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**SAFEGUARDING
OUR STREETS**



FALL RECREATION CATALOG INSIDE!

AT A GLANCE Did you know Goodyear is the ninth fastest growing city in the nation? With all this growth, there are more cars on our streets than ever before. The city is committed to making sure you get home safely each day and that your commute is as efficient and easy as possible. In this issue of *InFocus*, we'll take a closer look at what the city is doing to safeguard our streets and how you can help, too.



Have you heard? There will be a special bond election in November.

Money received from bonds are utilized to fund key traffic improvement, public safety and parks projects.



Important Dates

Oct. 10

Voter registration deadline

Oct. 11

Ballots mailed to voters and drop boxes available

Oct. 31

Last day to mail ballots

Nov. 7

All ballots must be received by 7 p.m.

Learn more about the special bond election at goodyearaz.gov/bondelection.



WHAT RESIDENTS SAY ABOUT LIVING IN **GOODYEAR**

This past spring, residents provided their feedback in a community-wide survey conducted by the National Research Center at Polco. It included a range of questions about city programs and services. In Goodyear, the results play a significant role in the city's future. They are used to determine areas to focus on and invest in, as well as the areas for opportunity and improvement.

Nearly 9 out of 10 recommend living here

93% say they feel safe in their neighborhood

85% say its a good or excellent place to live

82% rate the economic health of the city as good or excellent

74% feel its a great place to work

Where Residents Say Goodyear Can Improve

- Air quality
- Paths and walking trails
- Public transit
- Traffic flow
- Water resources
- Well-planned growth

Learn more about the survey and results at goodyearaz.gov/communitysurvey.

From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

Transportation is a significant aspect of our lives – it connects us to family, employment, education, healthcare and entertainment. We have all experienced how frustrating it can be to be stuck in heavy congestion on the roads, especially when we have commitments that demand a prompt arrival.

The ability of our residents to get from one place to another, safely and efficiently, is important to your quality of life and it is one of my top priorities as mayor.

In this year's budget, we approved \$224 million (without increasing the tax rate) in the five-year Capital Improvement Program for transportation, including the following significant projects:

- ◆ Estrella Parkway widening from Vineyard Avenue to MC85, including a new bridge across the river (design in FY24, construction in FY25)
- ◆ Camelback Road widening and improvements from SR303 to 152nd Avenue

- ◆ Sarival Avenue widening and improvements from Yuma Road to Elwood Street (design in FY24, construction in FY25)
- ◆ Cotton Lane and Yuma Road Capacity Improvements (construction in FY24)
- ◆ Estrella Parkway/PebbleCreek Parkway and I-10 Interchange widening (design in FY24, construction in FY25)
- ◆ 11 new traffic signals in the next three years

We are also making key investments in intelligent transportation systems, so we can program, monitor and adjust traffic signals in real-time in order to maximize traffic flow and respond to emergencies or other traffic problems. This will help reduce congestion and save time for our residents when unexpected or acute issues arise. Finally, the city council has adopted a policy to limit incomplete or scalloped streets created by new development, and we have implemented cost recovery requirements for private developers, so we have greater financial flexibility to pursue street improvements for locations that have great urgency for our residents.

We know transportation is an important issue, and I will remain steadfast in my commitment to developing robust infrastructure so we keep the city of Goodyear moving forward into the future.



Councilmember
Vicki Gillis

Council Corner

Keeping our roads safe and traffic flowing is key to keeping our city safe. Congested roads can delay police and fire emergency vehicles from reaching people in need; and reckless or aggressive drivers can cause accidents that put us all at risk. As you will read in this month's **InFocus**, the

council recognizes the importance of safe roads, and we have adopted a comprehensive transportation strategy that includes careful planning, key infrastructure investments and enhanced traffic enforcement. By reducing congestion and improving traffic flow, emergency response times can be improved, the risk of accidents can be minimized, and overall public safety can be enhanced.

The city has also heard your concerns about speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors on our streets. The Goodyear Police Department is dedicating additional resources to address these issues, and concentrated enforcement

operations are scheduled throughout the city. You can report reckless driving behavior by calling 911. Officers will attempt to locate the dangerous drivers, and this information can help identify specific areas for selective enforcement in the future.

I believe the key to any successful endeavor is a good plan. This is especially true for developing a safe and efficient transportation system. The city is currently updating the Transportation Master Plan, and we want to hear from residents about your concerns and priorities. This plan will help guide future transportation investments as our community continues to change and grow. This careful planning also ensures that we are building a system that prioritizes safety and reduces the risk of accidents. Your voice is important in this process, and you can get the latest information on it by visiting goodyearaz.gov/TMP.

I am excited about all the growth and development in the city, but the safety of our community as well as our officers comes first. We are committed to building an efficient transportation system that keeps our residents safe and the traffic moving.

PATROLLING OUR STREETS

Every day, the Goodyear Police Department is working to safeguard our streets. This includes being proactive in looking for drivers exhibiting one of the most dangerous driving habits, speeding.

"One of the main causes of collisions in Goodyear is speed related," said Goodyear Traffic Officer Buddy Dudko. "It is not uncommon to have drivers going 60 to 75 miles per hour in a posted 45 miles per hour zone."

