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From the Mayor



Mayor
Georgia Lord

Safety is such an important issue to all of us, particularly since we hear so much about unrest in our world on the news today. As a military spouse, I've lived all over the world and experienced life in a variety of cultures, climates, and community settings. I can honestly say that Goodyear outshines

them all and has a special feel and comfort about it.

City staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that Goodyear provides a safe and clean environment for its residents—from the walkability of our neighborhoods, to roadway improvements, street lighting, and facilities, such as our two new fire stations to enhance emergency services. Even the new recreation campus being built is intended to provide a safe place for residents to exercise. All of these safety-focused developments serve to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Our City Council is committed to the well-being of our community and will continue to make safety a priority. I encourage you to also commit to doing your part in contributing to the security of our city by engaging with your fellow residents through participation in community activities and by reaching out to your neighbors. Getting to know your neighbors is one of the best ways to build a safety network within your neighborhood. ***The busyness of life may draw us away from connecting with others, but if we make it a practice to reach out, the relationships that develop enrich us all.*** Perhaps a potluck meal with a few neighbors, or even a block party (following physical distancing guidelines, of course) would be a good way to get to know those around you.

I know my life has been made better by the neighbors who became friends on my many moves. We all can do our part; we just need to be willing to initiate that connection. People looking out for one another, being willing to lend a helping hand, and caring about the community beyond their own door is what makes for a strong, vibrant, and safe place to live.

GOODYEAR ROCKS

⚡ Nov. 21, 2020

⚡ 5 - 9 p.m.
Featuring emerging rock bands!

⚡ Online goodyearaz.gov/events
This virtual concert may become open to in-person attendance. Please visit the website for updates as the event approaches.



Council Corner



One of the most important aspects of building a vibrant and growing community is ensuring that our residents feel safe and secure. When we discuss a safe city, you may inevitably think about more police visibility, response times or crime statistics. These are certainly some of the most important

components we think about at the city council, but creating a safe community is so much more than situational response to pressing circumstances. It requires us to think about all aspects of our city and consider different ideas that might impact the perceived safety for our residents. This includes many different factors beyond police and fire, such as streetlights, availability of parks, city programs, and access to housing and transportation.

Since we all perceive a safe city differently, it is vital that we create opportunities for open dialogue, collaboration and relationship building. Everyone has an important perspective to contribute, and resident participation is fundamental to building inclusive strategies. The city offers several different ways to get involved in this important discussion and contribute

to your community. Some examples include the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) program, the Citizen's Police Academy, and the Goodyear Leadership Enrichment and Development (L.E.A.D.) program. The Goodyear Police Department also recently formed a Community Action Network comprised of a diverse group of leaders and residents. The group serves as an open forum on public trust, police department transparency, education and community policing.

Keeping our community safe also requires us to be good neighbors and make social connections with those around us. Knowing and understanding our neighbors allows us to identify unusual or suspicious activity and report it to the police department – if you see something, say something. We can also keep our community secure by checking on vulnerable neighbors and looking out for each other.

I am committed to continuing to support robust police and fire service, but growing a safe city also requires engagement with our residents. By working together, we can develop innovative solutions to complex issues and create meaningful community connections. I am dedicated to ensuring Goodyear is a safe place to live and raise a family, and we ALL have an important role in this endeavor.

The Goodyear Fire Department offers **FREE** in-home safety check visits for residents age 60+ through Home Safe Home. Trained fire department representatives will do a room-by-room assessment and check for any unsafe conditions.

The safety check includes a customized home escape plan, a list of supplies for an emergency go kit, a free carbon monoxide alarm and suggestions on ways to prevent falls.

To register, visit goodyearaz.gov/fire.





Keeping Playgrounds Safe for Our Kids



There is a lot that goes into keeping our community playgrounds safe and enjoyable for everyone.

