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City Set to Adopt Budget



City officials are preparing to approve the budget for the next fiscal year, which runs July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The budget process has included a number of public meetings with the City Council in both work sessions and retreats. Addressed were capital project priorities and ideas, the budget process calendar, tax policy, five-year General Fund forecast with an emphasis on one-time versus on-going costs and revenues, a first time capital funds five year forecast, a review of capital projects and initial recommendations, compensation and benefits, and an overview of the draft budget for the major operating funds including supplemental additions and the draft 10-year Capital Improvement Program.

Residents had an opportunity to comment at the City Council meetings and during a public budget forum on May 4.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

June 13	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
June 20	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
June 27	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
July 11	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
July 18	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
August 22	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
August 29	5:00 p.m.	Work Session
	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

Please note that Work Session times are subject to change. Visit www.goodyearaz.gov/council-calendar to view updates.



GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL

Top row (left to right): Joe Pizzillo, Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano, Joanne Osborne, and Bill Stipp. Bottom row (left to right): Wally Campbell, Mayor Georgia Lord, and Sharolyn Hohman.

Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Justice Center, Goodyear Municipal Complex, 14455 W. Van Buren St., B101. Visit www.goodyearaz.gov for meeting schedules and to watch City Council meetings.

The tentative budget was adopted on May 23, with final adoption scheduled on June 27.

To stay informed about the city's budget meetings and reports, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/transparency.

To view meetings online and on-demand, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/meetings.



Knowing the location of buried utility pipes and wires – such as water, electricity, gas, telephone/internet/cable – is the simplest and easiest way to prevent accidental outages and emergencies.

Call 811 or visit arizona811.com to create a ticket. Utility companies have two full working days to respond.

Not only is it the law, it protects the public and the environment.

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From the Mayor

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY HAS LONG BEEN A PRIORITY FOR THE GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL



Mayor
Georgia
Lord

As a matter of fact, the first focus area in the city's Strategic Action Plan is Fiscal and Resource Management, which includes the goal of maintaining a stable financial environment

that is transparent and that maintains an outstanding quality of life for our citizens.

In that spirit, on March 28, the Council unanimously approved refinancing three bond categories, which will save the city an estimated \$17 million in interest payments over the life of the existing bonds.

There are three different bond categories that were refinanced: general obligation; revenue; and public improvement corporation (PIC) bonds.

The largest savings will come from refinancing the PIC series bonds that were issued to build the Goodyear Ballpark and its training facilities. The city expects to save nearly \$12 million over the life of these bonds, which mature in 2032.

As you may know, this Council established a policy several years ago to set aside adequate funds to pay the debt service on the ballpark. We watched what was happening in other cities, and we wanted to make sure that our citizens wouldn't be negatively impacted in any event. We anticipate being fully reimbursed for these payments through the agreement with the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority.

Refinancing the city's general obligation bonds, which are primarily used for water and wastewater projects, is expected to save Goodyear \$3.7 million over the life of the bonds, which mature in 2037.

Finally, the refinancing of the revenue bonds that are used to repay the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority of Arizona, will save the city approximately \$300,000.

I am extremely proud of our Council, City Manager, and staff for operating under our Strategic Action Plan and recognizing this opportunity to save money for our citizens.

Council Corner

THE SOUTHWEST VALLEY IS EXPERIENCING A CRITICAL NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS

As one might imagine, there is a tremendous need for foster care not only in the West Valley, but across the state and nation. Of the 19,000 foster children currently in Arizona, 9,000 of them reside in Maricopa County, and over 5,000 of them are living under the care of friends, relatives, and foster families right here in the Southwest Valley. These children are generally in foster care for a minimum of six- to 12-months, and oftentimes are placed outside of their familiar neighborhoods, away from their schools, friends and neighbors (which provide a sense of comfort and stability) simply because there is an insufficient supply of qualified and licensed foster families in the region.

Now, more than ever, the Southwest Valley is experiencing a critical need for foster parents and families, and becoming a foster parent is an excellent way to support the children in our community who need love, kindness, and compassion the most.

Becoming a certified foster parent is much easier than it may seem. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, may be married, single, divorced or widowed, must provide proof of economic stability, proof of a residence that is a safe environment for children, and must be able to pass a fingerprint-based criminal history records check. Qualified applicants will then receive specialized training and education from the Arizona Department of Child Safety.

