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Home for the
Holidays in Goodyear

AT A GLANCE It's the most wonderful time of year! We wish you and yours a happy, safe holiday season. This issue of **InFocus** is a festive, useful guide to help you make the most out of the holidays close to home, right here in Goodyear.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season!

FROM YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Dec. 5	5 p.m.	Work Session Council Meeting
Dec. 12	6 p.m.	Council Meeting
Jan. 3	5 p.m.	Special Goodyear City Council Induction Ceremony
Jan. 9	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
Jan. 23	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.

CREATIVE AGING CLASSES

The national creative aging movement fosters the vital relationship between creative expression and quality of life. In partnership with Catitude Arts, the city is adding more **Creative Aging Classes** in 2023. Classes, designed for those 55 and older, range from dancing to drawing and are sure to stimulate the mind and body.

For more information and to register, visit goodyearaz.gov/arts or call 623-882-7525.



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From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

The holidays have arrived, bringing a flood of emotions with them. Despite the increased stress some of us may experience, people tend to show greater kindness and goodwill toward others during the holidays. I'm a "glass half full" kind of person and like to focus on the positive. Connecting with

people and finding ways to brighten someone's day is important to me. That's why I love to see volunteers giving back to our community.

Whether it be packing boxes at a local food bank, helping a senior neighbor or donating to charitable programs like Shop with a Cop, there are countless ways to positively impact our community. The saying, "It's better to give than to receive" really resonates with me. Pitching in and helping others brings me great joy, and I often feel blessed for having served others because it

gives me the opportunity to connect with someone and learn about their needs.

In this season of highs and lows and cheer and challenges, I encourage you to take some time to look for opportunities to serve and show kindness to others. It will not only make a difference for them, it will brighten your day, too.

While you are at it, as you plan your holiday gift-giving, would you please support our local businesses? We have so many great retailers, from stylish boutiques and popular eateries to entertainment venues and specialty shops. You can find wonderful unique gift ideas for everyone on your list right here in Goodyear. Our local businesses, owned by our friends and neighbors, are the backbone of our community, and we want to see them thrive and benefit from our local support.

For those of us who knew and cared for our late Mayor Georgia Lord, December marks the one-year anniversary of her passing. We miss her terribly, and it brings me great joy to know that her legacy lives on in our beautiful library that bears her name and provides a wonderful space for our residents to gather, learn and grow.

As we enjoy this time of hope and goodwill and anticipate a wonderful New Year, I wish you and your loved ones the very best holiday season!



Councilmember
Bill Stipp

Council Corner

The holiday season is a time for celebration and to spend time with the special people in our lives – especially family. It is also an opportunity to reflect on all that has occurred in 2022 and our many blessings; and in Goodyear we have a

lot to be grateful for. But, one of the things that you may not be thinking about this holiday season is public transportation. For many of us, it is easy to take for granted that we can easily travel to work, appointments or celebrations with friends and family using our personal vehicles. However, it is important to remember that access to transportation can be a significant barrier for many in our community.

As you will read in this month's edition, there are a lot of great events, activities and shopping in Goodyear, and we don't want anyone to miss out because of a lack of transportation. A few years ago, the Goodyear City Council expanded the Dial-a-Ride services for residents

with disabilities through a program called RideChoice, which extended service in the city, including into Estrella. Goodyear also recently launched a new micro-transit service called WeRIDE. It's a rideshare program similar to Uber or Lyft. We are currently piloting WeRIDE in the central part of the city. This innovative pilot program will hopefully be a more convenient and efficient future option for increasing public transit in Goodyear, and I would encourage you to try WeRIDE this holiday season.

The city has been able to provide and expand transportation services in Goodyear without raising taxes in large part because of the regional Proposition 400 half-cent transportation sales tax, which is set to expire in 2025. Proposition 400 has been enormously impactful for our regional transportation system, and you can learn more at [OurMomentumPlan.com](https://www.goodyearaz.gov/OurMomentumPlan.com).