“We have two tiers of safety inspections,” said Parks Superintendent Jeremy Figueroa. “In the Goodyear Community Park, a visual inspection is done by the cleaning crew daily and an audit is conducted bi-weekly. The neighborhood parks are visually inspected daily and audited every month.”

During the inspection, they check equipment for overall conditions such as tears, cracks and broken pieces. If something can’t be fixed immediately, the equipment will be out of service until it’s repaired and safe to use again.

“Residents have been a great resource in discovering issues, and we appreciate their help,” said Figueroa. “We are all in this together to keep these playgrounds safe.”

The city has also implemented a rigorous sanitizing schedule for the playgrounds. In the neighborhood parks, playgrounds are sanitized twice a day, and the Goodyear Community Park playgrounds are sanitized four times a day.

Hi,
I’m Tina!



NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

Tell Tina!

goodyearaz.gov/mobileapp

You can use the city of Goodyear app to quickly alert city employees, like “Tina,” about a number of issues and safety hazards, including playground equipment damage, debris in the roadway and broken street lights. You can even track your report as it processes!

Customer Service & COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Safety at the 17 city parks is a top priority. That's one reason why the city launched a park ranger program. It is an extra layer of security and remind visitors of the rules in place to keep everyone safe.

"The park rangers' main goals are community education and customer service," said Recreation Coordinator Kristen Ennis. "When the need arises, the park rangers work closely with the police department to report any concerns or problems. Together, they

are quick to address issues to keep the parks safe and open for use."

Since the program started, there has been a steady decline in minor violations, like the number of dogs not on a leash. The park rangers also have a wealth of knowledge and are happy to help families with ramada reservations and learning more about other amenities at the parks.



In addition to 17 parks, the award-winning Goodyear Ballpark, pump track and skate park, the 30-acre Goodyear Recreation Campus is slated to open Summer 2021!
goodyearaz.gov/parks



CAMELBACK RD.

PERRYVILLE RD.

DYSART RD.

PATTERSON RD.

The city of Goodyear is much bigger, land-wise, than most people realize. It stretches 34 miles long from north to south at its longest point and 11 miles wide from east to west at its widest point. The city's Engineering Department maintains and repairs more than 400 miles of streets in the city, which is the equivalent distance of driving one way from Goodyear to Albuquerque. That's a lot of roadways, sidewalks, street lights and signs to maintain!



The city of Goodyear encompasses
191 square miles.

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Maintenance and Timely Repairs Keep Streets and Sidewalks in Tip-Top Shape

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We understand that well-maintained infrastructure, like our streets, traffic signals, sidewalks and signage, is important to our quality of life in Goodyear.

Well-maintained streets send a message that the city of Goodyear not only cares what our city looks like, but more importantly, we value all facets of safety.

Mayor Georgia Lord

Over the past year, the city's Engineering Department worked on roughly one-third of the city's paved roads as part of its pavement management program. Pavement management not only helps preserve the life of the pavement, which is fiscally responsible; it helps keep everyone who uses city streets safe.

“Cracks and potholes are dangerous, not only for motorists, but also for cyclists and pedestrians,” said Hugh Bigalk, the city's traffic engineer. “Our team will repair a pothole as soon as we are aware of it. Residents

will call us or use the app to report one, and the Goodyear Police Department is also great about letting us know of safety issues on the roads.”

The team follows the same approach with repairing sidewalks. Last year, they repaired more than 700 trip hazards on the city's sidewalks and ramps.

“The biggest culprits for creating sidewalk trip hazards are downed trees,” said Bigalk. “They often get uprooted during or after a storm, and they will actually lift a part of the sidewalk up, creating the trip hazard. Depending on how severe the damage is, we will either grind the concrete down to eliminate the trip hazard or completely replace that section.”

And while worn street signs may not pose the same safety hazards that dangerous potholes and cracks pose, the city also works hard to make sure traffic signals are in proper working order and that city street signage is replaced when it becomes difficult to read.

