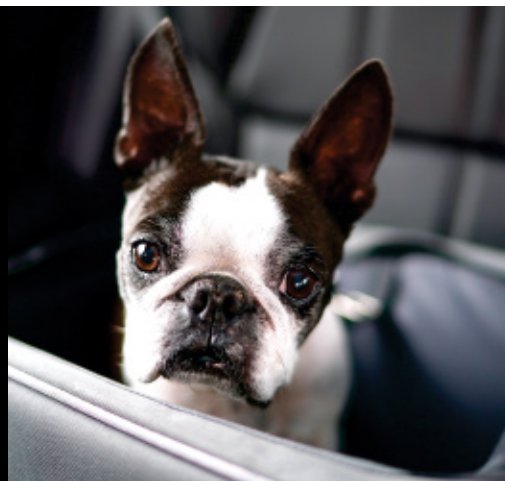
Splash Pad and pools may be closed occasionally due to weather, repairs or maintenance.



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS



Look Before You Lock.



From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

As the days get longer and the temperatures heat up, our attention usually turns to the start of our summer monsoon thunderstorms. Weather forecasters used to say the season was heralded by three consecutive days of the dew point being 55° F or higher. Now, we just consider June 15 the official start of the season.

Whatever way you look at it, we know our atmospheric conditions are about to get exciting, and if you are a newcomer to our desert, it will be important to be properly prepared.

In our part of the state, roughly half our yearly rainfall comes during the period from mid-June to mid-September, as winds from the south draw moisture from Mexico. Dust storms often precede the intense storms that produce strong winds, lightning, thunder and

torrential downpours that can cause flash flooding in our normally dry washes and riverbeds.

I once found myself in the middle of that kind of storm while out riding my motorcycle. I had to pull over to the side of the road to sit out the storm since I could not see even five feet in front of me. After the storm passed, it seemed as if it took forever to get the sand off me and my bike from all the blowing dust. It was like nothing I had ever experienced before and something I will never forget.

Now I make sure to check the forecast before planning outdoor activities, and I watch the skies for signs of storms that might be building. This issue of InFocus is designed to help you prepare for a number of weather-related events that we may see this summer—from soaring temperatures to raging storms—to ensure you stay safe this season.

A bonus this time of year is that after a good rainfall, creosote bushes release their aromatic scent, and there is nothing quite like the smell of the rain-soaked desert. So, once it's safe to explore outdoors following a storm, I hope you'll take the time to enjoy the fragrance that is unique to our desert.



Councilmember
Wally Campbell

Council Corner

The first time I meet someone who has moved here from another state, I always ask them if they are prepared for the summer heat. Whether you have been here for years, or this is your first summer in Goodyear – there is no escaping the reality that June

marks the beginning of a scorching summer. As Mayor Pizzillo mentioned in his message above, summer can also bring powerful storms. Monsoon thunderstorms can materialize rapidly with little time to prepare and can bring strong winds, imposing walls of dust, lightning strikes and torrential rainfall that can cause flash flooding. These storms can become dangerous very quickly and it is important for all of us to prepare.

Every season and every storm is different. We've had years where the monsoon was almost non-existent and other years with consecutive days of intense weather. When it comes to heat, it can be deceiving. A couple minutes

outside in triple digit temps might be bearable and then just a few minutes later it can be deadly. There are so many factors that can increase the dangers of the intense heat, like how hydrated you are, the activity you're doing outside, medications you're taking and overall health. It's important to take the harsh Valley summers seriously to stay safe.

Preparation is not just important for residents; the city also takes steps to adopt emergency response plans, and we train for severe weather so we can quickly mitigate damage to property and save lives. City departments work in close collaboration to respond rapidly to road closures, fallen trees and medical emergencies. During extreme events, the city can activate our emergency operations center to coordinate resources and critical information from a central location to keep our residents safe.

Like you, I love living here, even during the hottest months of the year or when confronted with a wall of dust during a monsoon. But the beauty of the Arizona desert also comes with severe weather, and we all have a role to play in staying safe and being prepared.

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Emergency Preparedness

Thinking of what you would do during a disaster might not be on the top of your mind, but it is top of mind for the city's emergency management team. They plan and train for the worst-case scenarios.

The Goodyear Emergency Operations Plan outlines how the city will respond during any hazardous situation like a weather-related emergency, a mass shooting or a terrorist attack. It includes details on emergency shelter locations, mass care services and search and rescue operations.

