



**AUGUST 7, 2026**

**MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE**

# **WEEKLY REPORT**

To: The Goodyear City Council  
From: Bryan Langley, City Manager

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# EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

The Aug. 7 Manager's Information Update highlights recent council election outcomes, progress on major capital projects and key program developments across the organization.

The 2026 Goodyear City Council election results are now certified. Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton and Councilwoman Vicki Gillis have been reelected, and former Councilmember Sheri Lauritano will return to the council beginning Jan. 1, 2027. These leaders will serve alongside current Councilmembers Laura Kaino, Benita Beckles and Trey Terry. Councilmember Wally Campbell will conclude more than 15 years of distinguished service at the end of the year. With new terms beginning in January, Goodyear will continue to benefit from experienced leadership committed to advancing the community's long-term vision.

Infrastructure projects across the city remain on schedule. The Water Reclamation Facility Expansion is progressing through the design phase, with contractor cost proposals underway and construction expected to begin later this summer. Preparations for the Cotton Lane roadway improvements have continued, ensuring readiness for the upcoming construction start.



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City Manager

The Bullard Wash Trail Extension also advanced with ongoing coordination, refined site planning and continued real estate work to support future construction.

Recent program updates demonstrate continued investment in community safety and cultural enrichment. The Goodyear Fire Department secured a Homeland Security grant to develop a mass casualty and hazardous materials support trailer. The Arts and Culture Commission held its annual retreat, strengthening strategic alignment with citywide plans and exploring enhanced subcommittee structures. In fiscal year 2026, the city secured \$3.74 million in grant revenue, reflecting strong performance with an 89% success rate among applications decided, to date.

**[CLICK HERE to view the City Manager's Weekly Update online or visit \[goodyearaz.gov/weeklyupdate\]\(https://goodyearaz.gov/weeklyupdate\)](#)**

# COUNCIL SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, AUGUST 31

City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting, 5 p.m.

[CLICK HERE to view Agendas and Minutes](#)



(front row, l to r): Wally Campbell, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Laura Kaino

(back row, l to r): Trey Terry, Vicki Gillis, Benita Beckles, Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton

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 the city's Facebook and X  
pages, as well as on its YouTube channel.

# COUNCIL SCHEDULE

## 2026 ELECTION RESULTS

The 2026 election results for Goodyear City Council are now official. Mayor Joe Pizzillo has been reelected to his final four-year term. Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton and Councilwoman Vicki Gillis have also been reelected to continue serving the Goodyear community. Joining them is Sheri Lauritano, who returns to the council after previously serving nearly 14 years as a councilmember. Their new terms begin Jan. 1, 2027.

Councilmember Wally Campbell will conclude more than 15 years of dedicated service at the end of the year. Councilmember Campbell has served on many state and national committees, served as the vice mayor and provided thoughtful leadership during her time on the city council.

Below is an overview of the Goodyear City Council, starting in January, and their terms:



### **Mayor Joe Pizzillo**

Mayor Pizzillo will begin serving his second term as Mayor on Jan. 1, 2027, which runs through Dec. 31, 2030.



### **Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton**

Vice Mayor Hampton will begin serving his third term on Jan. 1, 2027, which runs through Dec. 31, 2030.



### **Councilmember Laura Kaino**

Councilmember Kaino is currently serving her second term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2028.



### **Councilwoman Vicki Gillis**

Councilwoman Gillis will begin serving her second term, which runs from Jan. 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2030.



### **Councilmember Benita Beckles**

Councilmember Beckles is currently serving her first term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2028.



### **Councilmember Trey Terry**

Councilmember Terry is currently serving his first term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2028.



### **Councilmember Sheri Lauritano**

Councilmember Lauritano will begin serving her first term on Jan. 1, 2027, which runs through Dec. 31, 2030.

*\*Term Limits - Mayor: Two terms, Council: Three terms*

Strong leadership and a shared commitment to our community are essential to Goodyear's continued success. City Manager Bryan Langley looks forward to working with the city council to build on the community's momentum and advance Goodyear.

# INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES

## **GOODYEAR WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY: EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT [CIP #61014]**

The Goodyear Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project will increase the facility's capacity by two million gallons per day. Major components of the expansion include a new effluent pump station, new headworks, UV disinfection and electrical and mechanical improvements. Earlier this summer, the construction contractor completed on-site inspections to better understand existing conditions and began preparing for future equipment installation.



Throughout June and July, the design team continued advancing key project deliverables, including agreements, procurement, drawings, specifications and cost estimates, while coordinating with regulatory agencies on required permits. Contractor cost proposals for remaining construction services are also being developed as the project moves steadily through the design phase. The project is expected to begin construction late this summer.

## **COTTON LN: ESTRELLA PKWY TO COTTON LN BRIDGE [CIP #42046]**

The Cotton Lane Project will rehabilitate the existing roadway and add two additional travel lanes to improve mobility. Earlier this summer, the city advanced a cost recovery agreement and began initial preparations needed before construction can start. Pre-construction activities have continued as teams coordinate upcoming work and ensure readiness for the construction phase. The project is expected to begin construction late summer.

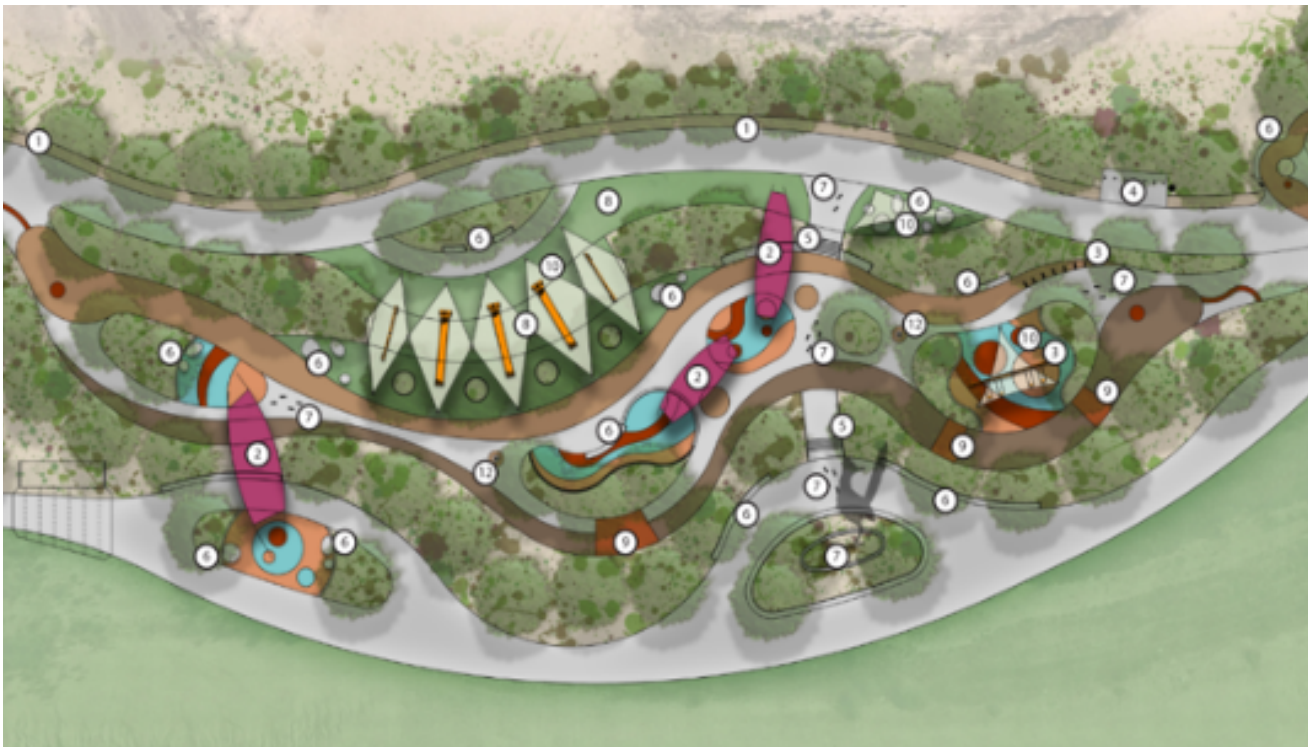


# INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES

## **BULLARD WASH TRAIL EXTENSION [CIP #50059]**

The Bullard Wash Trail Project will add three miles of multi-use pathway between McDowell Road and Goodyear Ballpark with several grade-separated crossings to improve connectivity. The project will also develop the McDowell Trailhead as a nature-themed recreation destination with shaded gathering areas, play features, bike amenities, public art and other features.

This summer, the project team continued coordination with regional partners while refining site planning elements such as signage, security features and recreation concepts. Real estate planning also progressed, including utility clearances needed for right-of-way adjustments. As the project moves into late summer, the team will continue coordination efforts, update cost estimates and address remaining design items. Real estate work will focus on completing the right-of-way abandonment to support future construction.



**To follow these and other city capital projects, [CLICK HERE](#) to explore the Goodyear CIP Projects map.**

# PROGRAM UPDATES



## ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION RETREAT

The Arts and Culture Commission Retreat was held on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Goodyear Ballpark. The retreat focused on strengthening commissioners' understanding of their role in advancing arts and culture through recommendations aligned with the city's long-term vision, including the General Plan, city council strategic goals, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the annual Public Art Plan.