As a parent and grandparent, I can attest to the importance of a secure and stable home environment for children. If you are able and interested, I encourage you to explore opportunities to support children and families in the Southwest Valley. Your kindness and generosity could make all the difference in a child's life.



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To learn more about opportunities to support children in foster care, or if you are interested in becoming licensed and certified as a foster parent, please contact Larry Brewer at:

fosteradoption@plamvalley.org,
forthekids@centurylink.net,
or by calling (602) 418-4375.



▲ **Congratulations to Goodyear resident Jennifer Booth** for winning #TheGoodInGoodyear photo contest. Jennifer posted it to the city's Facebook page on April 7 and said "We love our parks! Thank you to the city of Goodyear!" This winning photograph received 43 likes.

survey says...

4 in **5** citizens would recommend Goodyear and plan to remain in Goodyear.



Learn more at goodyearaz.gov/citizensurvey



▲ **When Chuck Kesting (left)** attended a Hands-Only CPR class offered by the city, he had no idea he'd be using the skill to save the life of his friend Lew Geller (right). On Saturday, May 14 Kesting was awarded the Goodyear Fire Department Life Saving Award during the Open House at Goodyear Fire Station 183, 3075 N. Litchfield Rd.

InnovationHub

Do you have a great idea for a business, but not sure how to start? If so, then Goodyear has the place for you!

ASU Startup School is a series of facilitated workshops designed to assist entrepreneurs in learning what they need in order to develop a successful venture:

- Customer development
- Product development
- Legal formation
- Intellectual property
- Fundraising
- Business modeling
- Marketing strategies
- Tools for developers

Learn more at www.goodyearaz.gov/innovationhub

ASU Startup School is offered free of charge through the InnovationHub@GoodyearAZ - an inspiring space where inventors, problem solvers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses can collaborate, network, expand on their ideas and receive mentoring. The InnovationHub is a partnership between the city of Goodyear, ASU Entrepreneurship & Innovation Group, and the Maricopa County Library District.



Goodyear Volunteers Feel the Appreciation



City officials recognized volunteers at the 9th annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on April 21 at Tuscany Falls of PebbleCreek. Goodyear "Superheroes" like Karl Webber, contributed more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service from April 2015 to March 2016. The city could not do everything it does without the dedication of these selfless individuals – Thank You!

History was made when a Swiss pilot landed a solar-powered airplane in Goodyear on Monday, May 2 at 9 p.m. The Solar Impulse 2 took off from Abu Dhabi in March 2015 and has been making its way around the globe using no fossil fuels. It departed Phoenix Goodyear Airport at 3 a.m. on Thursday, May 12 after hosting multiple public events that attracted thousands to the city.

Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord and several councilmembers were there to greet the pilots – Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg – shortly after the plane's landing.

For more information about the project, visit www.solarimpulse.com.



One of the Valley's Healthiest Employers



The city of Goodyear was recently recognized by the *Phoenix Business Journal* as one of the healthiest mid-sized employers (251-1499 employees) in the metro area. To be named Valley's Healthiest Employer means the city has a wellness program

that hits six categories: leadership commitment; foundational components; strategic planning; communication and marketing; programming and interventions; and reporting and analysis.

Specifically in Goodyear, the city's Wellness Committee ensures initiatives meet the needs, wants, and interests of the 531 employees to make an impact on their overall health.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

City offices closed and sanitation pickup changes

City offices will be closed and there will be no trash / recycling / bulk pickup on May 30 or July 4 in observance of the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays. Waste collection will move to the day after the regularly-scheduled pickup day.



For more information and a holiday sanitation service schedule, call 623-932-3010 or visit www.goodyearaz.gov/trash.

Traffic Safety Tip

Goodyear Police want you to stay safe.

Lane Changes

Arizona State Law (ARS 28-754) states a lane change may not be made unless AND until the movement can be made with reasonable safety. The law also requires turn signal use when changing lanes anytime other traffic may be affected by the move. The signal shall be given continuously for at least one hundred feet before turning.

Drivers often fail to use turn signals, causing many traffic collisions. It only takes a second to turn on the signal – it's not only the law, but the courteous thing to do. In addition, remember to always check the blind spot before initiating a lane change.

