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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

New Events at Goodyear Civic Square

AT A GLANCE Creating events and providing activities for residents to gather is important to the city, because it builds a sense of community. In the latest community survey, nine out of 10 residents rated the overall quality of life in Goodyear as excellent or good. With the recent opening of Goodyear Civic Square, we have a beautiful new space to gather in and new events on tap. This **InFocus** provides a look at these new offerings, as well as our standing community favorites, that you'll want to mark your calendar to attend.

10 TIPS

to Save Money and Water



1. Avoid washing vehicles at home; instead use a professional car wash where water is recycled.
2. Aerate your lawn periodically. Holes every six inches will allow water to reach the roots.
3. Check the water level in the pool. Lower levels will reduce water loss due to splashing.
4. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways.
5. Plant low water use plants in the spring and fall when watering needs are lower.
6. Check sprinklers to make sure only the lawn is watered.
7. Water lawn at night or early mornings when temperatures are cooler, and winds are lighter to reduce evaporation.
8. Use a hose nozzle to easily turn water off and on and save up to 100 gallons every time, compared to letting the water run.
9. Protect your plants by not over-pruning.
10. Check your irrigation system regularly for leaks.

Get the scoop on other water saving tips by attending a free water conservation workshop. From gardening to irrigation repair and maintenance, you'll get the latest tips straight from the experts. To view the upcoming classes and to register, visit goodyearaz.gov/water.

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

Nov. 7	5 p.m.	*CFD Meeting Council Meeting
Nov. 14	5 p.m.	*CFD Meeting, Work Session Council Meeting
Dec. 5	5 p.m.	Work Session Council Meeting
Dec. 12	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	Work Session Council Meeting

*Community Facilities District 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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From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

COMMUNITY. NEIGHBORS. FAMILY.

These aren't just words on a page. They are the essential foundation for an enhanced quality of life for our Goodyear residents. I often say that we aren't just a collection of neighborhoods, we are a thriving community.

And even as we grow, we

want to retain a small-town feel where we all want to live, work and play.

Goodyear Civic Square is a key part of this equation, and I'm excited to see everything that will be taking place at this new heart of Goodyear. We have dreamed of having a gathering place for residents to enjoy the many events the city hosts throughout the year, and now that dream is a reality. Festivals, concerts, plays

and many other activities are slated to begin soon at Goodyear Civic Square as cooler temperatures arrive.

I'm looking forward to seeing families picnicking on the lawn or teens playing a game of chess on the giant game board next to the stage. Rousing matches of cornhole and ping pong will also be played on the built-in amenities in the park. I know many great memories will be made as we gather to enjoy this very special space.

One of my fondest memories of a Goodyear event was meeting the band members of Smash Mouth during one of our music festivals. There were thousands of people enjoying the music, and the little ones were dancing in front of the stage. Everyone was having a great time, and I look forward to seeing that happen at Goodyear Civic Square. It all kicks off very soon, so be sure to monitor our social media platforms for news on upcoming events. We'll see you on the square!



Councilmember
Wally Campbell

Council Corner

This is a special time of the year. We have once again survived the scorching hot summer and have been greeted by the beautiful fall weather that beckons us to leave our homes and partake in all the fun outdoor

activities and festivals that are synonymous with the holiday season – and Goodyear certainly does not disappoint. Our Parks and Recreation Department creates meaningful, family friendly events for our residents to enjoy, like Hop and Hops, Star Spangled Fourth, Fall Festival, Veterans Day Tribute, Fall Concert Series and our new Holidays on the Square event. There is something for everyone!

As you will read in this month's edition, all our signature events offer unique experiences for our residents and provide us with an opportunity to gather and interact as a community. I am really excited about our new Holidays on the Square,

which will be a three-week holiday celebration that includes an ice skating rink at our beautiful new Goodyear Civic Square.

While all our events and programs are truly special, there is one in particular that is near and dear to my heart: the annual Goodyear Veterans Day Tribute. We take this time to come together and honor and celebrate veterans in our community. My late husband Lt. Col John Campbell served in the U.S. Air Force for 25 years, and I know firsthand the enormous sacrifices that our servicemembers and their families make to protect our great country. This moving tribute fills me with pride and gratitude as we take the opportunity to commemorate the American heroes in our city.

It is a great time to be in Goodyear, and we are committed to creating exceptional events so we can connect and celebrate together. Plus, they are a lot of fun! Whether you have been attending for years or you just moved to the city, I hope you will come out and join us at these amazing events that help make our community so special.

