



AUGUST 28, 2026

MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

WEEKLY REPORT

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

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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

City Council will resume its regular meeting schedule with a Council Meeting on Aug. 31 at 5 p.m., followed by a Work Session and Council Meeting on Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. The Audit Committee will meet prior to the regular Council Meeting on Monday, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Several significant capital projects continue to advance. The Estrella Parkway expansion from Vineyard Road to MC-85 continues through design, land acquisition, permitting and stakeholder coordination. The McDowell Road improvements from Litchfield Road to Dysart Road remain on track. Design work is progressing, all necessary easements have been secured and procurement activities are moving forward toward late-summer bidding. The Goodyear Recreation Campus Expansion Phase 2 remains in the design phase. The project team continues to refine the scope and confirm program needs for the approximately 46-acre regional park.

The Estrella Parkway Mill and Overlay Project is scheduled to begin Sept. 14 and continue through Nov. 4, between McDowell Road and Van Buren Street. The project will replace the top two inches of deteriorated pavement, with major milling and paving activities occurring overnight to minimize daytime traffic impacts.

Liberty Utilities informed City staff this week that the Arizona Corporation Commission has approved new water and wastewater rates, which will take effect on September 1, 2026. It will result in increases for both water and wastewater customers, including typical residential accounts.



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The FY2026 Community Grant Funding 12-Month Report highlights the continued impact of the city's investment in nonprofit partners. Approximately 8,504 unduplicated Goodyear residents and 2,009 unduplicated Goodyear households received services during FY2026.

Goodyear is also promoting several public art opportunities this fall, including the Branches of Honor Mural Experience, HOLA West Valley Temporary Art Collaborative, Chalk Art in the Park, heARTs of Goodyear and the Traffic Cabinet Art Project. Application deadlines range from Sept. 28 through Oct. 26, providing multiple opportunities for artists and community groups to participate in public art initiatives in the city.

The City Clerk's Office has approved several upcoming special events throughout Goodyear, including My Lottery Dream Home filming, recurring Starpointe Food Truck Nights, the ALAFTXC Booster Cross Country Event, the Good Neighbor 25th Anniversary Picnic, the Starpointe Farmers Market, Walk for Hope and the Catitude 2nd Annual Craft Fair. These events will provide a range of community, recreational, cultural and entertainment opportunities for residents throughout the fall.

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

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

City Council Regular Meeting, 5 p.m.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

City Council Work Session, 5 p.m.



(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



ATTEND IN PERSON

Goodyear City Hall at GSQ
Council Chambers
1900 N. Civic Square.



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BOARD AND COMMISSION UPDATES

PLANNING AND ZONING (P&Z) COMMISSION MEETING RECAP – AUGUST 2026

The P&Z Commission met in regular session on August 19 at 6 p.m. The following application was considered:

SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE DESERT RAINBOW SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITY

The applicant seeks a special use permit (SUP) for a utility-scale solar energy generation facility in south Goodyear. The property occupies approximately 5,050 acres and is irregularly shaped, with boundaries generally extending north to south from the Queen Creek Road alignment to the Patterson Road alignment, and west to east from Waterman Wash to the 139th Avenue alignment.

The project would contain a solar field with 10-15-foot-high photovoltaic panels, containerized accessory battery energy storage system units with an intelligent fire detection system, an electrical collection system, an operation & maintenance campus and other associated infrastructure.

If approved, the project is expected to begin construction in 2029 and become fully operational in 2032. A proposed stipulation sets the SUP expiration date at forty-five years from issuance of the first certificate of completion or certificate of occupancy. By the end of this term, the facility shall be fully decommissioned, unless an extension to the SUP has been approved.

One speaker, a resident of Buckeye, voiced opposition to the proposed project citing concerns of the size of the solar field and its impacts to wildlife habitat, which might bring displaced animals and other impacts to her property.

The Commission discussed impacts to the natural habitat and wildlife, temperature effects to the surrounding area, how electricity would be stored and utilized during peak demand periods, and direct and indirect benefits to Goodyear residents.

The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to Council.