“The city council values our streets and street maintenance. They are high on our list of priorities, and we understand that we must take care of what we have already invested in. It's not just being fiscally responsible, it's our duty as stewards of the city to make sure the city of Goodyear is safe,” said Mayor Lord.

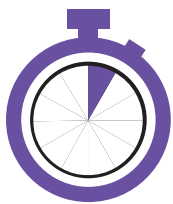
Safe Streets

Projects completed from July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020:

- Replaced 1,275 signs*
- Removed 840 tons of debris from city roadways
- Eliminated 720 trip hazards on sidewalks and ramps
- Replaced 470 traffic signal assets
- Maintained 424 miles of roads

*As part of a federally-funded sign replacement project





When Seconds Matter

The Goodyear Police Department takes pride in serving the community. The department is committed to community policing, providing many protective and proactive policing programs contributing to the low crime rate. The department's response rates are faster than the average for cities in the Valley.

5 seconds

911 ring time

3,555 hours

Training hours completed

4.5 minutes

Officer response time

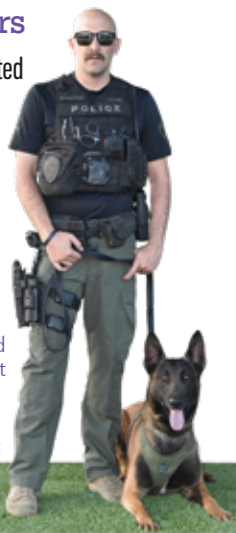
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New Officers

9,615 calls

Average per month

Officer Ben Armstead
and Azzer, K9 Unit



Partner with Police: Start a Neighborhood Block Watch

In collaboration with the Goodyear Police Department, a Neighborhood Block Watch is a great way to connect with neighbors and work together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in your community. To start a neighborhood watch:

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



We Immediately
Report All
Suspicious
Activities to Our
Police Department

RECRUIT

Gauge interest by talking to your neighbors about starting a group.

REGISTER

Visit goodyearaz.gov/police to register your block watch with the Goodyear Police Department.

MEET

Schedule regular meetings to discuss concerns and develop a plan.

STAY CONNECTED

Don't be discouraged by low participation. Continue to invite everyone and update neighbors who aren't involved. As the group grows, more will want to join!

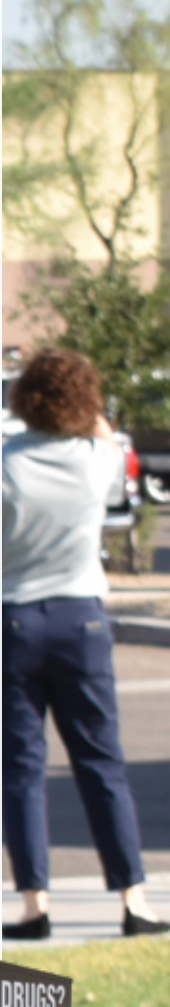
Sources: 2019 Valley Benchmark, Goodyear Police Department



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Community policing is not just a program, it is an organizational philosophy that is embraced by all ranks and employees at the Goodyear Police Department. We believe Goodyear is safer because of our commitment to community policing. We value working together with our residents and businesses to solve problems and overcome challenges which builds effective relationships, improves lives and strengthens our communities. Sir Robert Peel said it best: 'The police are the public and the public is the police.'

Chief Santiago Rodriguez
Goodyear Police Department



Dispose of Prescriptions Safely at a Goodyear Drop Box

There are two secure prescription drug drop boxes in Goodyear to help prevent drugs from entering the wrong hands. Using a drop box is also safer for the environment.

Remember: You shouldn't throw away or flush prescriptions.

Goodyear Police Administrative Building
14455 W. Van Buren St., Suite E101

Goodyear Police Operations Building
11 N. 145th Ave.



5 Ways to Be a Good Neighbor

Being a good neighbor can go a long way in building relationships in your community and keeping it safe.

