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TOGETHER, WE ARE RESILIENT



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Stay Connected with COVID-19
Community and Business Resources
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PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE THESE STEPS TO KEEP YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY SAFE AND HEALTHY. THANK YOU!

Take steps to protect yourself



**CLEAN YOUR
HANDS OFTEN**



**PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING**



**STAY HOME IF
YOU'RE SICK**



**COVER COUGHS
AND SNEEZES**



**CLEAN AND
DISINFECT**

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Mayor Georgia Lord

The past two months have been some of the more trying times in recent history for our country. We've all had to adjust to a new normal and adapt quickly to weekly, even daily, changes around us.

The coronavirus has impacted how we learn, do our jobs, and even how we interact with our families and friends. It has impacted so many of the things that we enjoy, like spring training at Goodyear Ballpark, and popular city events like the Goodyear Lakeside Music Fest, Hops & Hops and CulturePOP Block Party. I always look forward to these annual events as they provide us an opportunity to come together as a community.

I've spoken with our local business owners who've suffered unexpected challenges and hardships. Some have had to close their doors and others have been trying to just get by. For many, the businesses they've built are their lifeline; their employees are like family.

Our front-line healthcare workers and first responders have stepped up in this fight as the rest of us were told to stay home. These selfless professionals risk their lives every time they start their work shift as they stand ready to protect and help others. They do not ask for our gratitude nor our appreciation, and they serve selflessly with pride and optimism every day. They truly are heroes, and we will be forever thankful for their service and sacrifice.

While at times things may seem bleak, I know the character and resilience of our community. We are a city that is built on stepping up when we see others in need. We lend a helping hand, and we work together to overcome the most difficult obstacles. We are a community of families, friends and neighbors ready and willing to help each other.

Across the city, I've seen and heard examples of residents and businesses supporting the community. Businesses are donating services. Residents are volunteering at non-profits. Schools are ensuring healthy meals for students. Even small gestures, like families ordering take-out from a local restaurant, help our community. It all adds up and makes a big difference. These examples are everywhere and represent the true character of our beautiful city.

The city of Goodyear will continue to deliver the exceptional services that our residents depend on while also keeping our city safe. Our residents can continue to count on our remarkable first responders, public works professionals, and all of our city staff who stand ready to respond to any and all challenges.

When times are challenging, I am so proud to see our great city come together. I am overwhelmed by the heartfelt stories of people looking out for each other for the health and wellbeing of our community.

**NOVELIST JAMES LANE ALLEN SAID,
"ADVERSITY DOES NOT BUILD
CHARACTER, IT REVEALS IT."**

During this crisis, our character has been revealed, our strength unleashed, and together, we will come back stronger than ever.

S U P P O R T

How have you seen the community come to



Vice Mayor Stipp

With so many stories of people doing good things for each other, I wanted to share how the city is coping with the COVID-19 outbreak and to reassure everyone that the city of Goodyear will not be broken by the pandemic. City Councils, past and present, have had very conservative financial policies that will allow us to rebound quickly while maintaining the high-quality of city services that we've all come to rely on as a community. Stay healthy!



Councilmember Joe Pizzillo

Our first responders and medical professionals are heroes. They have remained on the job and ready to answer the call to help others. In late March, my wife experienced a medical emergency in the middle of the night and the Goodyear Fire Department's rapid response and exceptional care saved her life. I will be forever grateful to the firefighters who responded when we needed them the most, and for all of the first responders who keep our community safe.



Councilmember Sheri Lauritano

I want to thank all of our residents during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping an eye out for our vulnerable population and for supporting our local restaurants with takeout. I am proud of our community and we will come out of this together, and stronger.

A D A P T A B L E K I N D

gether during these unprecedented times?

Councilmember Wally Campbell

Seeing neighbors helping neighbors without being asked, donating to All Faith Community Services Food Bank to feed Goodyear residents in need, being kind, generous and thoughtful – this is what I have seen in the past month. We are all in this together and we will continue to thrive and grow. Goodyear cares for one another.



Councilmember Brannon Hampton

These are difficult times for our community, but I am seeing residents rise to the occasion. We are seeing people helping neighbors, volunteering, donating money, and providing comfort to those around us. It's by working together that we will overcome and persevere through these difficult times.



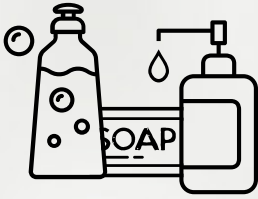
Councilmember Laura Kaino

There's been an explosion of creativity to meet the challenges and fill the need to be connected: virtual tours of attractions, online music and art sessions, teachers driving in caravans through neighborhoods to see their students, and online social and prayer meetings. There is joy in finding humor, support and blessings in the midst of the crisis. Goodyear has a long history of strength and resiliency; together we will make it through and thrive!