Traffic-related questions can be sent to Goodyear PD Traffic Unit Sgt. J. Seabright at jseabright@goodyearaz.gov or call at 623-882-7735.



Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and serious injury to Arizona motorists. The single most effective way to protect against traffic fatalities and serious injury is to buckle up every trip, every time. Proper seat belt use reduces serious crash-related injuries and deaths by up to 50 percent.

In an effort to save lives on Arizona roads, the Goodyear Police Department is partnering with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and other local law enforcement agencies to enforce seat belt and child safety seat laws.

As part of the national campaign, "Click It or Ticket," police across the state will increase enforcement through June 5 to reinforce the important message:

Buckle Up Goodyear, It's the Law!

Committed to Providing Water Which Meets or Exceeds Regulatory Requirements

The prolonged drought and its potential impact on the Phoenix metro area's water supply continues to make headlines. Most of Goodyear's water customers probably have the same basic questions: Will this affect me? Is there something we can do? What is Goodyear doing to protect its residents and businesses?

The city and state have been building a water "bank account" that will help protect Goodyear against drought impacts. For years, the city has purchased and stored excess Colorado River water for future use. The city also stores its cleaned sewer water, "recharging" the aquifer underground. This essentially creates a water bank account that can be drawn upon should there be a water shortfall. Maintaining a robust water savings account is a key step to ensure the city is as drought-proof as possible.

While there has not been a declared Colorado River shortage that would impact Arizona water customers, there are predictions that a shortage will be declared by 2020. Though the city can maintain a "business as usual" standard for its water customers during water shortages, it is critical to examine water consumption habits today to minimize future impacts.

Residents and businesses can help in several ways.

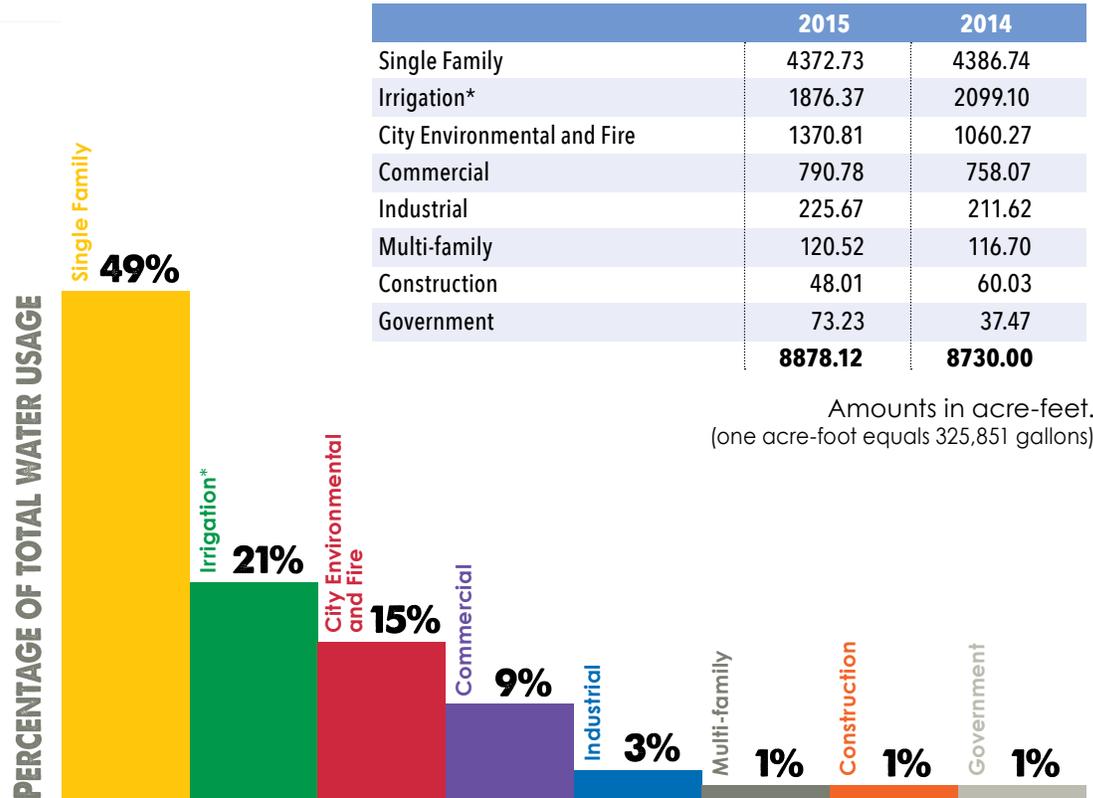
- 01 Be efficient when using water. This builds the community's future the same way keeping to a personal budget strengthens personal long-term financial security. Review your household's water use.
- 02 Learn ways to reduce water consumption or request a water audit if you've noticed a dramatic increase in your water bill.
- 03 Join the conversation about Goodyear's water future. Attend Water Conservation Committee meetings beginning in July.