- Get to know your neighbor - introduce yourself with a smile
- Keep a well-maintained home and yard
- Keep your dog on a leash during walks
- Share upcoming remodeling projects that may impact neighbors
- Watch your neighbor's house when they're not home



Residents say...

Goodyear is a highly desirable and safe place to live.

9 in 10

residents feel safe in their neighborhoods.



Source: 2018 city of Goodyear Citizen Satisfaction Survey

PROACTIVELY PROTECTING RESIDENTS



Several years ago, the Goodyear Fire Department noticed that some residents were frequently and repeatedly calling 9-1-1 for non-emergency issues. They still needed help, but they had long-term medical needs beyond what an emergency room visit could provide.

That's when the department partnered with nearby cities to create the Community Paramedicine Program. It's a proactive approach. It allows

firefighters to visit residents who need help on a regular basis, before an emergency arises. During the visit, they check on the resident's medical, nutritional and psychological needs. They also inform each patient of medical benefits they may be unaware they have, and set them up with long-term programs and resources.

With its huge success, the program has been renewed for another year, thanks to funding from United Healthcare and a partnership with the city of Surprise.

AWARD WINNING SAFETY EDUCATORS SERVE GOODYEAR

Some of the best of the best are serving Goodyear to keep the city safe through education. The Goodyear Fire Department has received numerous honors and recognition over the years for its commitment to public safety, including two awards for Public Educator of the Year by the Arizona Fire and Burn Educators Association. The fire department's community educators, Maureen Carney and Tanja Tanner, have been with the city a combined 29 years. The awards recognize their dedication and hard work to coordinate safety education and activities in Goodyear. Part of their outreach includes visiting every elementary school in the city to share important safety tips and reminders with students, like how to properly wear a seatbelt and bike helmet, and what to do in case of a fire. Despite online learning in 2020, they continue to reach students through fun, educational videos.



New Fire Stations Promote Long-Term Health of First Responders

A pair of Goodyear fire stations are set to open in the coming months – and that's good news for our entire community.

Fire Station 186, on Willis Road just east of Rainbow Valley Road, is set to open in December and Fire Station 181, on 143rd Avenue between Van Buren Street and Celebrate Life Way, will open next spring. Along with improving response times, the stations are designed with a focus on our firefighters' long-term health. Both stations will feature a number of important health and safety measures, including designated "clean" and "dirty" zones.

Cancer-causing agents will be unable to penetrate the clean zones.

"We want to make sure when a firefighter returns to the fire station, they're removing all those contaminants from their clothes and body," said Goodyear Fire Chief Paul Luizzi.

The city is proud to be leading the way in creating fire stations with an emphasis on health – and hopes these concepts will spread to other departments around the country.



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We took the most innovative concepts from across the country, and applied them to our fire station designs.

Chief Paul Luizzi
Goodyear Fire Department





Brig. Gen. Gregory Kreuder
Luke Air Force Base

A Message from Luke Air Force Base

When taking command of the 56th Fighter Wing in May, it was clear that while our primary mission is to train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready airmen, I was also given the privilege to carry on the legacy of Luke Air Force Base by promoting equality, respect, and inclusion throughout the West Valley.

Throughout my 25 years in service to our great nation, I have witnessed some truly remarkable events. I have seen the strength required by families to send their loved ones off to war, not knowing if they would return. I have seen the growth of unique technological advancements and how those innovations have affected our daily lives. I also recall exactly where I was and what I was doing (at Squadron Officer's School playing "flickerball") when the heinous attacks were carried out on the World Trade Center in 2001.

Throughout these events, our nation has never had our communal grit tested as much as it has this year. The global pandemic clearly affects us here in the West Valley, which includes the dedicated men and women at Luke Air Force Base. As we "fight through COVID-19" together, we are finding opportunities to support both our airmen and our local communities to keep us all safe, healthy, and connected.