N E S S S T R E N G T H

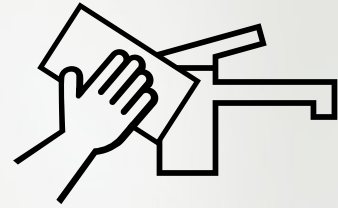
We Might Never Look at Washing Our Hands the Same



1. Use a **generous** amount of soap and lather up.



2. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Thoroughly scrub the front and back of your hands, and in between fingers. Make sure to clean under the nails, too!



3. Turn off the faucet with a paper towel, if possible.

When to Wash?

Before After



Eating.



Coming in close contact with others, especially someone who is sick.

After



Using the restroom, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.



Changing a diaper.



Touching garbage.



Touching a pet, pet food or animal waste.



Go to [goodyearaz.gov/YouTube](https://www.goodyearaz.gov/YouTube) to view a short video on proper handwashing.



Remember: Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands!

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Social Distancing

The COVID-19 pandemic has opened our eyes to an important new term – *social distancing*.



Being physically close to others, including friends and family, is never a good idea when you're dealing with a contagious illness. Having discussions about the importance of social distancing during these times can be uncomfortable, but they're important.

That's why licensed therapist Dr. Tania Glenn suggests having an open conversation with someone and know what you want to say.

"It's a very hard conversation to have. The biggest thing to do is to kind of rehearse what you want to say," she said. "Come up with a very good, clean, clear message."

When it's time to have the talk, Dr. Glenn recommends making it clear that you're looking out for the person's health and safety, rather than simply not wanting to spend time with that person.

"It can be as simple as, 'I'm worried about getting you sick or transmitting something to your kids, and I just

feel like for the safety of all of us, we should really adhere to that,'" she said.

Whether it's COVID-19, the flu or another health concern, Dr. Glenn says it's important to emphasize that your decision to keep your distance is because you care about that person and are putting their health and safety first.

And of course, remind them that using technology will still allow a face-to-face interaction.

"You can Skype or Zoom or FaceTime or call, or connect through social media," Dr. Glenn said. "While it's not in-person-type interactions, banking on those resources and those gifts of technology is the best way to go. We're such social human beings, but I think we have to use the technology to be a little creative and overcome these situations."

Sanitize These Surfaces Often

High-touch surfaces: tables, desks, chairs, doorknobs, handles, light switches, sinks, toilets, cell phones, tablets, touch-screens, keyboards and remote controls.

For electronics, the CDC recommends using wipes or sprays that contain at least 70 percent alcohol.

Soft surfaces: rugs, drapes and carpets. If possible, place these items in the washing machine. If not, follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning.

It's not just hands that need to be kept clean. Make sure to clean and disinfect surfaces and household items often.

When handling contaminated laundry, the CDC recommends wearing disposable gloves, and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as soon as the gloves are removed. Also, remember not to shake dirty laundry, and clean and disinfect the hamper.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Tap Water is Safe to Drink

We've seen the store shelves empty, especially the bottled water aisle. Goodyear residents should know that you can drink perfectly safe water, straight from the tap. We know that water is critical to the health and wellbeing of our community. Even in uncertain times, like with COVID-19, the city of Goodyear takes the necessary steps and safeguards to ensure it's safe to drink and use.

How is Goodyear tap water treated? Water treatment includes reverse osmosis, adsorption and disinfection. Chlorine is used to disinfect and is extremely effective in killing bacteria. Goodyear uses multiple treatment processes, depending on the water source. Each process uses water treatment technology approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Maricopa County Environmental Services.



Toilet Talk

When there's a shortage of toilet paper and people start flushing paper towels and wipes, that's a problem.

Why? Flushing anything other than toilet paper can cause blockages and damage to the sewer systems.

"It's important to know that these toilet paper alternatives do not break down in the sewer system and can cause costly backups into your home or street, and can significantly impact our wastewater treatment plants. If it's not toilet paper, throw it away!"

Javier Setovich, Goodyear Public Works Director

Do Flush!

Toilet paper

Don't Flush!

Paper towels
Disinfecting wipes
"Flushable" wipes
Tissues





How to Successfully Work from Home – What’s the Secret?