Finally, the holidays, while joyous, can also be a time of stress and anxiety. If you need assistance with mental health resources, you can call 2-1-1 to speak with someone who can help. It is a great time to be in Goodyear, and I wish you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful New Year.



Enjoy the Great Outdoors

It's almost always sunny in Goodyear, and the average temperature in December is in the mid-60s. It's the perfect time to get outside and breathe in the fresh air! There are plenty of good spots to enjoy the great outdoors in Goodyear, and it might be exactly what you need to take on the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

NEW!

Parks, Fields, Courts and a Track

Goodyear has **19** community and neighborhood parks!

All of the community parks have ball fields and courts, ramadas, space to run around and their own unique features.

Goodyear Community Park

3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

Special features: skate park, dog park and seasonal splash pad (open April-October)

Goodyear Recreation Campus Park

420 S. Estrella Pkwy.

Special features: dual zipline, multi-level play structures and 1-mile walking path

Falcon Park

15050 W. Indian School Rd.

Special features: sand volleyball and connections to the Bullard Wash Trail

Foothills Community Park

12795 S. Estrella Pkwy.

Special features: multi-purpose turf and pump track

Goodyear Civic Square Park opened in August, and if you haven't checked it out, it's a must see! The two-acre park outside of the city hall and library has built-in games like ping pong and chess. You can check the game pieces out at the library! The park also has a stage, color-changing fountain, beautiful art that captures the Goodyear spirit, bench swings and lighted walking paths leading to the beautiful Bullard Wash Park.

Looking to catch some air? Check out the pump track at Foothills Community Park, which offers beginner, intermediate and advanced courses. The looped courses are sequences of rollers and berms—swooping, banked turns—for bike riders. It's designed to maximize momentum, so you can ride it with minimal pedaling.

Getting out with your four-legged friend? Roscoe Dog Park at 15600 W. Roeser Road is a great place to let your dog get some off-leash time.

**DID YOU
KNOW**



Goodyear has a roving park ranger program. Rangers provide an extra layer of service and security to ensure park rules are being followed. This program helps park patrons have a great park experience. For a full list of the city's parks, visit goodyearaz.gov/parks.

Miles of Trails

Goodyear is home to Estrella Mountain Regional Park, a nearly 20,000-acre park with miles of desert trails and mountains to explore. It's an ideal spot for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and picnics! For info on park passes, hours and events, visit maricopacountyparks.net.





Celebrate with Neighbors

Gather with friends or make new ones at Goodyear Civic Square for the holidays. Take a stroll around the park, snap photos by the holiday tree and glide on the city's first ever ice-skating rink!

Ice Skating Under the Stars

A synthetic ice skating rink at Goodyear Civic Square is open through Jan. 8. Check it out and create a new holiday tradition in Goodyear. For details and ticket information, visit goodyearaz.gov/therinq. **Holidays on the Square**, another new holiday event, also runs through December. Enjoy special holiday-themed nights for the entire family with music, food trucks and more! Get all of the event details at goodyearaz.gov/events.



Want to Skip the Crowds? Host your own neighborhood gathering! Here are five tips from the Goodyear Fire Department to make your holiday celebration safer.

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and things that can burn.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking, if you see smoke or flames, cover it and turn the burner off.
- Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or excessive wear.
- Look for trip hazards. You might be familiar with the rug that sticks up in the corner, but your guests might not.
- Never try to re-light malfunctioning fireworks and use them away from people, houses and flammable material.



Check on Your Neighbors!

The holidays can be a lonely time for some, and it's always a good idea to check on neighbors, friends and family members who may need a reminder that they're not alone. The Goodyear Police Department also offers a free program called You Are Not Alone (YANA). It provides regular phone calls and home visits to seniors who have limited family or community contacts.

Seniors can also call the YANA program for help finding specific services and resources. Learn more about YANA and register for assistance at

goodyearaz.gov/YANA, or call 623- 882-7539.





Support Local

Choose to shop and dine locally this holiday season. There are more options than ever before as the Goodyear business community continues to grow!

Why Choose Local?