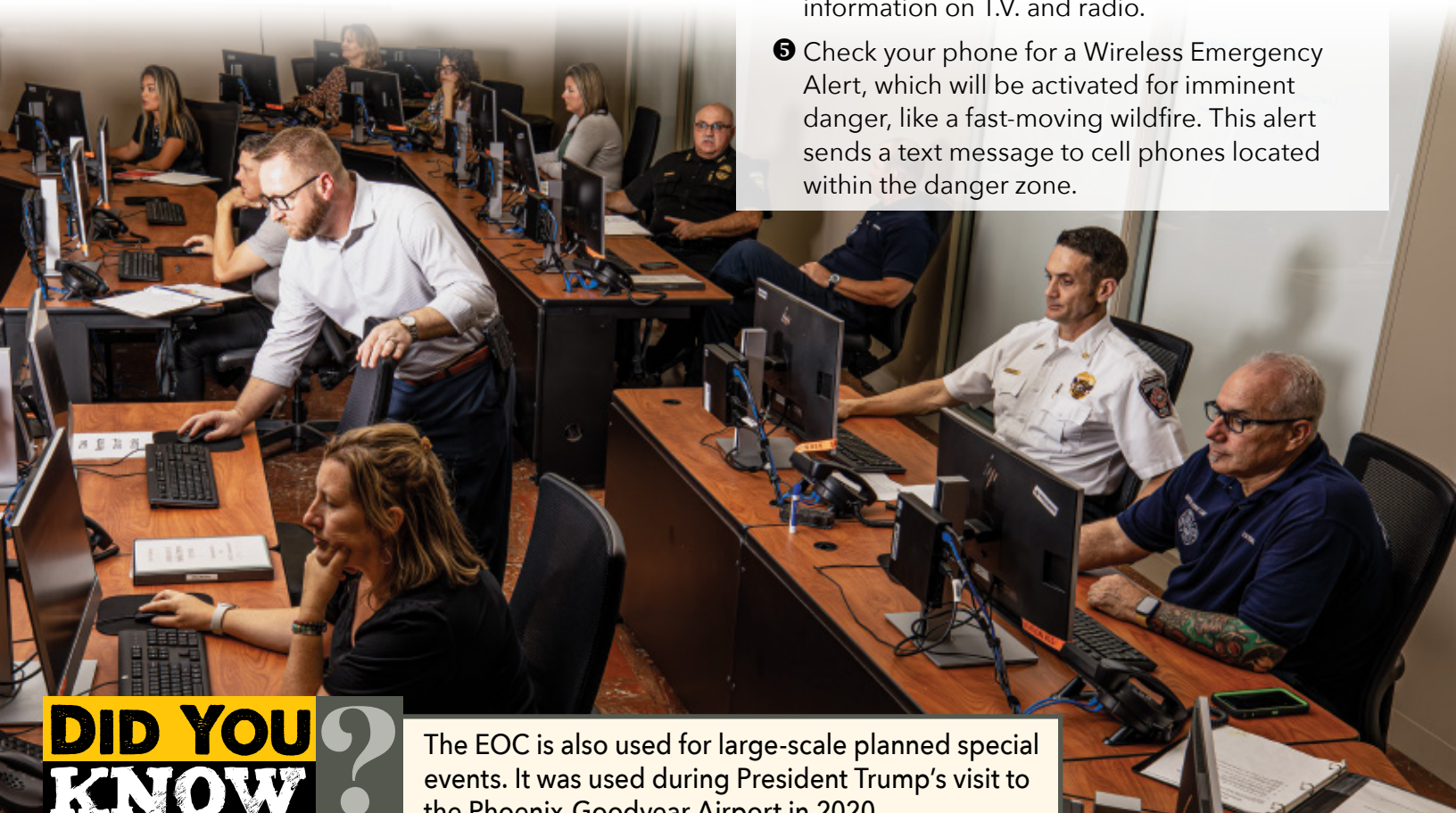
Inside the EOC

During large-scale emergencies, the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated to save lives, protect property and restore critical infrastructure and services. It's a room where key people, including representatives from every city department and partnering agencies, work together to coordinate resources and ensure help and support is deployed, as needed.

Communication is Key

The EOC has several things in place to ensure that no matter what, it won't lose power and timely communication will be sent to residents. How do you stay informed during an emergency?

- 1 Follow the city's social media pages.
- 2 Check the city's website.
- 3 Use a battery-powered radio for news and updates - this is especially important if phone towers aren't working.
- 4 Watch and listen for the Emergency Alert System, which may be triggered to broadcast information on T.V. and radio.
- 5 Check your phone for a Wireless Emergency Alert, which will be activated for imminent danger, like a fast-moving wildfire. This alert sends a text message to cell phones located within the danger zone.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The EOC is also used for large-scale planned special events. It was used during President Trump's visit to the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport in 2020.

AGENCY STRIKES

Prepare Today

What would you do during a disaster? Are you prepared? Every household should have an emergency plan and everyone in the home should know the plan. Planning includes building a stay-at-home kit and a go bag.

EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS

- ▶ Battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries
- ▶ Child and/or pet care supplies or other special care items
- ▶ Dust mask
- ▶ First-aid kit
- ▶ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ▶ Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach (for disinfecting water ONLY if directed to do so by health officials) and eyedropper (for adding bleach to water)
- ▶ Manual can opener
- ▶ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- ▶ One gallon of drinking water per person, per day
- ▶ Personal hygiene items
- ▶ Ready-to-eat canned foods and other non-perishable food sources
- ▶ Tools including a utility shutoff tool
- ▶ Whistle, to signal for help

For more info on creating an emergency kit and family emergency plan, visit ready.gov.

Include These Extra Items in Your Go Bag

- ▶ At least \$50 - \$100 in cash
- ▶ Copies of important documents in a waterproof container
- ▶ Extra clothes
- ▶ At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ▶ Local maps
- ▶ Medications
- ▶ A flash drive/thumb drive/portable hard drive with digital copies of important photos



Important Telephone Numbers Cut out this section and keep these important numbers close!

ANY EMERGENCY

9-1-1

Police Department Non-Emergency Line	623-932-1220
Fire Department Non-Emergency Line	623-932-2300
Maricopa County Animal Care & Control	602-506-7387
Streets or Roadway Issues (debris in the road)	623-932-3005, Option 2
American Red Cross	800-733-2767

SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE

9-8-8

Southwest Gas	877-860-6020
Power Outages	APS 602-731-3680 SRP 602-236-8888
Water Emergencies	
Goodyear Water Customer	623-932-3010, Option 3
Liberty Water	623-935-3395
Roosevelt Irrigation District	623-386-4360

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Monsoon Preparedness

In Arizona, the season officially runs from June 15 to Sept. 30 and has the potential to produce dangerous dust storms and flash flooding.

Know the Terminology

Watches mean widespread severe weather is possible.

Warnings mean that life-threatening weather is about to occur or has been reported. Take action immediately.

Flood Advisories mean heavy rains will cause minor flooding of washes, streams and typical flood-prone areas. If the flooding does become life threatening, then the flood advisory is upgraded to a Flash Flood Warning.

Flash Flood Warnings mean move immediately to higher ground if you are in a flood prone area.

Flood Barriers

In advance of heavy rainfall, sand and sandbags are available 24/7 at the following locations.

Thomas Park

Thomas Road & 144th Avenue (east parking lot)

Roscoe Dog Park

15600 W. Roeser Road

Goodyear Fire Station 182

10701 S. Estrella Parkway



Don't forget to bring a shovel!

DRIVING TIPS

If you find yourself on the road when a monsoon hits, you may experience very low visibility due to heavy rain or blowing dust. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) advises drivers to pull over, turn off your lights, including emergency flashers, and take your foot off the brake. This prevents other drivers from following your lights and potentially crashing into your vehicle. Keep your seatbelt on and wait for the storm to pass.



SAFETY FIRST

It can be hard to resist capturing a storm in action, but remember a photo is not worth your life.



Emergency Car Kit



Have a kit in your car that allows you to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. Include food, water, cash, flashlight, batteries and first aid supplies. View the list of emergency kit items on page 5.

ORM HITS

Stay Indoors

With the potential for strong winds, heavy rain, hail, flash flooding, thunder and reduced visibility, it is best to stay inside and wait for the storm to pass. Keep your distance from windows, which can be struck by blowing debris and even trees. Be sure to secure loose items in your yard before the storm, such as patio seat cushions or lightweight patio furniture, to prevent them from blowing away.

FLASH FLOODING

Avoid rivers, washes and flooded roads during a monsoon. They can fill with water quickly, and it can be difficult to determine how deep a flooded street is. Moving water as low as one foot has the ability to carry a car.

Pay attention to signs that warn of flooded areas. Anyone who drives a vehicle on a street or highway that is closed due to flooding is liable for the costs of the emergency response to rescue them under Arizona's Stupid Motorist Law.



Storm Cleanup

If your yard is damaged during a storm, branches and debris can be put in your trash container or on the curb on your bulk trash pickup day. For bulk pickup, branches must be shorter than four feet or you'll need to hire a tree removal service. To check your bulk trash service day, visit [goodyearaz.gov/trash](https://www.goodyearaz.gov/trash).

Keep in mind, property owners are responsible for cleaning debris on the sidewalks and alleyways adjacent to their property.



Downed Powerlines

High winds and lightning strikes can cause powerlines to break, occasionally falling in the roadway. Always assume a powerline is charged and never touch or drive over it. If a powerline comes into contact with your vehicle, remain inside the vehicle until help arrives.