For officers like Dudko, there are some key signs they look for to identify drivers going too fast and being unsafe. This includes looking for vehicles that are changing lanes, passing traffic and trying to get to the front of the pack. It's these types of speed related behaviors that officers say are the most likely to cause a crash.

While drivers offer all sorts of excuses for speeding, Officer Dudko says by far the most common excuse is that the driver was running late.

"No matter the reason, there is no good excuse for speeding," said Officer Dudko. "Not only could it result in you receiving a ticket, and the fines that come with it, but it also could cost someone their life."

Preventing those serious and fatal crashes is a strong motivation for the members of the Goodyear Police Department as they patrol the city's streets.

"I hope that I can make a difference in someone's life by stopping or slowing someone down," said Officer Dudko. "Hopefully, I can help prevent that serious or fatal collision."

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When someone causes a fatal crash, it doesn't affect just that one person. Their family is affected by it as well as the other family that lost someone. It affects everyone.

Officer Buddy Dudko

Police Officer Buddy Dudko has been with the Goodyear Police Department for 29 years. When he sees someone speeding, he uses the radar gun on his dash to confirm how fast the driver is going.

BUSTING THE MOST COMMON MYTHS ABOUT TRAFFIC TICKETS

The most common traffic ticket in Goodyear and across the U.S. is for speeding.

Here are the top five reasons driver's speed

MYTH You are more likely to get a speeding ticket at the end of the month.

Think police officers are eager to make their quota at the end of the month? The truth is that most police departments, including the Goodyear Police Department, don't have a traffic ticket quota.

MYTH If you drive with the flow of traffic, above the speed limit, you won't get a ticket.

It doesn't matter how slow or fast the cars around you are going. If you're driving over the speed limit, you can get a ticket.

MYTH Red cars get pulled over more.

There is no correlation between vehicle color and traffic stops. Officers are trained to stop drivers not following traffic laws.

#1

In a rush

#2

Unaware of the speed limit

#3

Under the influence

#4

Road rage

#5

The thrill

 **SEE SOMEONE
DRIVING RECKLESSLY**

 **CALL 911**

Flashing lights in your rearview mirror?

Getting pulled over is never fun, but you can make the process quicker. Once you safely pull to the right side of the road, keep these helpful tips in mind:

- Stay in your vehicle unless asked by the officer to get out.
- Turn off your radio or other audio that may make it hard to hear the officer.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel.
- Be prepared to get your driver's license and vehicle registration when asked.



The city's traffic engineers monitor traffic flow in Goodyear from the traffic management center. They can make adjustments as needed to help traffic move as smoothly as possible.

Designing and Maintaining Safe Streets

In Goodyear, the safety of streets and those who use them is a top priority. Dedicated experts work tirelessly to implement various measures that promote the safety of drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike. Many factors go in to maintaining street quality and safety, including signage, striping, pavement quality, streetlights, roadway design, road access and pedestrian crossings.

Traffic signals play a crucial role in managing the flow of vehicles and enhancing safety on city streets. Traffic engineers carefully analyze traffic patterns and adjust signal timings accordingly to optimize traffic flow and reduce congestion. In the Traffic Management Center, these experts have a comprehensive view of all signaled intersections in the city to keep an eye on traffic flow.

"The timing of yellow light to red light plays a lot into safety," said City Traffic Engineer Hugh Bigalk. "It takes into account the distance across the intersection and the posted speed limit."

By synchronizing signals along major thoroughfares, engineers can minimize stop-and-go traffic and reduce the likelihood of accidents caused by abrupt stops or starts.

The process of determining speed limits involves a comprehensive analysis that considers several factors including road design, traffic volume, accident history and adjacent land use. Speed limits in the Valley are often in-line with surrounding cities for consistency.

Street design is a crucial element in creating safe and efficient transportation routes. Urban planners, engineers and transportation experts collaborate to design streets that prioritize the safety of all road users.

"We have city standards that identify where the bike lane is and how big it is, how wide the lanes are on the road, where those access points can be and what type of access is at those points," said Deputy Director of Engineering Chris Bridges. "You also need to think about where landscaping is going and how the driver feels as they're going down the road. If there's nothing around and the road is wide open, it can cause people to feel like they can go faster than they should. You can put things in a roadway design that can calm the traffic."

“ The city strives to enhance the safety and well-being of all road users. With the ever-increasing number of vehicles on the roads, it becomes crucial to implement effective measures to mitigate traffic congestion, reduce accidents and enhance overall transportation efficiency. ”

Deputy Director of Engineering
Chris Bridges

BUSTING THE MOST COMMON MYTHS ABOUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS



MYTH Leading left turn arrows are more dangerous than lagging ones.

In Goodyear, drivers turning left get a green turn arrow before the main traffic light turns green. This is safe, because vehicles turning left can now proceed through the intersection first and not block through traffic. It also gives the city more flexibility to move traffic better, especially during peak traffic hours or when vehicles detour off I-10 due to an accident or construction.

MYTH Cameras at intersections can see inside your vehicle.

Cameras on traffic lights poles are used to monitor traffic flow and cannot be zoomed in to view inside of a car.

