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InFocus



GOODYEAR'S WATER FUTURE

AT A GLANCE The Valley of the Sun receives an average of 7-10 inches of rainfall a year. Other parts of the country get triple that amount! That's why the city takes water management very seriously. It's important we are proactive and have a solid plan to provide residents and businesses in Goodyear with water for the long term. This issue answers some of the most common questions the city receives from residents about water.

In observance of Juneteenth, city offices will be closed on Monday, June 20.

There will be trash and recycling pickup.

Containers to the curb by 6 a.m.

Not sure when your trash day is? Visit goodyearaz.gov/trash



IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW for the city of Goodyear election

	July 5	Last day to register to vote
	July 22	Last day to request an early ballot
	July 26	Last day to mail in your early ballot
	Aug. 2	Election Day

On the ballot, voters will select one candidate for mayor and up to three councilmember candidates. For additional information on the election, visit goodyearaz.gov/elections.



WE'RE MOVING

Goodyear City Hall, the Development Services Department and the Goodyear Library are moving this summer!

City Hall and Development Services will open at **8 a.m.** on Monday, **July 18** at **Goodyear Civic Square at GSO** 1900 N. Civic Square, Goodyear, AZ 85395

and

The **Goodyear Library** will close starting on June 27 (items can still be checked out online and picked up) and will reopen on **Aug. 1** at **Goodyear Civic Square at GSO**

More to come on the grand opening celebration!



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL



(l to r): Bill Stipp, Patrick Bray, Laura Kaino, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell, Sheri Lauritano and Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR		
June 6	5 p.m.	Work Session and Council Meeting
June 13	5 p.m.	Work Session and Special Meeting
June 27	5 p.m.	Work Session and Council Meeting
July 11	5 p.m.	Work Session and Council Meeting
July 18	5 p.m.	Work Session and Council Meeting

Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Municipal Court and Council Chambers, 14455 W. Van Buren St., B101.

Catch all of the council meetings streaming live on our Facebook page @goodyearaz and YouTube channel.

From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

Did you know? Arizona leads the nation in rigorous water conservation efforts, which is more important now than ever before. We've all seen the headlines about water levels dropping in the Colorado River, and the Goodyear City Council, along with staff, is

closely monitoring the situation. The availability of sustainable water resources is vital to the continued growth and prosperity of our city.

The good news is that we are not experiencing a water shortage in Goodyear. We carefully manage our water, which we get from different sources, placing a strong emphasis on investing in water infrastructure, and our residents are leaders in water conservation.

The city considers water efficiency and conservation vital components of planning for future growth. To that end, we have a water conservation implementation plan to reduce outdoor water usage and promote a water conservation culture within the city, along with a dedicated team that focuses on these efforts.

We also participate in collaborative efforts to help mitigate the severity of water reductions in the Colorado River, as well as protect and enhance the sustainability of the system. We acknowledge that Arizona will need to find new sources of water in the future, and we're participating in those discussions on how that can be achieved and what it means for Goodyear.

This issue of InFocus is filled with information about our water resources and the work we are doing to ensure our city has a secure water future. Remember, we all have an important part in this effort because every drop counts!



Vice Mayor
Brannon Hampton

Council Corner

When it comes to water, careful planning and conservation must be at the forefront of every decision. As you will read in this edition of InFocus, Goodyear is committed to creating a city that uses this precious resource

effectively and efficiently so that we can continue to grow and prosper.

The city is also researching and planning for more sources of future water. We are in the process of updating the Goodyear Water Master Plan, which looks at areas where development has not happened yet, and we're reviewing best practices to ensure our water portfolio remains strong for years to come. An important component of this planning is acknowledging that water is also a significant part of recreation in our community. That's why the city has water amenities such as splash pads and pools for residents to gather and enjoy. These are destinations for residents, especially in the summer, and we're

proud to be able to offer safe, clean gathering spots for residents to cool off.

- **The Goodyear Recreation Campus Aquatic Center** lap pool, water slides, cabanas, a lazy river, a zero-entry pool and splash play area
- **Goodyear Community Park** splash pad
- **Loma Linda Park** free community pool for residents

The city also offers great aquatic programs such as swim lessons, swim/dive teams, open swim, fitness classes and private pool rentals; and delivers more than 9,600 swim lessons a year!

Living in the intense heat of the desert, we know how vital it is to use water efficiently, but we also know that water for recreation and enjoyment is key to enhancing the quality of life for our residents. The locations mentioned above foster a sense of community and are the fabric of our city.

While the city will continue to focus on water management and conservation, we will also look for ways to strategically incorporate water into our parks and other city facilities for our residents to enjoy.

Questions and Answers on the Colorado River

with Public Works Director Javier Setovich

HOW WILL GOODYEAR BE AFFECTED?

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE SHORTAGE?

The city of Goodyear is closely monitoring the situation with the Colorado River, which is experiencing a shortage that could potentially impact seven states, including Arizona. Years of drought have reduced water levels in Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Goodyear and other Valley cities have anticipated these reductions and while the river is experiencing a shortage, Goodyear is not.