In August 2018, a powerful monsoon damaged homes and took down huge powerlines and trees in Goodyear. Along with strong winds, monsoon storms often dump heavy rain, even hail, causing flash flooding.

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It's a Dry Heat, but It's Still **HOT**

The average high in the Valley during the summer is **107 degrees**. The heat can cause severe illness, especially for those sensitive to the high temperatures. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are illnesses caused by exposure to extreme heat. If left untreated, they can progress into heatstroke, which can be life-threatening.

Avoiding Summer's Heat

Heat related illness and deaths are preventable. Be sure to stay safe during extreme heat!

- ▶ Exercise outside in the early morning or evening hours.
- ▶ Drink more water than usual while avoiding sugar, alcohol and caffeine.
- ▶ Wear a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 15 and re-apply often.
- ▶ Wear a hat, lightweight clothing and sunglasses.
- ▶ Some medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, may increase the risk of heat-related illness. Check with your doctor if you have questions.
- ▶ Never leave children or pets in the car.

Hiking in the Summer

- ▶ Watch the Weather: On days over 100 degrees or if an Excessive Heat Warning has been issued, reconsider your hiking plans.
- ▶ Hike in the early morning and evenings when there's more shade.
- ▶ Use maps, know where you are going and what kind of terrain you are hiking on.
- ▶ Bring plenty of water and when your water is half gone, turn around and return to the trailhead.
- ▶ Carry a cell phone.
- ▶ Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for hiking.
- ▶ Don't hike alone.
- ▶ Leave pets at home when it's hot.

**DID YOU
KNOW**



An Excessive Heat Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when there is a high or very high heat risk. Last summer, the Valley of the Sun had 22 days of 110 degree temperatures or hotter!



EMPS RISE

Protect Your Pets from the Heat

Keep pets indoors.

Limit outdoor walks to early morning or evening.

Avoid long walks, hikes and excessive play.

Provide pets with extra, cool water.

Consider dog booties for hot pavement.

Play in the sprinklers or kiddie pool.

Never chain your pet.

Four Paws Alert

Don't forget, leaving an animal in a hot vehicle is against the law! Did you know that dogs can experience heat stroke? It is important to know if your dog is predisposed to heat stroke, which is true of breeds with short snouts such as bulldogs and pugs.

Learn the ABC's of water

A Adult Supervision

Supervise children and adults around all water. The caregiver should be sober and know how to swim.

B Barriers

Block children from unexpectedly getting into water. Make sure drain covers meet standards.

C Coast-guard Approved Vests and Classes

Take classes to learn how to swim and be able to perform mouth-to-mouth CPR. Wear a life vest while learning to swim.

Together, we CAN prevent drownings.



For more information, visit
preventdrowning.org

DROWNING PREVENTION
COALITION OF ARIZONA

Aerate your lawn. Lawns benefit from a periodic 'opening up' of the soil to allow nutrients, air and water to soak in better.

Water deeply about twice a week 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. Also, take advantage of the free water from rain!

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.

2022
WATER QUALITY REPORT

CITY OF GOODYEAR
WATER

City of Goodyear, Arizona - 2022 Water Quality Report

2022 Water Quality Data

City of Houston 2022 Data

City of Houston 2022 Data	type	unit	status
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Did You Know? Water in Goodyear is tested throughout the year to ensure it meets all state and federal standards. The city is proud to continue to deliver water that exceeds those standards.

View the latest Water Quality Report at
goodyearaz.gov/waterreport.

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Take a journey through Goodyear's history and see firsthand how the city has grown from a small, quiet bedroom community to one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S.

goodyearaz.gov/history

Do you have old Goodyear photos or a historical story to share? We want to hear from you! Email us at communications@goodyearaz.gov.



Keep Prescription Drugs Out of the Trash

Never throw away or flush prescriptions.

Drop off unwanted prescription drugs at any of the Goodyear locations shown below.

Goodyear Administrative Office

*This location is closing on June 30
14455 W. Van Buren Street
Suite E-101

Goodyear Police Operations Building

11 N. 145th Avenue
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Goodyear Public Safety South Station

*This location is opening on July 3
10701 Estrella Parkway
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GROWING GOODYEAR PODCAST

LISTEN TO THE LATEST PODCAST TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HOT IN THE WEST VALLEY FROM JOBS AND HOUSING TO RESTAURANTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Check it out on these platforms



JUNETEENTH

Monday, June 19

There **will be** trash and recycling pickup.
Containers to the curb by 6 a.m.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4

No trash and recycling pickup. Collection will move to the following day.

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



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

June 5	5 p.m.	Work Session
June 12	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
June 26	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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**JUNE
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DAY**

**June 19
6-9 p.m.**

GOODYEAR RECREATION CAMPUS



**July 4
6-10 p.m.**

GOODYEAR BALLPARK

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