MYTH Driving above the speed limit will increase the chances of catching a green light.

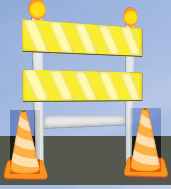
Streetlights are coordinated, and by driving the speed limit, you increase your chances of hitting more green lights!

**Need to report
a broken streetlight?**

Report it on the Goodyear App
or online at
[goodyearaz.gov/reportproblem.](https://goodyearaz.gov/reportproblem)

**DID YOU
KNOW** ?

The Goodyear Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is being updated. It outlines projects and programs for the next 20 years, with an emphasis on providing safe and efficient transportation in the city. The city also tracks traffic counts and patterns to better understand where traffic growth is occurring and to plan for new transportation needs. Get more information on the TMP and how you can provide input at goodyearaz.gov/TMP.



SHARING THE STREET



Road construction can be inconvenient, but it's incredibly important to pay attention and follow the rules in a construction zone. Each year, construction and road workers are injured and even killed by motorists in construction zones. According to the latest reports from the National Work

Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse, there were 21 fatal crashes in Arizona work zones in 2021.

Fines may be doubled when workers are present in construction zones.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

FOLLOW TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD CREW FLAGGERS

BE PATIENT

STAY ALERT.



**AVOID DRIVING
DISTRACTED!**

Being safe on the road starts with being an alert driver. Remember, it is illegal to use an electronic device that is not in hands-free mode while driving. It's a primary offense, meaning that officers can pull you over for using a handheld device while driving. If that text message

or call can't wait, find a safe location to pull off the road before responding. Distracted driving isn't only the phone. Avoid other activities that prevent you from focusing on the road and anything that forces your hands off the steering wheel or can slow your response.

2023 TRAFFIC STOPS BY THE NUMBERS

9,801

TRAFFIC STOPS



872

EXCESSIVE SPEED CITATIONS
more than 20 mph over the speed limit



281

DUI ARRESTS



eyes on the road

**DON'T DRIVE
DUMB**

hands on the wheel

Data from Goodyear Police Department from Jan. 1 - July 20, 2023.



Sergeant Matt Pitcher
Goodyear Police Department

What do you do for the police department?
I'm a supervisor in the traffic unit.

How does it feel to know you're keeping the streets safe?

When you see someone lose a loved one in a crash, it really touches you and leaves an impact. So, whatever I can do to try to stop that, I would like to.

What is the most memorable traffic stop you've had?

I stopped a car for running a stop sign one night. The driver showed signs of impairment, but due to my training I knew something wasn't adding up. I requested the fire department, and we discovered the driver was actively having a stroke. It's likely the traffic stop saved her life.

Traveling Without a Car

Have you seen the WeRIDE vehicles on the road? **WeRIDE** is the city's newest pilot rideshare service that pairs multiple passengers heading in the same direction in a single vehicle. Get more information and book a ride at werideaz.com.

Electric scooters are another way to make short trips around the city. Bird scooters can be rented by the minute by anyone 18-years-old and older with a valid license or permit. Learn more about riding one, including the rules, where to park and how to report concerns, at goodyearaz.gov/escooters.

There are also several bus routes that will take you to Downtown Phoenix, to the Phoenix Zoo and beyond! The city also offers Dial-A-Ride in a limited area and RideChoice citywide for ADA certified passengers. All of these services are operated by Valley Metro and information is available at valleymetro.org.



DID YOU KNOW?



A lot goes in to maintaining medians in Goodyear. The city's right-of-way team is responsible for planting and cutting trees in some of the medians, like ones on major roadways in Goodyear. Other medians, like those in neighborhoods are kept up by developers or HOAs.

Festivals & Events



Save the dates, event season is here!