The past few months have been a learning experience for many on how to successfully work from home while, in some cases, even having to care for kids. Here are 5 **FUN** “tips” for working at home:

1. Pajamas, sweatpants and swimwear are perfectly acceptable attire... 😂 from the waist down.
2. Open your drapes or blinds occasionally to determine if it’s 1 a.m. or 1 p.m. 🤔
3. Tell your kids you’re playing hide and seek. 🧑 Start looking for them at 5 p.m.
4. Lock your computer when you step away to keep your 🐱 cat from typing gibberish the second you leave.
5. Stop drinking so much coffee! 🧑 Toilet paper doesn’t grow on trees.

Share your tips for successfully working at home on the city’s social media pages.



Staying Safe in the Sun

It’s safe to say most of us have a new appreciation for toilet paper and the outdoors. As the temperatures rise, it’s important to take extra measures to stay safe.

- ☀️ Drink more water than usual while avoiding sugar, alcohol and caffeine.
- ☀️ Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen and lip protection with a minimum SPF15.
- ☀️ Wear a hat, lightweight clothing and sunglasses.
- ☀️ Some medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, may increase the risk of heat-related illness.
- ☀️ Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Average Phoenix-Area Highs

May – 94 degrees
June – 104 degrees
July – 106 degrees
August – 105 degrees

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



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Support Local!

Show your favorite Goodyear spots some extra love.



Ah-Hai Sushi & Grill	Firehouse Subs	
Ah-So Sushi & Steak	Five Guys	
Akaihana Sushi & Grill	Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers	Raul and Theresa's Mexican Restaurant
Angry Crab Shack	Garden Pizza	Red Lobster
Applebee's Grill + Bar	Golden Corral	Red Robin
Arby's	Gus's New York Pizza & Bar	Robeks Fresh Juices & Smoothies
Arriba Mexican Grill	Hayashi Hibachi	Rocky Mountain Bigfoot Dawgs
Augie's Sports Grill	Haymaker	Roman's Oasis
Barro's Pizza	Henry's Hawaiian Grill	Romano's Macaroni Grill
Baskin-Robbins	Jack in The Box (multiple locations)	Royal Jasmine Thai Restaurant
Bella Luna Ristorante	Jersey Mike's Subs	Rubio's Coastal Grill
Black Angus Steakhouse	Jimmy John's (multiple locations)	Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q
Black Bear Diner	Lakeside Grill Estrella	Saddle Mountain Brewing Company
Booty's Wings, Burgers & Beer	Little Caesars (multiple locations)	Sal's Tuscan Grill
Buffalo Wild Wings	Lucky Buddha Asian Restaurant	Sammy's Burgers
Burger King (multiple locations)	Macayo's Mexican Food	Samurai Asian Bistro
Café Bebida	Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina	Sandwich Masterz
Cafe Rio Mexican Grill	Mariscos Camaron Pelaó	Schlotzsky's
Carl's Jr	McDonald's (multiple locations)	Señor Taco
Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen	Mimi's Cafe	Starbucks (multiple locations)
Chef Ben Sushi & Asian Express	MOD Pizza	Subway (multiple locations)
Chick-fil-A	N-Dub Pizza Pub	Sugar 'N Spice Coffee & Tea
Chili's Grill & Bar	Nakama Sushi Restaurant	Sushi & Poke House
Chipotle Mexican Grill	Native Grill & Wings	Taco Bell (multiple locations)
Chuck E. Cheese	Nothing Bundt Cakes	Taco Redempcion
Church's Chicken	Oasis Bagels	Tailgaters Sports Grill & IL Primo Pizza
Clubhouse Grill	Olive Garden	Taste of Italy (multiple locations)
Colados Coffee & Crepes	Oregano's	Teabo Coffee & Sandwiches
Cold Stone Creamery	P.F. Chang's China Bistro	Texas Roadhouse
Cracker Barrel	Panda Express (multiple locations)	The Buffalo Spot
DQ Grill & Chill	Panera Bread	The Cutting Edge Bar & Grill
Denny's	Papa John's (multiple locations)	Tomo Japanese Cuisine
Dickey's Barbecue Pit	Papa Murphy's	Tropical Smoothie Cafe
Dino's Greek & Italian Grill	Pho House Restaurant	Village Inn
Domino's Pizza (multiple locations)	Pho King Eggroll	Waffle House
Dream Swirls Frozen Yogurt	Pita Palms	Wendy's
Dunkin'	Pizza Hut	Whataburger
Dutch Bros Coffee (multiple locations)	Popeyes	Wildflower Bread Company
Einstein Bros. Bagels	PT Noodles	Wok Wei Asian Cuisine
El Pollo Loco	Q's Master Griller Kitchen	Yan's Chinese Food
Enroute Coffee and Tea House	Que Pasa Mexican Food	Yogis Grill
Federico's Mexican Food	Rainbow Valley Tacos	Yogurtini
Filiberto's Mexican Food	Ramiro's Mexican Food	Zheng's Chinese Kitchen

For the most updated list of Goodyear restaurants, visit goodyearaz.gov/wheretoeat



A Pleasant Surprise During Uncertain Times

Goodyear Rocks finds a way to spread community cheer

In recent weeks, many Goodyear residents have had more time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather while practicing smart social distancing guidelines.