While simultaneously working to deliver the most effective family, personal, and professional

support to our airmen, I have also asked more from our communities to provide a safe and secure environment for our airmen to live in. I am proud to say that the city of Goodyear has been a beacon of support and guidance throughout this climate. I could not be prouder to share the home we call the West Valley with them.

We take comfort in the fact that our airmen and families who choose to call Goodyear home are supported by more than 7,000 fellow veterans who reside there, providing a distinct camaraderie with their fellow service members. It is only through this encouragement that we are able to accomplish the mission at Luke AFB and provide a vital asset in defense of our national security.

I would be remiss to not recognize those brave service members who have since taken off the uniform, but never stopped contributing to the success of our mission. Nov. 11, Veterans Day, is the day we should all take time to reflect on the tremendous accomplishments these individuals have contributed to making our society the place it is today.

After a year of battling invisible enemies in the form of COVID-19, racial injustice, and cultural division, the collective fabric that holds our society together has never been more important. By overcoming this threat to our sense of community and togetherness, I am confident in saying that we will come out of this battle a stronger, more interwoven citizenry. Whether the pandemic ends in 2020, 2021, or later, I have faith that our relationships, built on trust and common empathy, will help us all emerge stronger and more connected than ever before.



Photo: Master Sgt. Louis Vega Jr. on dvidshub.net



THANK YOU VETERANS

PRIDE OF GOODYEAR



ATTENTION CITY OF GOODYEAR RESIDENTS



SPECIAL ELECTION | MARCH 9, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [GOODYEARAZ.GOV/ELECTIONS](https://goodyearaz.gov/elections)



Protect Your Home from the Dangers of Overgrown Weeds

Did you know? Weeds and grass should not be more than six inches high in your yard. Goodyear has a code compliance team that works to educate residents about city requirements, such as weeds. Our goal is to keep Goodyear beautiful and keep you safe. Of course, pulling pesky weeds keeps your home and neighborhood looking good, but it also keeps your family safe. Overgrown weeds, bushes, trees, grass and vegetation are fire and safety hazards. They increase the risk of tripping and could obstruct vision for pedestrians and drivers, especially if they extended onto a sidewalk or street. Avoid a preventable accident and potential fine by pulling weeds from their roots regularly.



Report overgrown weeds on the Goodyear app. Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/mobileapp

Support Local!

Show your favorite Goodyear eatery some extra love.



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
Barro's Pizza
Baskin-Robbins (multiple locations)
Bella Luna Ristorante
Black Angus Steakhouse
Black Bear Diner
Bobazona
Booty's Wings, Burgers & Beer
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burger King (multiple locations)
Café Bebida
Cafe Rio Mexican Grill
Carl's Jr.
Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
Chef Ben Sushi & Asian Express
Chick-fil-A
Chili's Grill & Bar
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Chuck E. Cheese
Church's Chicken
Clubhouse Grill
Colados Coffee & Crepes
Cold Stone Creamery
Cracker Barrel
Culver's
DQ Grill & Chill
Del Taco

Denny's
Dickey's Barbecue Pit
Dino's Greek & Italian Grill
Domino's Pizza (multiple locations)
Dream Swirls Frozen Yogurt
Dunkin'
Dutch Bros Coffee (multiple locations)
Einstein Bros. Bagels
El Pollo Loco
Enroute Coffee and Tea House
Express Donuts
Federico's Mexican Food
Filiberto's Mexican Food
Firehouse Subs
Five Guys
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
Garden Pizza
Golden Corral
Gus's New York Pizza & Bar
Hayashi Hibachi
Haymaker
Henry's Hawaiian Grill
Jack in The Box (multiple locations)
Jamba
Jersey Mike's Subs
Jimmy John's (multiple locations)
JJ's Grub Shack
KFC *Coming Soon*
Lakeside Grill Estrella
Little Caesars (multiple locations)
Lucky Buddha Asian Restaurant
Macayo's Mexican Food
Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina
Mariscos Camaron Pelaó
McDonald's (multiple locations)