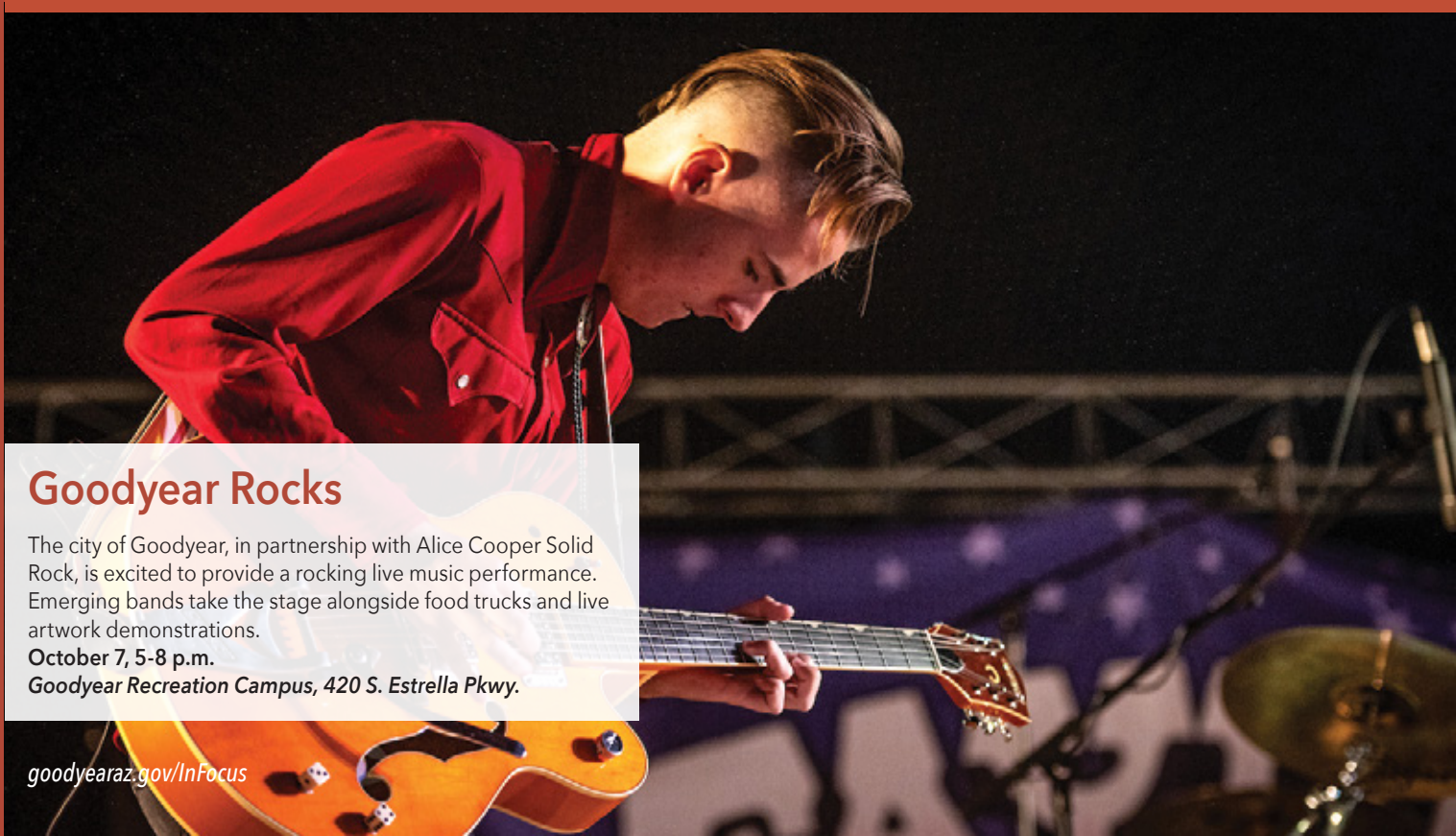


Ballet Under the Stars

Join us for an evening of ballet performances at the Estrella Lakeside Amphitheater presented by Ballet Arizona. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy food trucks, crafts and giveaways.

September 29, 5-9 p.m.

Estrella Amphitheater, 10300 S. Estrella Pkwy.



Goodyear Rocks

The city of Goodyear, in partnership with Alice Cooper Solid Rock, is excited to provide a rocking live music performance. Emerging bands take the stage alongside food trucks and live artwork demonstrations.

October 7, 5-8 p.m.

Goodyear Recreation Campus, 420 S. Estrella Pkwy.



Movie in the Park

We are excited to present Movie in the Park this fall at the Goodyear Recreation Campus! Bring a cozy blanket, lawn chairs, delicious snacks and your friends and family to enjoy a relaxing night.

October 21, 6-9 p.m.

Goodyear Recreation Campus, 420 S. Estrella Pkwy.

Fall Festival

Have a Haunting Good Time at Fall Festival. Celebrate with a family-friendly harvest or ghostly scares for those who dare and trick-or-treat on the field at Goodyear Ballpark! Don't forget to come dressed to impress to take home the trophy for best overall costume, best youth costume, best adult costume, best group or family costume and most creative costume.

October 28, 5-8 p.m.

Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way

Veterans Day Festival

Gather with your community to reflect and honor our local heroes: the military servicemen and women of the West Valley. Enjoy a concert, patriotic murals, giveaways, kids activities and food trucks.

November 11, 5-8 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square

Pop Up Holiday Market

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.

November 18, 5-9 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square

Holidays on the Square

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 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 December 1.

December 1, 8, 15 from 5-8 p.m.

Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square





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 18-54	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

Which pass type is right for you?

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 utilizing 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 Aquatic 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 or Renew Active, you may be eligible for an insurance based membership.

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

Recreation Center Hours

Monday through Friday from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Park Hours

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

Aquatics Programs

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are offered to participants of all ages and abilities.

Fall weekend sessions are available August 5-27 and September 2-24. Visit goodyearaz.gov/aquatics for the full schedule of offerings.

Cost: \$30 (\$35 NR)

CardioWave

CardioWave combines the immense benefits of aquatic-based stability training with the emphasis of building functional strength through high-intensity interval training. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Cost: \$70 for eight classes or \$9 drop-in

Water Aerobics

This class is a one-hour aerobic workout in the water. This low-impact exercise class will help improve flexibility, mobility and strength. Classes will take place in shallow water and occasionally in deep water (water belts provided). Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Cost: \$60 for eight classes or \$8 drop-in

Aquatics Rentals

Pool Rentals

Goodyear Aquatics Center private rentals are available advance.