When you shop or dine in Goodyear, it supports our thriving economy. When businesses are doing well, they are more likely to hire more people, increase pay and give back to the community. Plus, a successful business community helps attract more businesses. Every purchase also adds dollars, through the city sales tax, to the city's General Fund to pay for important services, such as public safety and parks.

Each December, the city sees an increase in funds from the retail sales tax.

43.6%
December 2021

48%
December 2019

35.2%
December 2020

This is how much the retail sales tax increases each December compared to the average of other months in the year.

Do you want to start your own business? The city offers free facilitated workshops for entrepreneurs and small business owners at the InnovationHub inside the Georgia T. Lord Library at Goodyear Civic Square. View upcoming classes and get signed up at developgoodyearaz.com/InnovationHub.



Although not unique to Goodyear, chain restaurants are often owned by entrepreneurs who live in or near Goodyear.



Dining Options for Everyone

Skip Cooking! Cut this out and hang it on the fridge. ;-)

ACAI REPUBLIC
AH-HAI SUSHI & GRILL
AH-SO SUSHI & STEAK
AKAIHANA SUSHI & GRILL
ANGRY CRAB SHACK
APPLEBEE'S GRILL + BAR
ARBY'S
ARIZONA PIZZA COMPANY
ARRIBA MEXICAN GRILL
AUGIE'S SPORTS GRILL
BABBO ITALIAN EATERY
BARRO'S PIZZA
BASKIN-ROBBINS & DUNKIN
BASKIN-ROBBINS
BELLA LUNA RISTORANTE
BIKINI BEANS COFFEE
BJS RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE*
BLACK ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
BLACK BEAR DINER
BLACK ROCK COFFEE BAR**
BOBAZONA
BOOTY'S WINGS, BURGERS & BEER
BUFFALO WILD WINGS
BURGER KING (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
Caf� BEBIDA
CAFE RIO MEXICAN GRILL
CANTINA AT PRESIDIO
CANTINA GUEROS
CARL'S JR
CEREAL KILLERZ KITCHEN
CHEDDAR'S SCRATCH KITCHEN
CHEF BEN SUSHI & ASIAN EXPRESS
CHICK-FILA
CHILI'S GRILL & BAR
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL (*SECOND LOCATION)
CHUCK E. CHEESE
CHURCH'S CHICKEN
CLEAN JUICE*
CLUBHOUSE GRILL
COLADOS COFFEE & CREPES
COLD STONE CREAMERY

CRACKER BARREL
CRAZY MIKE'S WINGS
CRUMBL COOKIES
CULVER'S
DQ GRILL & CHILL
DEL TACO
DENNY'S (**SECOND LOCATION)
DICKEY'S BARBECUE
DINO'S GREEK & ITALIAN GRILL
DOMINO'S PIZZA (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
DUTCH BROS COFFEE (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
EAGLE'S NEST RESTAURANT
EEGEE'S**
EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS
EL POLLO LOCO
EL TATAKI SUSHI FUSION EXPRESS
ENROUTE COFFEE AND TEA HOUSE
EXPRESS DONUTS
FEDERICO'S MEXICAN FOOD (*SECOND LOCATION)
FILIBERTO'S (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
FIREHOUSE SUBS
FIVE GUYS
FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS (**SECOND LOCATION)
GARDEN PIZZA
GOLDEN CORRAL
GOODCENTS
GUS'S NEW YORK PIZZA & BAR
HAYASHI HIBACHI
HAYMAKER
HENRY'S HAWAIIAN GRILL
HIDDEN BAKERY
JACK IN THE BOX (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
JAMBA (*SECOND LOCATION)
JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS
JIMMY JOHN'S (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
KFC
LAKESIDE GRILL ESTRELLA
LITTLE CAESARS (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
LUCKY BUDDHA ASIAN RESTAURANT
MACAYO'S MEXICAN FOOD