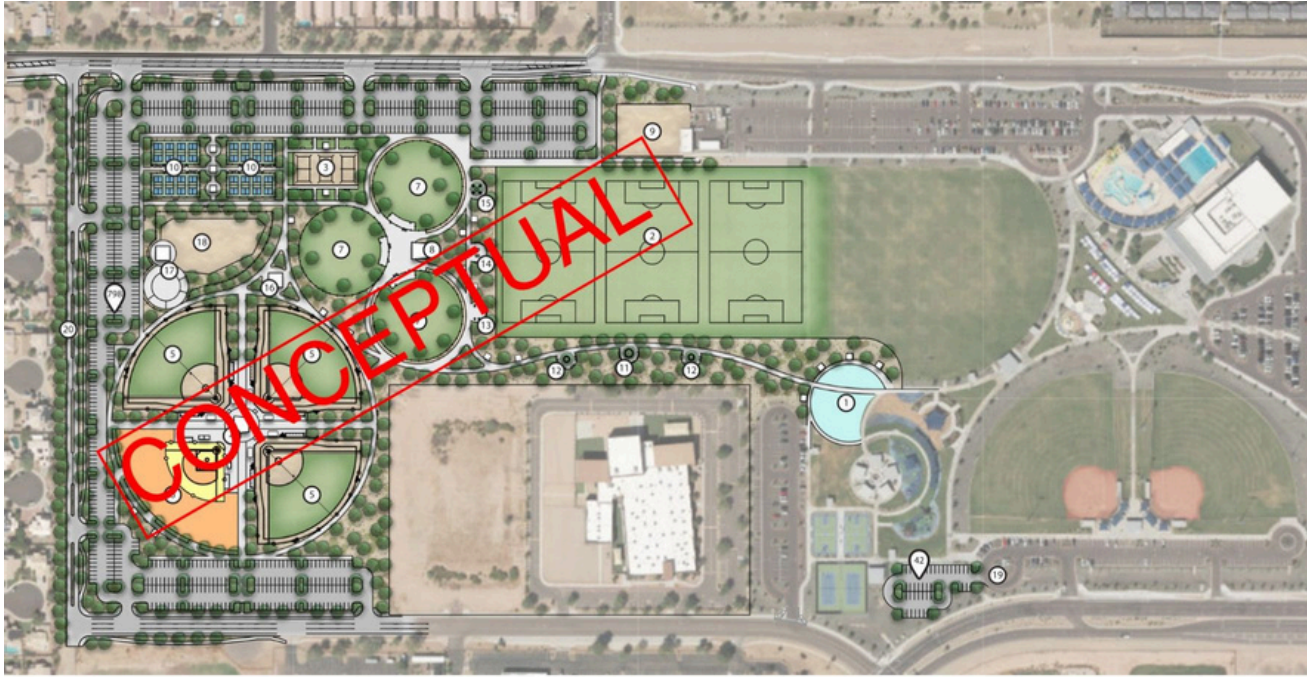
INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES

ESTRELLA PARKWAY: VINEYARD ROAD TO MC-85 (ESTRELLA BRIDGE) [CIP #42026]

The Estrella Parkway expansion project will widen the roadway from two lanes to six lanes and construct new bridges over the Gila River and Buckeye Canal to improve regional mobility and safety. Design activities and land acquisition continue to progress, with jurisdictional reviews advancing and permit plan updates underway. Contract negotiations for construction management have been completed, and the agreement is moving toward execution. Various external permits and access approvals are in process with state, county and utility stakeholders, and several key environmental and right of entry clearances have already been secured. This project has complex challenges to work through before entering the construction phase which is experiencing delays from the project timeline.



INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES



GOODYEAR RECREATION CAMPUS: EXPANSION PHASE 2 [CIP #50063]

The Goodyear Recreation Campus Expansion Phase 2 is being designed to develop approximately 46 acres of city-owned land into a regional park, including multi-use pathways, nature-based play areas, and open space, consistent with the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The project team is continuing to refine the project scope and confirming program needs based on community priorities throughout the summer to ensure proposed amenities align with long-term planning goals. Overall, the project remains in the design phase and is advancing as expected.



INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES

MCDOWELL ROAD – LITCHFIELD ROAD TO DYSART ROAD [CIP #42058]

The McDowell Road improvement project will expand the roadway from two to three lanes in each direction and upgrade the intersection at Litchfield Road to improve traffic flow and safety. Design work continues to advance, and all necessary easements have been secured. Procurement preparations progressed through early summer, with bidding activities moving forward into late summer.

The city is also preparing to secure additional support for post-design services as the project transitions toward construction. Overall, the project remains on track and continues to advance from design toward upcoming procurement milestones.