Goodyear Rocks, which promotes positivity throughout the city, is tailor made for these times.

"It cheers people up," said Goodyear Rocks founder Tammie Sikes. "When you're practicing social distancing, there's not much more to do except for projects."

The premise of Goodyear Rocks is simple: Paint a rock with a positive, inspiring or funny message, and hide it anywhere in Goodyear for someone to find. Think of it as a citywide scavenger hunt.

Rocks used by the group can be found at local landscaping companies - and you don't need to be a professional painter in order to join.

The idea for Goodyear Rocks came to Sikes after her sister, who lives in Washington, told her about a similar group in her state.

"She was telling me about these rocks that she was finding. She said, 'You should do something down here.' And so I looked, and I didn't see anything similar. So, I thought, let's go ahead and start something," Sikes said.

When people find a rock, they often post on the group's Facebook page to share what they found.

"When you read the posts, so many people say how it brightens their day and how much of a difference it made - that they needed that rock at that time," said Sikes.

Goodyear Rocks has grown to over 1,500 Facebook members - and its membership has spiked since March, when COVID-19 began altering the lifestyles of so many Americans.

Previously, Goodyear Rocks averaged one or two new members each day. In March, that number spiked to at least 10 new members daily.

Some members have even painted rocks related to COVID-19, such as a rock featuring a roll of toilet paper with the words "My precious" painted under it. So, it's easy to see why Goodyear Rocks is a fun and safe way to lighten the mood during difficult circumstances.

"Right now, we really need to spread some positive feelings, and get people off this doom-and-gloom stuff," Sikes said. "I think that coming together as a community and putting rocks out, and just spreading that message and that surprise of finding a rock - I think we're really helping the community stay upbeat and keep the morale high. I think that's really important right now, to help each other out."

Finding New Ways to Connect

With the increasing use of technology in our daily lives, there are days we love it and days that we beg for a break from it. In the midst of uncertainty, we've seen the good technology can bring by connecting our community.



Electronic Learning – Schools transformed to at-home virtual classrooms. Through web streaming services, classes picked up where they left off with daily classes and lessons online.

“We are extremely grateful for the rapid transition toward an online teaching and learning environment. Our teachers and all employees, parents and students did a tremendous job in reshaping a wide range of educational and community services within a short

transition period. This experience has profoundly impacted the way we operate together as a learning community.”

–Superintendent Dennis Runyan, Agua Fria Union High School District

Facebook Groups – Neighbors connected in a new way on Facebook. New Facebook groups like West Valley Connect popped up, bringing residents from Goodyear and other West Valley communities together to share resources.

“This group has been so helpful in connecting families with needed groceries and supplies. We have also been able to share job opportunities and connect people with others. It is a true community effort that is helping many across the West Valley.”

–Michele Butler Young, Goodyear resident and creator of the West Valley Connect Facebook group



Virtual Arts – Live concerts, music lessons and art classes became easily accessible at home. The city of Goodyear developed virtual opportunities for residents to feel connected and enjoy the arts. With its success, there are plans to expand on it.

“Art has a way of generating optimism and happiness. We hope families continue to enjoy this new way to connect and experience the arts at home.”

–Guylene Ozlanski, Goodyear Arts and Culture Administrator



Here for You

Goodyear police officers and firefighters are always ready to respond during any crisis. They take every precaution and follow CDC health guidelines to keep you healthy and safe while providing the highest level of public safety and customer service. The police and fire departments remain fully staffed and have contingency plans in place to ensure they are there for you when you need them. A BIG shout out to our crews for keeping Goodyear safe, rain or shine!



You Count!