Pool cabanas can be reserved during open swim hours for a maximum of 25 people. Cabana rentals include a reserved area with shaded picnic tables. Admission into the facility is not included. Reservations must be made at least three days in advance.

Rental information and pricing can be found at goodyearaz.gov/rentals.



Aquatics Center Hours

Open Swim

July 31 - Sept. 3

Mon.-Fri. 5-7 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Labor Day Hours

Mon., Sept. 5, 12-5 p.m.

Sept. 4 - Oct. 30

Sat.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Lap Swim Hours

July 31 - Sept. 3

Mon.-Fri. 6-8 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Sept. 5 - Oct. 29

Mon.-Fri. 6-8 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Group Fitness

HIIT

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

Total Body Bootcamp

A fun and effective combination of strength training and HIIT to elevate your workout experience.

X-Treme Hip-Hop Step

Set to old and new school Hip-Hop, this re-vamp of traditional step aerobics, Xtreme 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.

Zumba Toning

Lightweight maraca-like Toning Sticks enhance the sense of rhythm and coordination while toning target zones, including arms, core and lower body.



Fitness at the GRC

At the Goodyear Recreation Center, we want to meet you where you are on your fitness journey. All of our group fitness classes can accommodate all fitness levels. Instructors provide modifications and encourage you to listen to what your body needs that day.

The fitness floor offers a variety of opportunities for all abilities. New fitness enthusiasts can explore low-impact pieces and easy-to-learn equipment. More experienced or seasoned athletes can utilize free weights and specialized machines you won't find in your typical recreation center.

Our goal is to provide a first-class fitness experience for all users and to create a community benefit for all of Goodyear through social support, interpersonal relationships, fitness and fun.

Download the GRC Group
Fitness schedule at
grc.goodyearaz.gov.



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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.

SilverSneakers Splash

A fun, shallow-water exercise class that uses a signature splash board to increase movement and intensity options. Splash is suitable for all skill levels and is safe for non-swimmers.



**30*30**

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

Barre

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

Balance and Stability

Balance is a high priority in our bodies. This class will focus on stability, sensory awareness, reflexes, concentration and increased strength, allowing us to feel more confident in daily activities.

Body Pump

Body Pump 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.

Cycle

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

HIGH Fitness

HIGH Fitness is a modern twist on aerobics for non-stop cardio and toning experience that will take your fitness to the next level.

HIGH YO Fitness

A music-driven, light-hearted cardio meets stretching class that incorporates strength, and balance to improve overall health.

Pilates Interval Training

Pilates Interval Training combines pilates moves with low impact cardio and barre-inspired moves.

Restorative Yoga

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

Ride Your Rhythm

Ride Your Rhythm is a high intensity spin class that focuses on riding to the beat of the music with upper body movements that feel like a dance party on the bike while giving you a full body workout.

RPM

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

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.

Programs

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

Adaptive

Adaptive Social Club

This social club is designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities age 13 and older who can function independently in a group setting with the supervision of staff. Activities include group activities, board games, karaoke, ping pong, gym time and more! August 30, September 27, October 25, November 8 from 3-6 p.m.

Cost: \$5 (\$7 NR)

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. Techniques are easy to learn and retain and are very effective. Classes are taught by highly qualified instructors certified in use of force, firearms, defensive tactics, defensive aerosol pepper spray and more.

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.

Tournament Nights

Join other local gamers for a night of friendly competition at the GRC's Tournament Nights. Compete in different games for your chance to win major prizes and bragging rights. From Fortnite to Madden, every gamer will have a chance to prove themselves a champion!

Virtual Reality All Access

Ready to experience a new type of gaming? Join us every week for a chance to play an array of VR games on our Advanced VR Gaming Consoles. Grab some friends for a round of *A Township Tale* or try to beat our top scores in *Beat Saber*. Must be a GRC passholder or purchase a day pass to participate.

STEM Saturdays

Now available in the GRC teen center. Our STEM table is fully equipped with fun STEM activities. Build a Lego Minecraft set, create your own operating circuit board or construct a model with our 3D printing pens!



Pickleball

Youth Beginner Class

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

Adult Beginner Class

These classes are for anyone with little or no experience in playing pickleball. Basic foundational and fundamental skills will be introduced and practiced.

Adult Intermediate Class

These classes are designed for those who have either completed Adult Beginning Pickleball class or are experienced players. We will be focusing on improving your existing skills, court movement, court positioning, consistency, ball placement, serves, forehand and backhand volleys, overheads and strategies.

Pets

Dog Obedience

Novice

Students will learn basic obedience behaviors such as loose leash walking, sit, down, come, stay, off and leave it. Students will learn games to increase dog/owner bond and to increase dog's confidence. Dog should be a minimum of four months of age.

Intermediate

Students will strengthen Novice Obedience behaviors while adding distance, time and distractions. Dogs should be a minimum of five months of age.

Advanced

Students will work on time, distance, distractions and maneuvering skills while in close proximity to other dogs and handlers. Students will practice real-life scenarios to help dogs understand good canine citizenship in public places.