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

INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT UPDATES

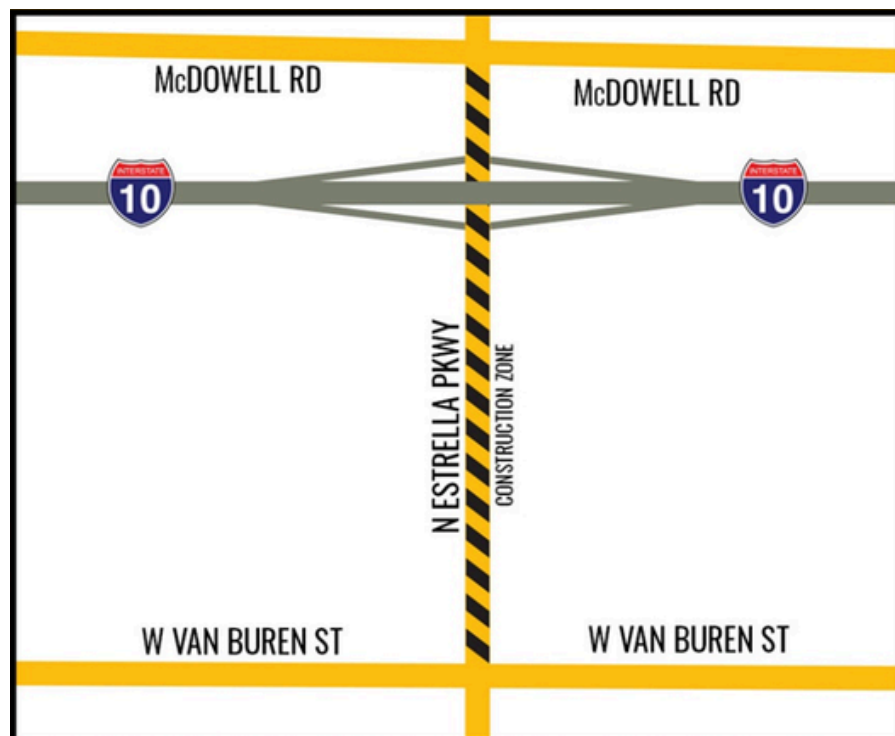
ESTRELLA PARKWAY MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

The Public Works Department will begin a mill and overlay project on Estrella Parkway between McDowell Road and Van Buren Street from Sept. 14 through Nov. 4. Major milling and paving activities will occur overnight from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. to minimize daytime traffic impacts. Two travel lanes will remain open in each direction during morning and afternoon peak traffic hours. Periodic reductions to one lane in each direction may be necessary outside of peak hours, with those restrictions limited to nighttime hours as much as possible.

The project includes removing the top two inches of deteriorated pavement and replacing it with new asphalt, a treatment appropriate for the roadway's current condition. This work will extend pavement life, improve drivability and reset the roadway's maintenance cycle.

Temporary striping is scheduled to be installed by Oct. 6, at which time traffic control measures will be removed. Final striping is scheduled for the week of Nov. 2, following the required 30-day asphalt curing period.

To minimize disruption to residents and businesses, the project team has implemented a comprehensive public outreach effort ahead of construction. Communications have been provided to affected businesses, and multiple Variable Message Boards have been installed along the corridor. Project information will also be featured in the September issue of InFocus and posted on the city's website and social media channels. These efforts will help ensure the community remains informed and prepared for temporary traffic impacts while the city completes this important infrastructure maintenance project.



PROGRAM UPDATES

LIBERTY UTILITIES RATE CHANGE

Liberty Utilities informed city staff this week that the Arizona Corporation Commission has approved new water and wastewater rates, which will take effect Sept. 1, 2026. The utility noted that these adjustments stem from its 2025 rate case and will result in increases for both water and wastewater customers, including typical residential accounts. Updated charges across all service categories will be reflected in September billing.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view Liberty Utilities' overview of the approved rates.

FY2026 COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING – 12-MONTH REPORT

During Fiscal Year 2026, the city's Community Grant Funding investment in nonprofit partners provided services to more than 8,500 residents and 2,000 households in Goodyear.

Through this investment, Goodyear's nonprofit partners provided critical services in areas such as food assistance, housing support and resource navigation. Collectively, these organizations delivered thousands of service interactions, expanded access to basic needs and supported residents experiencing hardship or instability.

The annual report provides additional information on program outcomes and the number of Goodyear residents served by each partner. [Click here to view the full report](#). These results demonstrate the continued impact of Community Grant Funding and its important role in supporting a resilient, healthy and connected community.



PROGRAM UPDATES

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES IN GOODYEAR THIS FALL

Goodyear is offering multiple public art opportunities this fall, providing artists with opportunities to share their creativity, engage with residents and contribute to the community's vibrant arts environment.

Opportunities range from temporary murals and interactive installations to community art experiences. Current opportunities and application information are available at goodyearaz.gov/arts under "Call for Artists."



PROGRAM UPDATES

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES IN GOODYEAR THIS FALL - CONT'D



BRANCHES OF HONOR MURAL EXPERIENCE

Artists will create six temporary murals representing each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces during Veterans Week, Nov. 2–7. Submissions are due Sept. 28.



HOLA WEST VALLEY TEMPORARY ART COLLABORATIVE

Artists are invited to propose an interactive outdoor art installation for Goodyear Civic Square Park inspired by the 2027 theme, Light. Submissions are due Oct. 1.



CHALK ART IN THE PARK

Artists, high school teams, and community groups are invited to create chalk artwork on Nov. 14 at the Goodyear Recreation Campus. Opportunities include stipends and awards. Submissions are due Oct. 12.