Mimi's Cafe
MOD Pizza
N-Dub Pizza Pub
Nakama Sushi Restaurant
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Oasis Bagels
Olive Garden
Oregano's
P.F. Chang's China Bistro
Panda Express (multiple locations)
Panera Bread
Papa John's (multiple locations)
Papa Murphy's
Philly Pretzel Factory
Pho House Restaurant
Pho King Eggroll
Pita Palms
Pizza Hut
Popeyes
PT Noodles
Q's Master Griller Kitchen
Que Pasa Mexican Food
Rainbow Valley Tacos
Ramiro's Mexican Food
Raul and Theresa's Mexican Restaurant
Red Lobster
Red Robin
Robeks Fresh Juices & Smoothies
Rocky Mountain Bigfoot Dawgs
Roman's Oasis
Royal Jasmine Thai Restaurant
Rubio's Coastal Grill
Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q
Saddle Mountain Brewing Company
Sal's Tuscan Grill

Sammy's Burgers
Samurai Asian Bistro
Sandwich Masterz
Schlotzsky's
Señor Taco
Starbucks (multiple locations)
Subway (multiple locations)
Sugar 'N Spice Coffee & Tea
Sunrise Donuts
Sushi & Poke House
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 Cantina at Presidio
The Cutting Edge Bar & Grill
The Frozen Monkey Shave Ice
Tomo Japanese Cuisine
Tropical Smoothie Cafe
Village Inn
Waffle House
Wendy's
Whataburger
Wildflower Bread Company
Wok Wei Asian Cuisine
Yan's Chinese Food
Yogis Grill
Yogurtini
Zheng's Chinese Kitchen

List may not represent all businesses in Goodyear

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



The Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry awarded Goodyear the 2020 Best City for Business in Arizona based on:

- economic development excellence
- city leadership effectiveness
- working with the business community to improve the local quality of life
- clear expectations on permitting and approvals
- reducing regulatory burdens on business
- effective communication with stakeholders
- transparency in the public notice process

#22 BEST CITY TO LIVE
MONEY.COM

#14 FASTEST GROWING CITY
U.S. CENSUS

What's That in Goodyear?



Arizona Pizza Company
15530 W. Roosevelt St.
Now Open!

Soda Bomb
633 S. Estrella Pkwy., Suite 115
Opening Soon!

**Arizona Orthopedic
Physical Therapy**
14545 W. Indian School Rd.
Opening Soon!

Learn more about the businesses coming to Goodyear and view an interactive development map at **developgoodyearaz.com**.

**VETERANS DAY TRASH,
RECYCLING and BULK
PICKUP REMINDER:**

Pickup **will** occur.

Containers to
curb by 6 a.m.



NO TRASH, RECYCLING OR BULK PICKUP

» INDEPENDENCE DAY

» CHRISTMAS DAY

» THANKSGIVING DAY

» NEW YEAR'S DAY

Want paperless billing or to pay your bill online?

Need to know your trash or bulk pickup day?

Confused about what goes into your recycling bin?

VISIT GOODYEARAZ.GOV/TRASH



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.

Want more news? Subscribe to updates at goodyearaz.gov/news and join the conversation online by following us on social media.

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



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

Nov. 2	6 p.m.	Work Session
Nov. 11	6 p.m.	Council Meeting
Nov. 16	6 p.m.	Council Meeting
Dec. 7	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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**WATCH THE GOODYEAR HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
LIVE FROM HOME**

DEC 5 @ 5 - 7 PM

**LIVE PERFORMANCES
FIREWORKS
SHOUTOUTS FROM SANTA**

submit your letter to santa@goodyearaz.gov for a chance to have your letter read live!

GOODYEARAZ.GOV/EVENTS

for more details and to watch LIVE



Estrella Foothills High School

HOLIDAY *Variety* SHOW

*2 nights of spirit-filling performances
you can view in-person or online!*



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for more details, show times, and to watch LIVE