Novice Trick Dog

Dog and handler team will learn to perform various tricks. Dogs must be a minimum of four months of age.

Novice Rally

Dog and handler team will learn to perform various tricks. Dogs must be a minimum of four months of age.

Youth Programs

Fall Exploration Break Camp (6-12 years)

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. Sack lunches are required.

October 9-13 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Cost: \$20 (\$25/per day NR)**

Lil Artists (3-5 yrs)

Bring your children aged 3 through 5 to a world of creativity, crafts and art! In this child enrichment class, our Lil Artists will make, paint, draw and create new projects every class. Each week will focus on a new way to create art as well as a theme! All children must be potty trained.

Lil Athletes (3-5 yrs)

Come attend our sports-tastic enrichment program designed for children aged 3 through 5! Our Lil Athletes will be able to learn a new sport each week, learn how to stretch and get active. All children must be potty trained and wear close toed shoes.

My Play Date

Join your friends for a morning of fun activities! This program is designed for children ages 1 through 3 and their caregiver. Each week has a new theme to explore through songs, books, games, crafts and free play. Please bring a toy or two to share for free play time.

Recreational Dance

We offer Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop, Tumbling and more for toddlers through teens. Our recreational classes are a great place to start learning the basics of dance and performing, with opportunities to grow toward competition based-classes.

Soccer Skills with B.E.S.T.

We teach core skills formatted in a fun, safe non-league environment where your child learns coordination, listening skills, motor-skills, balance, teamwork and more. Dribbling and ball control will be taught throughout weekly classes. Scrimmaging is also encouraged to reinforce the skills learned in class.

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

We will teach your player how to kick and control a soccer ball, how to hit, catch, throw and run the bases, shoot, pass and dribble a basketball. Our goal and focus are to maintain an energetic and highly active program that will teach, encourage and advance your young players regardless of their skill level.

Early Education

Preschool Programs are designed to help children develop a range of skills needed to prepare them for the classroom.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Program (3-5 yrs)

This program will focus on all areas of development including cognitive, emotional, social, creative and physical learning. Participants must be completely potty trained.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

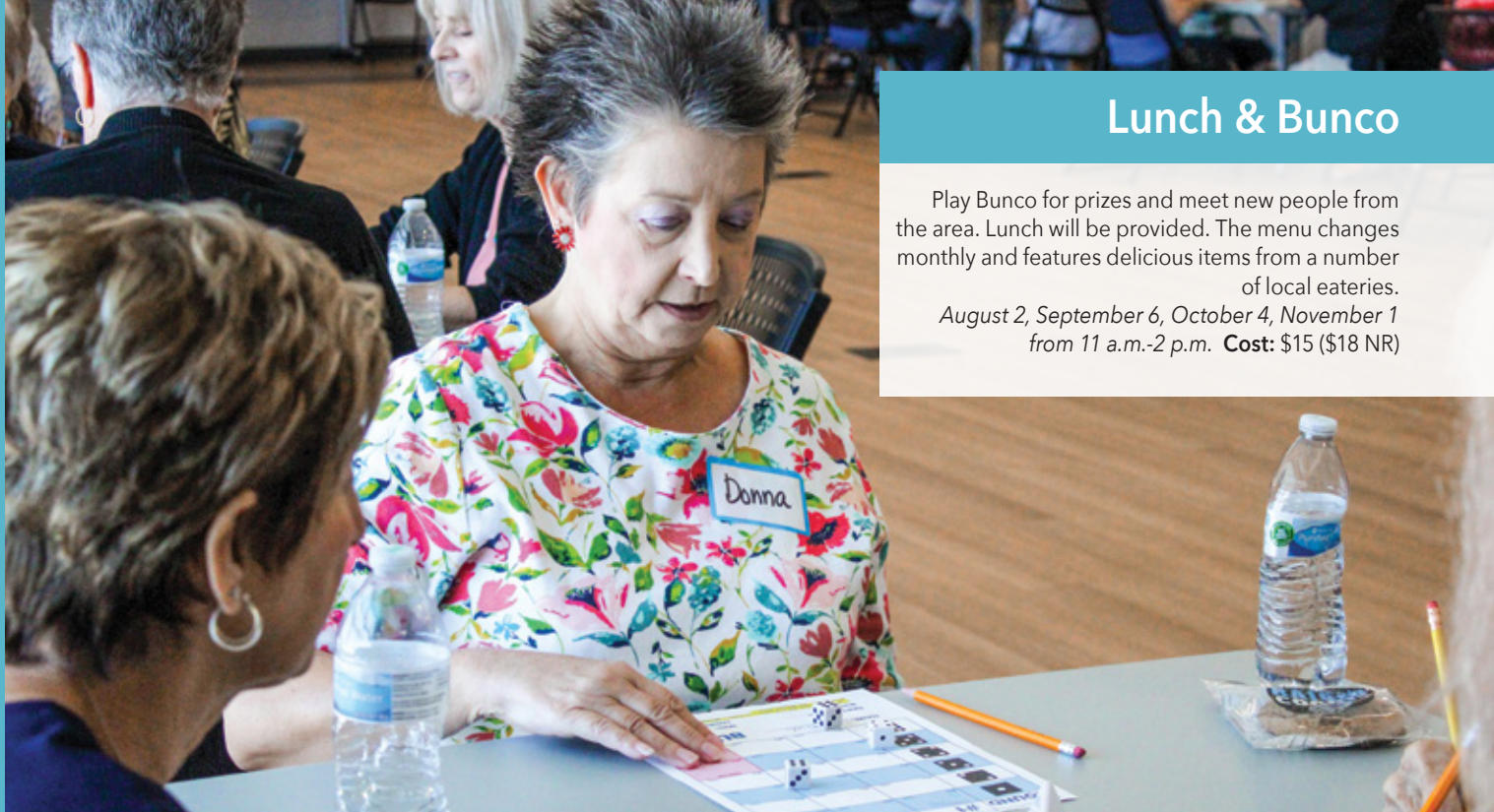
Kindergarten Readiness Program (4-6 yrs)