Goodyear will not be impacted by the river shortage. City water customers should know that there is no impact to our ability to meet their water needs.

The city of Goodyear manages a diverse water portfolio so we can continue to grow and prosper responsibly. The city recently added surface water, complementing our existing groundwater supply. With the addition of the new surface water facility, the city has the ability to produce over 25 million gallons of water a day! Typically, the water demand for any given day is around 10 million gallons. In the future, we can expand the facility and produce an extra 8 million gallons of water a day. If cuts were to be made to the city's Colorado River supply, which is only part of our overall water supply, it would be made to water that we're not using but rather storing for future use.



AWARDED SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR

The city's new surface water treatment facility, which opened earlier this year, was awarded Treatment Plant of the Year by the Arizona Water Association. Goodyear is the first city in the Southwest Valley to have this type of facility. It can combine treated surface water from the Colorado River with the city's already-existing groundwater to deliver to residents and businesses across the city.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO GET EVEN MORE WATER FOR THE FUTURE?

Several strategies currently being examined across the state are:

Desalinization: This is a process that removes minerals, primarily salt, from groundwater or ocean water to provide more drinking water. Goodyear already does this with groundwater. In fact, the city has the largest municipal desalinization facility for drinking water in the state! Goodyear is also exploring ways to expand this facility.

Use of recycled water: Expanding how treated wastewater is used and exploring new technology that can treat it to meet the required standards so it is safe to drink.

Goodyear will continue to be part of the regional and state efforts to ensure that we have a strong and stable water portfolio to support long-term sustainable growth.

WILL WATER RATES GO UP THIS YEAR?

No, the city's current rate plan is set through 2025 and will not be impacted by water shortages in the river. For more information on the five-year rate plan, visit goodyearaz.gov/utilityrates.



Javier Setovich, P.E.
City of Goodyear Public Works
Director



Does Goodyear have enough water to grow?

Properly managing water resources and investing in Goodyear's water future have long been priorities for the city. When a new business or development is considering building or expanding in Goodyear, the city works closely with them to carefully plan for and manage future water needs. Essentially, each vacant piece of land in Goodyear has an allocation of projected water so we can grow responsibly. Plus, Goodyear has a 100-year assured water supply for any approved development, per the Arizona Department of Water Resources. This means that any new development is guaranteed water for 100 years. The city continuously evaluates its water supply as a proactive measure but must also do so as part of this state requirement.

Deep Dive into Water

In the 1980's, the state legislature passed the Arizona Groundwater Management Act to balance how much water users were pumping from the ground and putting back into the ground. As a result, users could take wet water - water that you can see and touch - and store it underground for future use. Stored water produces a 'water credit' issued by the state and has helped cities prepare for drought conditions by assuring a stronger and more resilient supply. Goodyear actively stores about 7,000 acre-feet of water underground for future use, every year. That's enough to supply to an average household with water for 27,000 years!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Water Conservation Committee presented 12 water conservation recommendations to the Goodyear City Council in 2018 and those strategies continue to be evaluated and implemented.

View the recommendations at goodyearaz.gov/water.

True or False?

Test Your Water Knowledge

- 1 Arizona uses less water today than in 1957.
- 2 72% of water in Arizona is used for agriculture.
- 3 Outdoor water use makes up 50-70% of most residential water bills.

1. True 2. True 3. True

What can we do at home to help?

You CAN make an impact, because every drop counts. Here are the top three things you can start doing today!



Most of Goodyear's water use occurs outdoors. Water your established desert plants once a week in the summer.



An average-to-above average monsoon season is expected for 2022. Fingers crossed! Install a rain-pause device for your irrigation timer to save hundreds of gallons of water. Goodyear water customers can request a free one at goodyearaz.gov/water. You can also turn off your irrigation timer manually after it rains and set yourself a reminder to turn it back on after a couple days.



On average, a person uses about 1,200 - 1,500 gallons of water inside their home in a month. Check for leaks by seeing if your water meter shows movement when you're not using any water.



**DID YOU
KNOW**



At 82 gallons per day of residential indoor and outdoor use, Goodyear is one of the most water efficient communities in the Valley.

Bring the water pros to your classroom!



City water experts would love to visit any summer school program for middle school-aged kids to talk about saving water and how water works in Goodyear. For information on this and other new water conservation programs, visit goodyearaz.gov/water. If you're not a Goodyear Water customer, please check with your water company on their latest programs.



Not sure who your water provider is?

Here is a list of water providers in Goodyear.

City of Goodyear (water service provider south of I-10), 623-932-3010, Option 3

Liberty (water service provider north of I-10), 1-844-367-2030

Epcor (water service provider northwest of I-10), 1-800-383-0834

Arizona Water Company (water service provider southwest of I-10), 623-246-7570



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623-932-3910

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Goodyear

UPCOMING

SUMMER

EVENTS

June 19 from 6-9 p.m.
GOODYEAR RECREATION CAMPUS

**JUNE
TEENTH
FAMILY
DAY**



July 4 from 6-9:30 p.m.
Fireworks @ 9 p.m.
GOODYEAR BALLPARK



goodyearaz.gov/events