HEARTS OF GOODYEAR

Artists are invited to redesign the city's iconic fiberglass hearts with artwork inspired by the theme Love Where You Live. Submissions are due Oct. 26.



TRAFFIC CABINET ART PROJECT

Artists will transform traffic signal cabinets with creative hand-painted artwork or digitally designed vinyl wraps. Submissions are due Oct. 26.

EVENTS

APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS

The following special event applications have been approved by the City Clerk's Office:

MY LOTTERY DREAM HOME - FILMING



WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
No setup is required.



WHERE: Multiple Goodyear locations, including Copper & Sage, Haymaker and Saddle Mountain Brewing Co.

STARPOINTE FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS



WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 10, through Thursday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Second Thursday of each month
Setup is at 3 p.m. / Teardown is at 7:30 p.m. on each event date.



WHERE: Starpointe Parking Lot, 17665 W. Elliot Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338

3RD ANNUAL ALAFTXC BOOSTER - XC EVENT



WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 12, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Setup is at 5 a.m. / Teardown is at 1 p.m.



WHERE: Bullard Wash at GSQ, 1900 N. Civic Square, Goodyear, AZ 85395

GOOD NEIGHBOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC



WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Setup is at 3 p.m. / Teardown is at 2 p.m.



WHERE: Estrella Professional Plaza, 15655 W. Roosevelt St., Goodyear, AZ 85338

EVENTS

APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS - CONT'D

STARPOINTE FARMERS MARKET



WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 7, through Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First and third Wednesday of each month
Setup is at 7 a.m. / Teardown is at 1 p.m. on each event date.

WHERE: Starpointe Parking Lot, 17665 W. Elliot Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338

WALK FOR HOPE



WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 7, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Setup is Nov. 6 at 7 a.m. / Teardown is Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: City of Hope Cancer Center, 14200 Celebrate Life Way, Goodyear, AZ 85338

CATITUDE 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR



WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Setup is at 8 a.m. / Teardown is at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Palmateer Park, 200 E. Western Ave., Goodyear, AZ 85338



MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA & MESSAGING

SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

Total Followers: 340,242
New Followers: 391

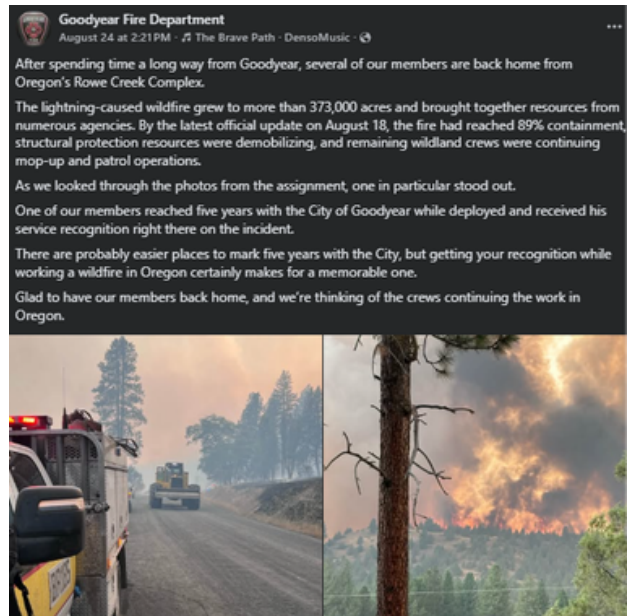
Impressions: 330,285
Engagements: 18,742

TOP POST OF THE WEEK

One of the top-performing posts this week highlighted the safe return of several Goodyear Fire Department members from the Rowena Creek Complex wildfire response in Oregon. The post generated 1,360 engagements, including 351 reactions and 12 comments.

Sentiment was overwhelmingly positive. Commenters thanked the firefighters for their service, expressed appreciation for their role in supporting the national wildfire response effort and shared relief that the crew returned home safely.

The post also drew congratulations for one firefighter who received a five-year service recognition while deployed. Overall, the response reflected strong community pride in Goodyear Fire personnel and appreciation for the department's work both locally and beyond the city.



MEDIA INTEREST

- New city Finance Director, including an interview with Laura Calder
- New city Economic Development Director
- Residential Lock Box Program, including an interview with Fire Marshal Michael Brune about the program
- Fire at Phoenix Goodyear Airport
- Fire at the KeHE distribution center
- Homicide investigation involving a 92-year-old man, including an interview with Police PIO Sgt. Mayra Reeson
- Estrella Foothills High School student arrest on a suspected weapons violation, investigated by Buckeye Police
- Shooting investigation near Indian School and Litchfield roads
- Roof rescue at the Amazon Fulfillment Center involving a worker experiencing a heat-related emergency



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