This class focuses on preparing children for their elementary years by learning the skills necessary for entering kindergarten while improving communication, problem solving and socialization skills.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Learn more about session dates or register for Preschool Programs in-person at the GRC or online at recreation.goodyearaz.gov.





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.

August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1
from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Cost:** \$15 (\$18 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 24, September 21, October 26, November 16 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, ping pong or use the iWall. Light snacks and water will be provided.

August 16, August 22, August 29, September 13, September 20,
September 26, October 11, October 18, October 24, October 31,
November 8, November 15, November 28 from
10 a.m.-12:30 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 18, September 1, September 15, September 29, October 13,
October 27, November 10
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 (\$4 NR)

Make & Take Crafts

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

August 21, September 14, September 25, October 12, October 30,
November 9; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$10 (\$12 NR)

Senior Seminars

Dementia Moments

Dementia Moments is an experience that presses participants to perform everyday tasks as if they were living with cognitive impairment during an 8-minute simulation. It will be followed by a review of common types of dementia and how progressive brain changes impact thinking, functioning and behaviors.

August 15 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Genealogy for Beginners

This course is for a student preparing to learn about their family's ancestry. Some topics will include how to organize and preserve documents, using online databases as well as offline resources and establishing a methodology to research.

August 28 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** \$5 (\$7 NR)

Basics of Diabetes Prevention

This seminar will present information about diabetes prevention regarding nutrition, movement and stress reduction.

September 18 from 10-11 a.m. **Cost:** Free

Walking Club

Walking will take place on the walking track at the Goodyear Recreation Center and outside at the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Participants meet inside the recreation center lobby and will have the opportunity to win a prize at the end of each session.

September 6-29, October 4-27, November 1-17

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 a.m. **Cost:** \$10 (\$12 NR)

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



Mother Son Dance

Mothers and sons are invited to take part in a night to remember. Themed, "I love you to the moon and back," this year's event is organized for boys of all ages and their mother or mother figure. This event includes a DJ, dancing, contests, raffles, food and beverages. Friday, September 23 from 6-9 p.m. **Cost:** \$25, \$30 NR

Arts & Culture

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 older adults.

Beginning Ukulele

Tuesdays August 22-September 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

Storytelling Workshop

Wednesday, September 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

100 Faces - Exploring Mediums Through Portraits

Tuesdays, October 3-November 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Learn more and register online at recreation.goodyearaz.gov.

Heart Rhythms Drum Circle

Drum circles are a form of recreational music-making proven to reduce stress, boost the immune system, promote joy and a sense of well-being and build community. All drums and percussion instruments provided; no experience is required!

October 28 from 1-3 p.m.

Georgia T. Lord Library Community Room

Litchfield Park Historical Society Heritage Series

Learn from diverse cultural speakers provided by the Litchfield Park Historical Society. Lectures are held at the Georgia T. Lord Library Community Room.

Kandy Wagenbach, *Code Girls and Six-Tuple 8*
September 21 from 10-11 a.m.

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.

Cynthia Stanley, *Artist and Researcher Program*

August 29 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Tiffany Lopez-Vargas, *Ballet Folklorico Esperanza*

September 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Caitlin Martinac Guitierrez, *Musical Journeys with MIM*

October 24 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Georgia T. Lord Library Community Room



Mayor Select (9-12th Grade)

High school artists, showcase your artistic talent through the Georgia T. Lord Mayor Select Art Awards. Artists will display their work in a gallery-like setting with winners receiving a monetary scholarship. Visit goodyearaz.gov/arts for more information.

Submissions are due Sunday, October 1 at 11:59 p.m.

Sports

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 court at one time. Rosters can have a maximum of 10 players.

Thursday Coed League: October 5 - December 30

Sunday Coed League: October 1 - November 19

Resident Registration: September 14-21

Open Registration: September 22 until filled

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

Adult Softball

Goodyear's Adult Softball 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 League: October 1 - November 19

Wednesday Mens League: October 4 - November 29

Thursday Mens League: October 5 - November 30

Friday Coed League: October 6 - December 1

Returning Team Registration: August 23-September 6

Resident Registration: September 7-14

Open Registration: September 15 until filled

Location: Goodyear Community Park Softball Fields and Goodyear Recreation Campus

Cost: \$475 (\$575 NR)

Registration can be completed over the phone at 623-882-7525, online at goodyearaz.gov/register or in-person at the Goodyear Recreation Center, 420 S. Estrella Pkwy.