BRINGING GOODYEAR TOGE



EVENTS AT THE NEW CIVIC SQUARE

JANUARY

Wag & Tag

FEBRUARY

Game On! Goodyear Super Bowl
Themed Block Party

Theatre in the Park

MARCH

Mind Over Mat Yoga Festival

Farmer's Market Series, weekly

Movie Night

U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters
Chorus National Tour

APRIL

Square Dancing

OCTOBER

National Night Out

Friday Food Truck Series weekly

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Tribute

DECEMBER

Holidays on the Square with
Ice Skating Rink

Gingerbread House Contest



All events are subject to change. Stay up-to-date of events, activities and other news in Goodyear by following the city on social media.

EVENTS FOR YOU! There are city events throughout the year that range from



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

"It was a lot of fun, and it was a pleasure meeting the officers and seeing families out enjoying themselves." –Linda S.



GOODYEAR ROCKS

"This was a blast. Very cool event to see upcoming artists put their talent on display. My son plays guitar, and it's great for him to see others and their progression." –Brian M.



On average, more than 70% of city event attendees are Goodyear residents.

THE ONE EVENT AT A TIME



LONGTIME EVENT FAVORITES

JANUARY

2023 Hot Coffee Lectures, monthly

FEBRUARY

Vision & Sound: An African American Experience Art and Music, weekly

Spring Training Season Begins

MARCH

Goodyear Lakeside Music Festival

APRIL

Chalk Art in the Park

Hop & Hops

MAY

Fire Station Open House

Kids to Parks Day

JUNE

Juneteenth Celebration

JULY

Star Spangled Fourth

AUGUST

Fine Art Receptions

Follow Your Art Jr. Reception

SEPTEMBER

9/11 Memorial and

Pancake Breakfast

Ballet Under the Stars

Goodyear Rocks

OCTOBER

Fall Festival

Dinner with the Fire Chief

NOVEMBER

Coffee with a Cop

DECEMBER

Shop with a Cop

small to large! Here's what some of you have shared on social media after attending them.



9/11 MEMORIAL AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

"Thank you, Goodyear from a New Yorker living here now."
—Elizabeth M.



WAG & TAG

"What a wonderful time we had. Thanks for sponsoring this wonderful event." —Arlene L.

**DID YOU
KNOW**



The city also has recreational programs and services, including Goodyear youth sports. Learn more at recreation.goodyearaz.gov.

Coming to Civic Square

Goodyear Civic Square is the city's newest gathering spot, and it's home to new events!



Friday Food Truck Series

Fall is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors in Goodyear, and to make it even better, we're adding food trucks to the mix! On Fridays in November, swing over to Goodyear Civic Square to grab a bite from one, two, three... or all the food trucks in this new event series. There will be plenty of spots to sit back, relax and enjoy a meal under the evening sky.



Holidays on the Square

This new three-weekend event at Goodyear Civic Square will be exactly what you need to get into the holiday spirit! Holidays on the Square will feature a new theme each week. Pick and choose your favorite activities or experience them all.

Week One: Light Up the Holidays

Friday, Dec. 2

Kick off the holiday season in Goodyear! Night one of Holidays on the Square features the annual tree lighting, illuminated food truck alley, ornament making and more. Santa will take the stage as emcee while his elves roam the event for s(elf)ies.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Top off your holiday season and enjoy talented string performers featuring holiday classics and more! All performed by candle light - an aural respite that is sure to summon the spirit of the season.

Friday, Dec. 2-Jan. 8

There might not be snow falling in Goodyear, but we've got the next best thing! Experience the city's first ever ice skating rink. Details at goodyearaz.gov/therinq.

Week Two: Santa's Workshop

Friday, Dec. 9

Embrace the classic holiday nostalgia with a car show, food trucks and a live performance of classic holiday music!

Saturday, Dec. 10

Santa will make a special visit! Children will receive a commemorative ornament and a candy cane. After visiting Santa's Workshop enjoy a classic holiday movie on the lawn!

Week Three: Storybook Christmas

Friday, Dec. 16

Celebrate the art of the season! Art, culture and literature will come alive this evening with an artisan village, live theater featuring children's holiday classics, food trucks and more.

Saturday, Dec. 17

It's the most wonderful time of the year and the festivities continue with an artisan village, master classes and live theater featuring Charles Dickens classics. Make sure to stop by the gingerbread house display table. For the first time, the city will showcase entries to the annual Gingerbread House Contest at Civic Square Park. For entry details and deadlines, visit goodyearaz.gov/events.