MANUEL'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & CANTINA
MARISCOS CAMARON PELA�
MCALISTER'S DELI*
MCDONALD'S (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
MOD PIZZA
NAKAMA SUSHI RESTAURANT
N-DUB PIZZA PUB
NOODLES & COMPANY
NOTHING BUNDT CAKES
OASIS BAGELS
OCHO RIOS JERK SPOT*
OLD CHICAGO PIZZA + TAPROOM
OLIVE GARDEN
OREGANO'S
P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO
PANDA EXPRESS (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
PANERA BREAD
PAPA JOHN'S (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
PAPA MURPHY'S
PHO HOUSE RESTAURANT
PHO KING EGGROLL
PITA PALMS
PIZZA HUT
PLAYER'S GRILL & PATIO
POPEYES
PT NOODLES
QUE PASA MEXICAN FOOD
RAISING CANES*
RAMIRO'S MEXICAN FOOD
RAUL AND THERESA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
RED LOBSTER
RED ROBIN
ROBEKS FRESH JUICES & SMOOTHIES
ROCK N' ROLL SUSHI*
ROLL-EM-UP TAQUITOS**
ROMAN'S OASIS
ROYAL JASMINE THAI RESTAURANT
RUBIO'S COASTAL GRILL
RUDY'S COUNTRY STORE & BAR-B-Q
SADDLE MOUNTAIN BREWING COMPANY
SALAD AND GO (**SECOND LOCATION)

SAMMY'S BURGERS
SAMURAI ASIAN BISTRO
SANDWICH MASTERZ
SCHLOTZSKY'S
SE�OR TACO
SODA BOMB
SOMEBURROS
STARBUCKS (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
SUBWAY (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
SUGAR'N SPICE COFFEE & TEA
SUSHI & POKE HOUSE
SWEET SNOW
TACO BELL (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
TACO REDEMPCION
TAILGATERS SPORTS GRILL & IL PRIMO PIZZA
TASTE OF ITALY (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
TEABO COFFEE & SANDWICHES
TEXAS ROADHOUSE
THE BUFFALO SPOT
THE FROZEN MONKEY SHAVED ICE
THE STILLERY**
THE URBAN CORNER
TOMO JAPANESE CUISINE
TOSCANA'S GRILL
TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE (*SECOND LOCATION)
TWISTED SUGAR*
TWO HANDS CORN DOGS
VILLAGE INN
WAFFLE HOUSE
WAFFLETO
WENDY'S
WHATABURGER
WILDFLOWER BREAD COMPANY
WINGSTOP
WOK WEI ASIAN CUISINE
YAN'S CHINESE FOOD
YOGIS GRILL
YOGURTINI
ZHENG'S CHINESE KITCHEN
ZOYO NEIGHBORHOOD YOGURT

* = UNDER CONSTRUCTION ** = COMING SOON

FOR THE LATESTS LIST VISIT GOODYEARAZ.COM/WHERETOEAT.

For the latest **Shop** Local list, visit developgoodyearaz.com/shoplocal.



Celebrate Responsibly

Be smart as you celebrate this season! The Goodyear Police Department wants everyone to enjoy the holidays and that starts by being safe and responsible.

The number of deadly car crashes due to impairment spikes dramatically around Christmas and New Year's Eve. Goodyear officers will be out with the West Valley DUI Task Force enforcing traffic laws throughout the holiday season, with zero tolerance. Be smart! Plan ahead and assign a designated driver or call a ride share service or taxi.

NEVER DRINK & DRIVE

Have a designated driver.

Don't let someone get
behind the wheel if
they've been drinking.

Call 911 to report an
impaired driver.

**EVERY
90 SECONDS
SOMEONE
IS INJURED
IN A DRUNK
DRIVING
CRASH.**

Source: National Highway
Traffic Safety Administration



HITTING THE ROAD

- Make sure your car is in good condition for a road trip.
- Pack an emergency preparedness kit, supplies and a first aid kit in your vehicle.
- Share travel plans with a family member or friend.
- Check the weather before traveling.
- Stay alert when driving and don't text and drive.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up.



Give Back

It's always a great time to give back, and there are so many ways to do it. The holidays bring out the best in people, and there is heightened awareness of volunteer opportunities and community needs this time of year, which makes it even easier to find something that fits your passions, talents and time. Who knows, it might even spark a new interest that lives on well beyond the holiday season!