Special Olympics

Special Olympics

The city of Goodyear is offering Special Olympics Arizona sports. These programs are open to youth starting at 8 years old. Special Olympics sports focus on finding success, joy and friendships in the local community. An emphasis is placed on having fun in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Athletes are required to pre-register and submit an athlete medical consent form.

Bocce Ball (8+ yrs)

Bocce Ball league will take place at the Goodyear Recreation Campus and Foothills Community Park from August through October. Practices are on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Adult Swimming

Adult swim team will take place at the Southwest Valley YMCA from August through October. Practices are on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

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



Fall Youth Volleyball

Designed for new players as well as returning players, this non-competitive recreational league emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship for children age 7-15.

League divisions are based on the child's age. Playing up is allowed only when the player is within one year of the age division and is not allowed in the 7-9 division. Each participant's age is determined by September 30.

Practices are held at various school gyms within the city of Goodyear. Practice dates and times will be selected by the volunteer head coach.

Registration is scheduled through August 17 or until filled. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin September 30 and take place on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at various gyms around Goodyear.

Cost: \$90 (\$110 NR)

Fall Youth Soccer (3-14 yrs)

League divisions are based on the child's age. Playing up is allowed only when the player is within one year of the age division. Each participant's age is determined by September 30.

Practices begin the week of September 18 and are held at the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Practice dates and times will be selected by the volunteer head coach.

Registration is scheduled through August 17 or until filled. Games are scheduled to begin September 30 and take place on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Goodyear Recreation Campus.

Cost: \$70 (\$85 NR) for 3-4 division, \$90 (\$110 NR) for 5+

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.

Georgia T. Lord Library

Adult Board Games

Arizona gaming community: come roll with us! Hang out, learn a new game and meet new friends. **Monday, August 28 at 5 p.m.**

Arizona Game & Fish: Boating and Off-Highway Vehicle Safety

AZ Game & Fish's Kim Jackson tells us where to go and how to recreate safely for things like boating, fishing and motorized trails and more! **Saturday, September 2 at 1 p.m.**

Baby Time

This is a 45-minute program including playtime, appropriate for ages 0-24 months and their grown-up(s). **Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m.**

Connect with your Veterans Benefits and Services

Learn about your veterans' benefits and services at this workshop presented by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. **Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m.**

Family Flicks Fridays

Join us for Family Flicks Fridays where we'll watch a movie and have take home activities available! **September 15 and October 13 at 2 p.m.**

Fiction Book Club

Join us for a lively book discussion. Copies of the book for each month are available for check out at the Georgia T. Lord Library first floor front desk. **August 28, September 25 and October 23 at 1 and 4 p.m.**

Master Gardner Presents: Raised Beds

Presentations will be timely for the season covering topics from vegetable gardens, to landscape watering, to desert adapted plantings and everything in between. **Thursday, September 21 at 1 p.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.**

Sensory Story Time

Sensory Storytime is an inclusive and interactive program for families looking for a more adaptive storytime experience. **September 18 and October 16 at 10 a.m.**

STEAM Labs

Join us for STEAM labs to learn about a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math concept and then apply it in our STEAM Labs. **September 18, October 2 and October 16 at 4 p.m.**

Teen Crafternoon

Relax and craft with us. Program is drop in until full. **September 14 and October 12 at 4:30 p.m.**

Teen Fantasy Book Club

Each month we'll be reading a fantasy novel or graphic novel to discuss as a group. The book will be available to pick up at the front desk of the Georgia T. Lord Library. **Wednesday, August 23 at 3 p.m.**

Teen DIY: Journal Decoration

Join us to personalize a journal to carry with you into the new school year! Ages 12-18. All supplies are provided, registration is required. **Thursday, September 7 at 5 p.m.**

Toddler Time

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs that are just right for your growing toddler! This story time is for children ages 2 to 3 with their parent or caregiver. **Thursdays at 10 and 11 a.m.**

Water Workshop III: Gardening for Butterflies and Wildlife

Enjoy landscaping and want to learn more? Learn how to beautify your plot while conserving water! **Saturday, September 30 at 10 a.m.**

Teen DIY: Crystal Ball

Join us for a scary fun craft! Create your own crystal ball to display for Halloween or all year round! Ages 12-18. All supplies are provided, registration is required. **Thursday, October 5 at 5 p.m.**

View program dates and information mcladaz.org/goodyear or call 602-652-3000.





You're Making a Difference!

Did you know that in the past year Goodyear residents who've taken advantage of city water-saving services have reduced their usage by 17% on average?

Help make a difference by learning more about how you can save water at home.

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In Goodyear, customers are billed for their utility usage based on what they used the month prior. That means you'll pay for the utilities you used in August on the bill you get in September. It's easy to avoid late payments by using autopay, and it also reduces paper and time!

Get started at goodyearaz.gov/payment.



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Aug. 28	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sept. 11	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sept. 18	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 our Facebook page @goodyearaz and YouTube channel.



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.



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