Over the past 30 years, the city of Goodyear has invested in its water supply to assure there will be enough, even when decades-long droughts strike. Residents, too, can do their part by using water wisely.

For more information on how to reduce water consumption or request a free water audit of a home or business, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365. For more information on Arizona's water banking, visit www.azwaterbank.gov.



Goodyear's Water Usage in 2015



Amounts in acre-feet.
(one acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons)

*2015 excludes 260.5 acre-feet non-potable, remediated water delivered to Ballpark.

New Funding Means Investing in Our Water Future

City officials demonstrated their commitment to investing in Goodyear's water and wastewater future by approving more than \$55 million over the next five years for the system. These projects are necessary to continue to provide safe, reliable drinking water and to protect the environment.

Below is a glimpse at some of the approved projects:

- Arsenic Treatment Plant Expansion
- Well Siting Study
- Water Reservoir Rehabilitation
- Rainbow Valley WRF Influent Pump Station Rehabilitation
- Ricardo Lift Station Rehabilitation
- Irene Lift Station Rehabilitation
- Manhole Rehabilitation
- Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance Program Development
- Perryville Grinder Station Auger Installation
- Wells Fargo Lift Station Force Main Replacement

For more information on the five-year Integrated Water Master Plan, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/watercommittee or call 623-882-7887.



Remember, Before You Drain...

The city of Goodyear encourages residents to do everything they can to treat pools before draining them. This helps conserve the most precious resource in the desert...water.

Draining, Backwashing and Saving Water

A free permit is required for draining (not backwashing). Here's how to get it:

- Step 1:** Call 623-932-3010 to request a permit if the pool is in Goodyear's sewer service area. Otherwise, call the appropriate sewer service provider.
- Step 2:** A technician will come out to test the pool water and instruct the resident on where and how to legally drain the pool.
- Step 3:** The resident will sign a digital permit allowing him/her to drain the pool within 21 days.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I drain or backwash my pool water?

All residents may either keep all the water on their property, or use a sanitary sewer clean-out – which returns all the water to the reclamation facility to be treated and stored underground for future use.

How do I use the sewer clean-out?

Go to www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365 and click on the link in the left-hand column "Keeping Pool Water in the Pool."

Can I let the water run into street drains or vacant land?

No, it is illegal (City Codes 12A-2-1, 11-1-16, and 14-5-7).

For more information, call Public Works at 623-932-3010.



Water for the Future

At its meeting in February, the mayor and City Council established a Water Conservation Committee – comprised of Goodyear

residents and businesses – to advise city officials on measures that will conserve water, especially outdoor use.

In recent years, nearly 70 percent of the city's water has been used outdoors at residences, community common areas, and other large landscapes. This committee's work will help keep Goodyear water-efficient, attractive, and comfortable for future generations to enjoy.

The eleven members will serve for two years starting in July, and will meet on Tuesdays, eight to 10 times per year. Agenda and minutes for the meetings will be posted at www.goodyearaz.gov/meetings.