Commissioners discussed their advisory responsibilities, opportunities to improve internal processes and potential restructuring of commission subcommittees to better support strategic priorities and organizational effectiveness.

Mayor Joe Pizzillo welcomed and thanked commissioners for their service. Development Services Department staff and Julie Richard, CEO of the Sedona Arts Center, shared insights on community planning, arts advocacy and the role of arts and culture in fostering vibrant, connected communities.



# PROGRAM UPDATES

## GOODYEAR FIRE RECEIVES GRANT FOR MASS-CASUALTY RESPONSE TRAILER

The Goodyear Fire Department (GYFD) was recently approved for a \$47,046 grant from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to be used for the development of a mass-casualty and hazardous-materials incident support trailer. The funds will be used to repurpose and outfit an existing GYFD trailer with tools, materials, and equipment needed to support both planned special events and spontaneous large-scale incidents.



## FY2026 CITYWIDE GRANT REPORT

In FY2026, the city was awarded \$3.74 million in grant revenue. During the fiscal year, 19 new applications were submitted; eight have been funded, one was not funded and 10 remain pending. This reflects an 89% success rate among applications with decisions, to date. [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed application outcomes.



# MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA & MESSAGING

## SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

Total Followers: 338,826  
New Followers: 352

Impressions: 301,460  
Engagements: 13,496

## TOP POST OF THE WEEK

The top-performing post of the week was Goodyear Police Department's notification that a local 39-year-old man was arrested on charges related to the possession and distribution of child sexual abuse material. The post generated 3,255 engagements, including 92 reactions, 29 comments and 12 shares. The case also received extensive media coverage, which identified the suspect as a teacher at Great Hearts Trivium Preparatory Academy in Goodyear.

Comments about the police department were strongly positive, with several people thanking officers, praising the investigation and expressing appreciation for efforts to protect children. At the same time, commenters reacted with anger and disgust toward the alleged offenses and called for strong prosecution and sentencing.

His employment as a teacher added to the



concern, with some commenters questioning school vetting practices and expressing fears about student safety. Others wanted greater public visibility around similar arrests. Overall, the response reflected strong support for Goodyear police, deep concern for children and a desire for accountability from both the justice system and organizations entrusted with their care.

## MEDIA INTEREST

- Official election results for city races
- A breakdown of the city's water supply sources
- Fatal motorcycle crash Tuesday near Bullard Avenue and Yuma Road
- A local teacher arrested on child sexual abuse material charges
- E-bike rider involved in collision with a vehicle
- A hiker rescued in the Estrella Mountains



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