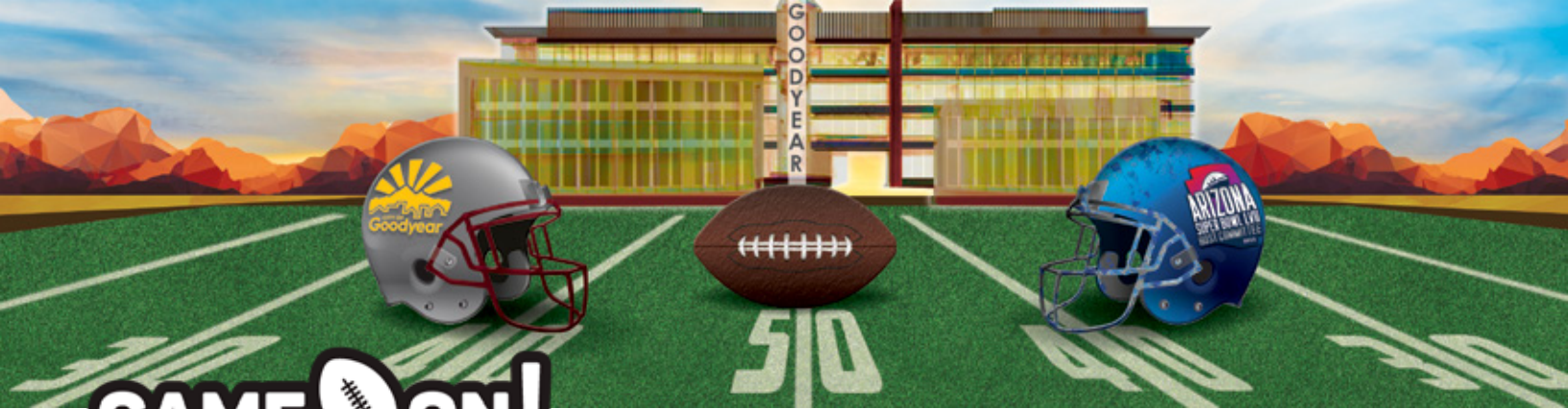
Stay up to date on new events at goodyearaz.gov/events and follow the city's social media pages!

A farmer's market is on the way!

We have heard from many of you asking for a farmer's market and we now have the perfect spot for it. A farmer's market will be held at Goodyear Civic Square every Sunday in March.



CIVIC SQUARE
FARMER'S MARKET



GAME ON! GOODYEAR

Get ready for “the big game” with a community block party! Goodyear Civic Square will transform into the ultimate football fan experience on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 2 – 5 p.m.

Snap photos with larger-than-life LVII letters to officially commemorate the Super Bowl coming to Arizona in 2023. Also, test your athletic skills with fun games for all ages and watch local performers

in a special Game On! Goodyear halftime show. Food trucks serving up their best game day treats will fuel your football fever, and those over the age of 21 can enjoy a cold one in the beer garden.

Super Bowl LVII is Feb. 12 in Arizona, and Goodyear is proud to be a Super Bowl LVII Host Committee partner. Want to learn more about ways to get involved in Arizona Super Bowl festivities happening all across the state? We have you covered! Visit goodyearaz.gov/GameOnGoodyear for updates on volunteer opportunities, game-day info and events.



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Goodyear Receives NFL Greening Grant

Goodyear is proud to be selected as a recipient of the NFL Greening Grant. The grant aims to promote sustainability through “green” measures in the region hosting the Super Bowl. Through the grant partnership,

the area around Loma Linda Community Center will be beautified with new low-water-use trees, curbing and granite. The neighborhood will get in on the action by helping plant trees in January.



The Goodyear Recreation & Aquatics Center will be closed from Nov. 14 to Jan. 1.

Stay Engaged

Join us for one of the many activities and programs offered during the closure! From virtual and outdoor fitness classes, to existing enrichment and senior programs, to holiday festivals and events, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

View full schedule of classes, programs and register at grc.goodyearaz.gov.

Why is the entire facility closing? 🤔

To complete warranty repairs and projects unable to be completed after hours. 🛠️

What is being completed during the closure?

Several projects! 🚧
Flooring replacements, concrete repairs, gym floor painting, youth activity space enhancements and aquatics repairs.



Teen Takeovers in the park

Sports equipment will be available for check out at the GRC sport courts at no charge!

Stop by and grab a basketball, volleyball or football on weekday afternoons from 3- 6 p.m. and 1-6 p.m. on Wednesdays.



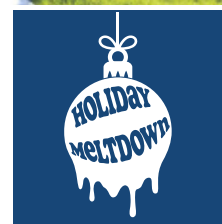
Nov. 23
3-6 p.m.



Dec. 3
8-10 a.m.



Dec. 12
5-7 p.m.



Dec. 21
5-7 p.m.

Fitness activities are free and open to residents and non-residents.

Registration is required.

Feast Mode A drop-in style family fitness bootcamp incorporating a scavenger hunt around the park. Families can complete the challenge any time between 3-6 p.m.

GRC5K Run, walk or roll around the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Fun for all fitness abilities and ages.