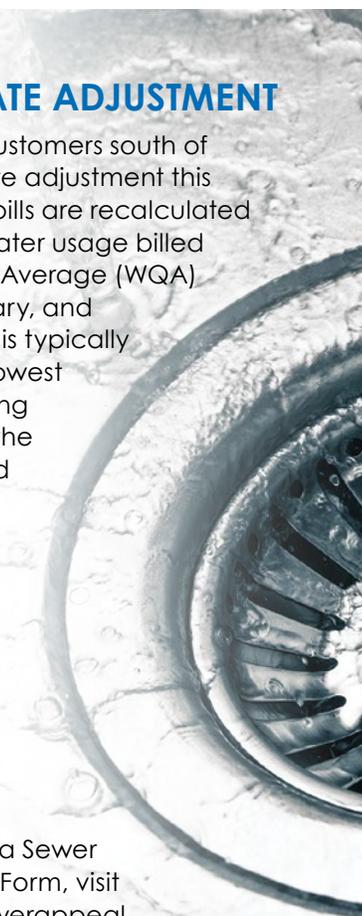
NOTICE

ANNUAL SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

City of Goodyear sewer customers south of Interstate 10 may see a rate adjustment this month. Every year, sewer bills are recalculated and adjusted based on water usage billed during the Winter Quarter Average (WQA) months of January, February, and March. The winter quarter is typically the time of year with the lowest water usage, therefore using these months to average the annual cost of sewer could save customers money.

Customers that disagree with the rate adjustment can file an appeal from June 1 to Aug. 31; some restrictions apply. If a customer chooses to appeal, the city will mail a decision within 30 business days.

For more information and a Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/sewerappeal.



Water, Too, Can Be Recycled

When most people think of recycling, they think of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and paper. But most don't think of water.

The city of Goodyear does just that: recycle its reclaimed water.

At the 157th Avenue Water Reclamation Facility, wastewater from the sewer is cleaned to A+ standards then piped along Estrella Parkway to the Soil Aquifer Treatment (SAT) site near the intersection with Yuma Road. There, the reclaimed water is discharged into five large basins where it soaks into the ground and finds its way to the aquifer. This process helps replenish the city's underground water supply.

By state law, the city must to replenish every drop of water it pumps from wells.

After being recommissioned on June 10, 2014, the SAT site recharge facility has stored 5,194 acre-feet* of water in the aquifer. City officials are in the process of renewing the regulatory permits to extend its use for an additional four years.

And residents are not the only ones that gain from this valuable and sustainable water resource. Many birds and the occasional coyote enjoy hanging out at the basins.

For more information on the city's reclamation program, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/government/public-works or call 623-882-7887.

**One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons, enough to supply three typical households in Goodyear.*



Goodyear Residents Stepped Up to the Challenge

FIX A LEAK PROGRAM RESULTED IN SAVINGS IN WATER AND MONEY

Earlier this year, residents were encouraged to participate in the national Fix a Leak campaign, and in return, they'd be entered to win tickets to spring training baseball games.

And boy did they step up to the challenge. **Those participants reduced their combined month water usage by 292,000 gallons** compared to last winter.

Seventy-one Goodyear households were eligible for two or more outfield box tickets to spring training games, courtesy of the Goodyear Ballpark and Major League Baseball's Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense promote Fix a Leak Week every March because households waste an average of 10,000 gallons of water per year through leaks.

For help on finding leaks, visit www.goodyearaz.gov and search "Fix a leak."

Missed the 2016 challenge? Don't worry! Information on the next challenge will appear in the fall InFocus and with water bills.

To find more smart ways to save and reduce your water usage visit www.smarthomewatguide.org



Fix a Leak Week



How Often Should You Water This Summer?

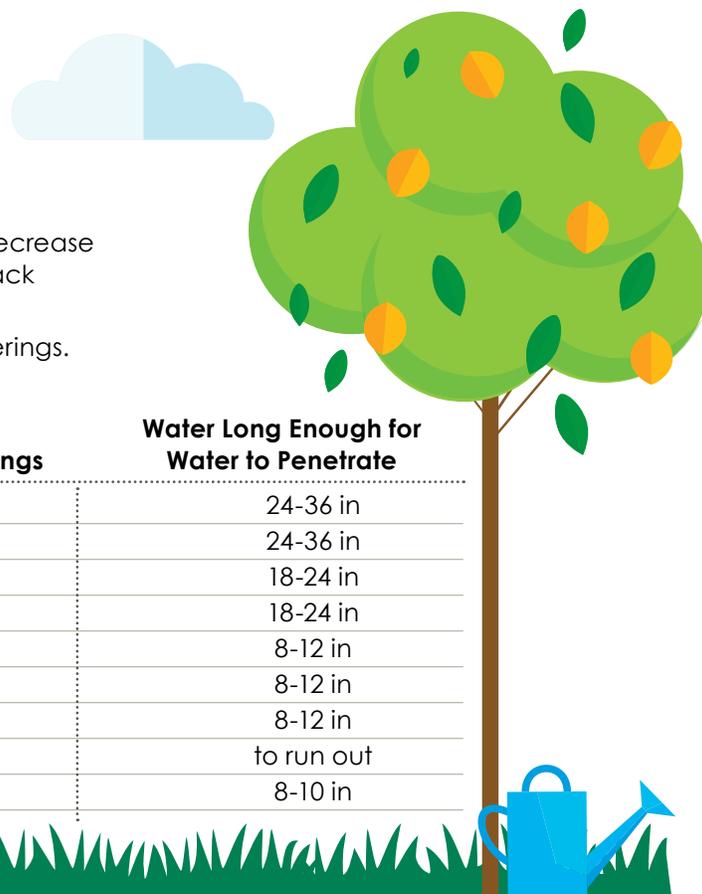
JUNE IS TYPICALLY GOODYEAR'S HOTTEST MONTH.