Complete the 2020 Census today

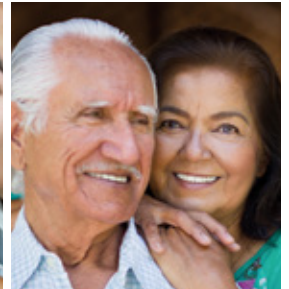
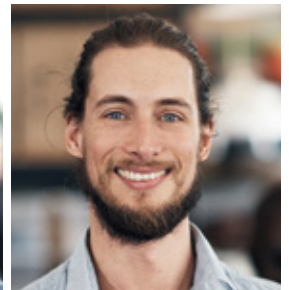
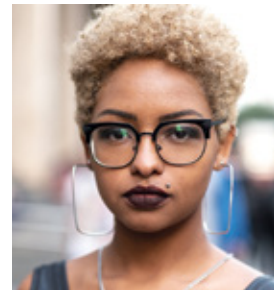
For the first time ever, the census can be done online in the comfort of your home. Log on to 2020census.gov to complete a series of questions to get an accurate count of how many people are in your household, then click 'submit' and you're done. It only takes a few minutes.

An accurate population count ensures Goodyear gets the money it needs for critical programs and services including public safety, neighborhood improvements and education.

Track how Goodyear residents rank among other city residents in completing the census at 2020census.gov/response-rates.

Help Goodyear reach 100 percent!

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Now accepting applications for the Goodyear Youth Commission

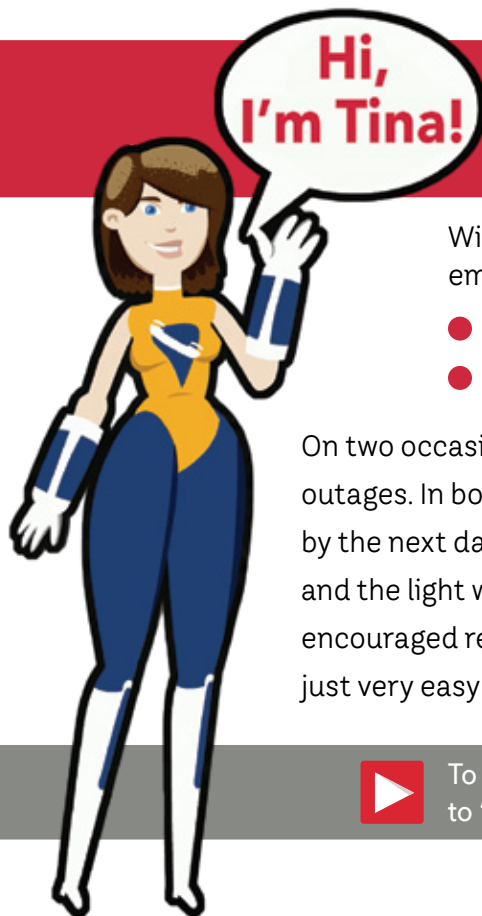
Become a Leader in Your Community and Help Shape the Future

Goodyear teens eager to learn more about local government and even play a role in it are encouraged to apply to the Goodyear Youth Commission.

This unique opportunity is open to all high school students in Goodyear, including students entering high school in the fall.

*Applications are due
Friday, May 22.*

goodyearaz.gov/boardsrecruit



"Tina" to the Rescue Need to Report a Problem? Tell Tina!

With the city of Goodyear app, residents can easily and quickly alert city employees, like "Tina," to a number of issues, including:

- Potholes
- Graffiti
- Non-working traffic signals
- Water and sewer problems

On two occasions, Goodyear resident Cruz Serrano used the app to report traffic light outages. In both cases, "Tina" sprang into action and the lights were functioning again by the next day – and in one case, even sooner than that. "I reported it in the morning, and the light was working again by the time I left work that night," said Serrano, who has encouraged residents in her HOA to use the app, too. "The instructions are clear, and it's just very easy to use."



To watch a short video on how to report a problem to "Tina," visit goodyearaz.gov/YouTube.



LIVE in Goodyear

Tune in! You can now enjoy live streaming images from cameras positioned at the ballpark.



Watch the live stream at goodyearaz.gov/LIVEinGoodyear.



Memorial Day

CITY OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MAY 25.

THERE **WILL BE**
TRASH, RECYCLING
AND BULK PICKUP.

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GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL



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

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

May 4	5 p.m.	Work Session
May 11	6 p.m.	Council Meeting
May 18	6 p.m.	Council Meeting

Meetings are subject to change based on the impacts of COVID-19. For the latest meeting information, visit goodyearaz.gov/coronavirus. Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Municipal Court and Council Chambers, 14455 W. Van Buren St., B101.





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OUR DOCTORS

OUR GROCERY STORES

OUR TRUCK DRIVERS

OUR DELIVERY DRIVERS

OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

OUR RESTAURANTS

OUR STORE CLERKS

OUR TEACHERS

OUR COMMUNITY

OUR VOLUNTEERS

OUR NURSES

OUR PARENTS

OUR CHILDREN