The 12 Days of Fitmas 12 different activities for 12 minutes including pickleball, Zumba, obstacle courses and more.

Holiday Meltdown Last chance workout before the festivities. Join the GRC fitness team for a smorgasbord of various fitness classes.

Art Programs

Creative Aging

Creative expression for adults over the age of 55
Tuesdays, December 6-13

Cost: \$0 (\$10 NR) \$20 materials fee paid first day of class

Enrichment Programs

Beginner's Edge Sports Training

Soccer Skills Program and 3-Sport Multi-Sport Program
Location: GRC Multi-Purpose Fields

Female Self Defense Class

Hands on defense and personal protection class for women
Location: Loma Linda Community Center

Pickleball Classes

Youth Beginner, Adult Beginner and Youth Intermediate
Location: GRC Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Pickleball Clinics

One day clinic for the beginner, novice or advanced player
Location: GRC Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Dog Obedience Classes

Courses for novice, intermediate and advanced as well as trick and rally sessions
Location: GRC Ramada 1

Senior Programs

Bingo Bash

November 17, December 15
Cost: \$7 (\$8 NR) Additional cards: \$5

Cards & Table Games

November 16, November 29, December 14, December 20
Cost: \$3 (\$4 NR)

Goodyear Stitchers

November 18, December 9
Cost: \$3 (\$4 NR)

Holiday Themed Lunch & Bunco

Join us for a White Elephant Gift Exchange on December 7
Cost: \$15 (\$18 NR)

Make & Take Crafts

December 8
Cost: \$10 (\$12 NR)

View program details, dates and
register online at
recreation.goodyearaz.gov



SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

7-9 p.m.

FREE

• • • **SCOTT JEFFERS TRAVELER** • • •

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers to the Art Plaza to
enjoy fall weather and live music with friends.

GOODYEAR RECREATION CAMPUS

420 S. Estrella Parkway



Home **SAFE** Home GOODYEAR FIRE DEPT



Falls are the most common hazard leading to unintentional death for adults ages 65 and older in Arizona. There are steps you can take to make your home safe. The Goodyear Fire Department offers free in-home safety check visits for residents 60 years and older. The safety check includes a room-by-room assessment for tripping hazards and a customized home escape plan.

To register, visit goodyearaz.gov/fire, email homesafehome@goodyearaz.gov or call 623-882-SAFE (7233).

GET INVOLVED & STAY CONNECTED



GOODYEAR IS UPDATING THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN



VISIT THE
PROJECT WEBSITE
TO LEARN MORE
AND SUBSCRIBE
TO UPDATES

GOODYEARGP.COM

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CORE VALUES

EMPATHY

OPTIMISM

INTEGRITY

INNOVATION

ADAPTABILITY

INITIATIVE



James Hice
Equipment Operator

What do you do for the city?

I drive one of the city's street sweepers. I clean the medians on arterial streets starting at 2:30 in the morning. I also sweep neighborhoods and clean the streets following car crashes and spills, like concrete spills.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I'm doing it! I wanted to be a heavy equipment operator.

What's your favorite sports team?

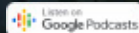
Alabama Crimson Tide -- Roll Tide!

What's it like driving 66 miles a day at 7 mph around the city? View the latest **On the Job with Julie** on YouTube to go behind the scenes and see what goes into sweeping streets and where all the trash goes.

GROWING GOODYEAR PODCAST

LISTEN TO THE LATEST PODCAST TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN ENTER TO WIN A CHANCE FOR A VIP EXPERIENCE WITH SANTA, ALONG WITH WHAT'S ON TAP FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

Check it out on these platforms



WIN A CHANCE
TO HAVE
VIP PHOTOS,
HOT COCOA
AND COOKIES
WITH **SANTA!**

When is my TRASH DAY?

In Goodyear, your curbside trash and recycling is collected once a week, both on the same day. With several holidays falling on a weekend this year, the only remaining holiday that will impact your trash, recycling and bulk pickup is Thanksgiving Day. If your regular service day falls on Thanksgiving, your containers will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 25. Friday's customers will receive service on Saturday, Nov. 26.



To look up your trash and recycling or bulk pickup days, visit goodyearaz.gov/trash.

What's That in Goodyear?



Coming to Canyon Trails
Town Center on Cotton
Lane and Yuma Road!

eegee's
Cobblestone Car Wash
Chipotle
Denny's
Freddy's Steakburgers
Ono Hawaiian BBQ
Starbucks

Learn more about the businesses coming to Goodyear at developgoodyearaz.com.



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HOLIDAYS ON THE
 Square

Glide into the holiday season on our
synthetic ice skating rink from
December 2 to January 8 at
Goodyear Civic Square.

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