We are lucky to have residents who choose to donate their time by volunteering with the city.

Goodyear resident Lyn Music is one of the 850 city of Goodyear volunteers. She's been volunteering in the City Clerk's Office for over a year and loves getting to meet new people, learning more about the city she lives in and giving back. "Working in government is something I've always been interested in doing," said Music. "I really like being able to support the city I live in, even in some small way." When someone applies to volunteer for the city, their interests and availability are matched with a department. "It's great to contribute, but I really enjoy the people too," said Music. "It's also very flexible which make volunteering very easy to do."



If you're interested in volunteering at the city, call 623-882-7807 or apply at goodyearaz.gov/volunteer.
For all career opportunities with the city, visit goodyearaz.gov/jobs.

NEARBY FOOD BANKS **ALWAYS** GIVING

Agua Fria Food and
Clothing Bank
405 E. Harrison Dr.
Avondale, AZ 85323

All Faith Community
Services
214 S. 5th St.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

West Valley Community
Food Pantry
7205 N. 51st Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85301



Search for volunteer opportunities to serve
in the community at justserve.org.

DID YOU KNOW



Hundreds of volunteers gather every year in Goodyear to celebrate Make a Difference Day. They take on projects across the city, like picking up trash at parks, restriping parking stall lines at city facilities, painting fire hydrants and doing yardwork for low-income seniors. This year, they put in 900 hours of service - that's equal to \$27,000!





WeRIDE is a new app-based, shared ride service in Goodyear.

- **WeRIDE** pairs multiple passengers heading in the same direction in a single vehicle.
- Anyone can ride **WeRIDE**, though some restrictions apply. Those under 16 need to be accompanied by another fare-paying passenger age 16 or older.
- Vehicles are ADA-friendly and seat up to five passengers.
- Bike racks are available on all of the vehicles.



Step 1: Download the App

- Scan the QR Code to download the app and create an account.
- OR visit: **book.weride.rideco.com**
- OR call **623-777-4330**

Step 2: Book a Ride on the App

- Choose the Goodyear Zone.
- Select your pickup and drop-off points.
- Select when you want to ride and how many people will be riding with you.
- If you need more space for a bicycle, wheelchair or other large item, select the "Passenger Type" that meets your needs.

Step 3: Payment

- Pay in the app using a credit/debit card or with cash when you board. Exact change is required.

Step 4: Get Ready

- Your ride booking will specify a 20 minute window for pickup.
- Get to your pickup point five minutes before your scheduled pickup window begins.
- Your vehicle will wait for up to two minutes.



For step-by-step instructions on how to use the service, watch the video!

Learn more about how to ride at goodyearaz.gov/WeRIDEmicro.

What's That in Goodyear?



Havok Fine Jewelers

3301 N. Litchfield Rd. Suite 300

Now open!