When the temperature rises above 115 degrees Fahrenheit, decrease the time between waterings by one day until the highs are back below 115 degrees.

When monsoons start in July, increase the time between waterings.

Use this table to determine suitable timeframes:

Plant type	Interval between Waterings	Water Long Enough for Water to Penetrate
Desert Trees	8-10 days	24-36 in
High Water Use Trees	7-8 days	24-36 in
Desert Shrubs	7-9 days	18-24 in
High Water Use Shrubs	5-6 days	18-24 in
Desert Groundcovers	7-9 days	8-12 in
High Water Use Groundcovers	3-4 days	8-12 in
Annuals (in ground)	2-3 days	8-12 in
Annuals/Containers	1-2 days or till dry	to run out
Grass	3-4 days	8-10 in



When It Rains, It...Can Save You Money!

Later this summer, dramatic thunderstorms accompanied by heavy downpours will pelt Goodyear.

After they do, adjust landscape watering schedules by postponing it for a few day or even skip an entire cycle when there's been at least a half an inch of rain.

Not sure how much it's rained? **Pick up a free rain gauge at City Hall or Public Works Administration Building.** Post it in the yard, step outside, and look at the gauge.

Still too much work? Then check online at either rainlog.org or <http://alert.fcd.maricopa.gov/alert/Google/v3/gmap.html>. Play with zoom on the interactive maps at both sites to find what is close and select the time interval if there have been several days of showers.

Adjusting watering schedules not only helps save the precious resource, but it also can save you money.





2015 WATER QUALITY DATA

City of Goodyear (PWS# 07-094)

Regulated Substances	units	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	year sampled	running average or highest value	range		violation
						low	high	
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
Chlorine (as Cl ₂)	ppm	4	4	2015	0.41	0.03	1.65	no
Haloacetic Acid (HAA5)	ppb	60	n/a	2015	4.5	2.3	8.2	no
TTHM's (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	80	n/a	2015	40.1	16	84	no
Inorganics								
Arsenic	ppb	10	0	2015	7.6	3.7	12	no
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	2015	6.9	2.7	8.6	no
Barium	ppm	2	2	2013	0.16	0.017	0.16	no
Sodium (optional)	ppm	n/a	n/a	2013	170	62	170	no
Fluoride*	ppm	4	4	2015	2.14	0.39	2.14	no
Selenium	ppb	50	50	2013	ND	ND	ND	no
Chromium	ppb	100	100	2013	27	7.3	27	no
Microbiological								
Total Coliforms	% positive samples	5% positive monthly samples	0	2015	ND	ND	ND	no
Volatile Organics								
Trichloroethylene	ppb	5	0	2015	1.0	0.91	1.2	no
Synthetic Organics								
Di (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	ppb	6	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
Radionuclides								
Gross Alpha	pCi/l	15	0	2013	7.0+/-1.3	0.4+/-0.3	7.0+/-1.3	no
Combined Radium 226 & 228	pCi/l	5	0	2013	1.3 +/- 0.2	1.3 +/- 0.2	1.3 +/- 0.2	no
Uranium	pCi/l	30	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lead and Copper								
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	2013	0.22	ND	0.33	no
Lead	ppb	15	0	2013	1.9	ND	3.7	no

Action Level—The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow; MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)—The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water; MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology; MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)—The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety; MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)—The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Disinfectant is necessary for control of