Champs Family Automotive

14030 W. Van Buren St.

Under Construction

Jamba

13425 W. McDowell Rd. Suite 101

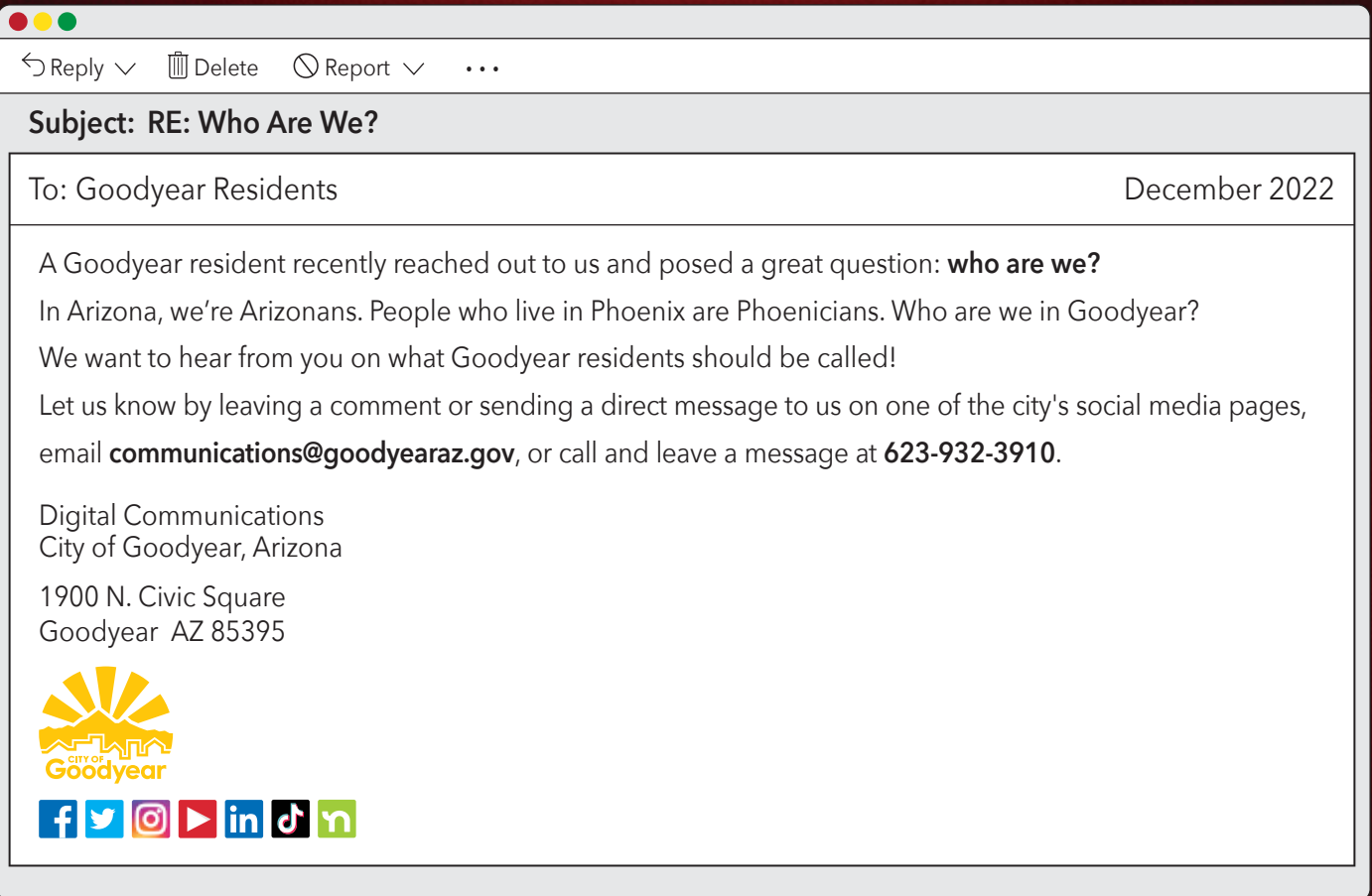
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McAlister's Deli

13425 W. McDowell Rd. Suite 105

Under Construction

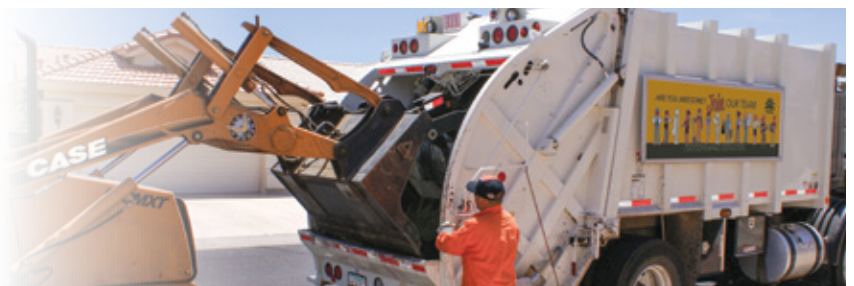
Learn more about the businesses coming to Goodyear at developgoodyearaz.com.



When is my TRASH DAY?

With upcoming holidays falling on the weekend, trash will be picked up as normal. Services will not be impacted by Christmas or New Year's Day.

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





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Postal Customer

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