Liberty Utilities (PWS# 07-046)

year sampled	running average or highest value	range		violation	major sources in drinking water
		low	high		
2015	0.58	0.28	1.13	no	Water additive used to control microbes
2015	2.1	1.7	2.5	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
2015	19.7	13.2	26.1	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
2015	7.3	4.3	9.6	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoffs from orchards; Runoffs from glass and electronics production wastes
2015	9.6	3.5	9.6	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
2013	0.083	0.06	0.11	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
2013	120.2	58	235	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
2013	0.89	0.39	1.83	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
2013	2.5	ND	5	no	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
2013	8.7	ND	17	no	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
2015	ND	ND	ND	no	Naturally present in the environment
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
2013	1	ND	1	no	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
2013	3.9	3	5.4	no	Erosion of natural deposits
2013	0.3	ND	0.3	no	Erosion of natural deposits
2013	5	ND	5	no	Erosion of natural deposits
2013	0.089	ND	0.39	no	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
2013	0.2	ND	7	no	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

microbial contaminants; MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)—The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health; pCi/l (picocuries per liter); ppb (parts per billion)—One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter); ppm (parts per million)—One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter); n/a—not applicable; ND—not detected. *Goodyear does not fluoridate the drinking water; it is naturally occurring in the groundwater.

The city of Goodyear's drinking water source is 100% groundwater.

The city has production wells, storage facilities, and pressure booster stations. The underground aquifer from which the city receives its water is called the West Salt Valley Sub-Basin. The city of Goodyear also purchases water from Liberty Utilities, which draws from the same West Salt Valley Sub-Basin Aquifer. The aquifer's depth ranges from 100 to 1,000 feet from the surface. With 12 well sites and ten booster stations, Goodyear's operating system has a storage capacity of 15.9 million gallons. Sampling is typically done at the point of entry into the distribution system. Water quality data is reported as a range from the sampling of each point of entry rather than total water quality of the system.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants, call EPA Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Goodyear is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure

is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine

years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/l) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The fluoride in the drinking water provided by the city of Goodyear averages 1.1 mg/l; however one sample had a fluoride concentration of 2.2 mg/l. Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water. Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/l of fluoride (the US Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/l of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/l because of this cosmetic dental problem. For more information, please call Linda Shapcott, Environmental Compliance Supervisor at 623-882-7565. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-8-NSF-HELP.*

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para español llame al 623-882-7511.

**CALLING ALL
High School
Artists**



Follow Your Art Jr.

The city of Goodyear is offering a **FREE** summer program for emerging artists to experience multiple genres in art, explore a variety of media, and learn from industry professionals. Two sessions (June and July) run Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loma Linda Community Center, 420 E. Loma Linda Blvd. Limited to 20 students per session.

For more information, contact Guylene Ozlanski at 623-882-7530 or email Guylene.Ozlanski@goodyearaz.gov.

Hot Coffee Art Lecture Series

June 28

Mary Estes

A native Arizonan who grew up in Ajo, Mary actively engaged in saving the town's Old Radar Station – built to protect North America. Mary will share the oral history of this landmark contained in *The 612th Squadron: The Air Force Station Time Forgot*.

Classroom of Total Wine & More
1416 N. Litchfield Rd.

Lectures held the last Tuesday of the month from February through October.

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Hot Coffee Lecture program is free and does not require registration. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.goodyearaz.gov/arts.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ! art exhibit for youth

Children ages four to 18 years old have an opportunity to show off their artistic talent during the months of June and July at the Goodyear Branch Library, 14455 W. Van Buren Street, Suite C101. To highlight this summer's reading theme - On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! - the artwork must relate to the summer Olympics. Visit the Goodyear Branch Library for an application and to submit all artwork by May 31.

It's Swim Time

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

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Learn How To Swim This Summer

American Red Cross certified instructors teach classes to swimmers of all ages.



Goodyear Community Pool, 430 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Already Know How To Swim

- **Open Swim:** Mon-Fri, 1-4 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 1-6 p.m. \$1.50 per swimmer.
- **Tuesday Night Family Nights:** Tuesdays, through July 12, 6:45-8:45 p.m. \$1.50 per swimmer.
- **Adult Water Aerobics:** Mondays and Wednesdays, June 6-July 27, 6:45-8:45 p.m. \$3 for residents / \$4 for non-residents.
- **Teen Nights:** Fridays, June 24 and July 27. 13-17 years of age. Free.



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