



Goodyear is Geared for Growth

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## Mayor's Welcome

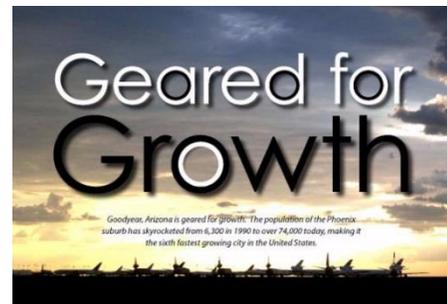
Welcome to the city of Goodyear's new quarterly economic development newsletter. We are delighted to share the following updates, news and events toward economic vitality in our community. Goodyear's fiscal year 2014-2015 was a successful one for the Economic Development Department, which assisted in the location or expansion of 18 companies, creating 1,300 jobs and \$172 million in capital investment. We are committed to fostering development in our community and proving that Goodyear is geared for growth. Thank you for reading. Please forward this newsletter to others who may be interested and encourage them to sign up for our communications by e-mailing us at [gyecdev@goodyearaz.gov](mailto:gyecdev@goodyearaz.gov)



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## Goodyear featured in national and international news

National and international publications continue to profile Goodyear for its business environment and efforts in aerospace and defense, advanced manufacturing and other key industries. Please see [Business In Focus](#) magazine and the [Association of Defense Communities](#) to read the articles.



## Goodyear ranks in top 10

Goodyear is appearing in top 10 lists of Metro Phoenix communities for its quality of life and economic opportunities. Movoto recently ranked Goodyear in its top 10 for "[Best Places Near Phoenix for Young Professionals](#)" and "[Best Phoenix Suburbs for Young Couples](#)".



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## Goodyear attracts high quality educational institutions

BASIS Charter School, Great Hearts Academies, and Liberty School number six are set to open for the 2015-2016 school year. BASIS Charter School regularly ranks among the highest-scoring schools in the state and its curriculum is designed to prepare students for higher education. Great Hearts Academies is a leading provider of classical, liberal arts education and is Arizona's largest not-for-profit charter school network. Liberty School number six is the newest school in a growing portfolio of world class schools in the Liberty Elementary School District that will expand Liberty's offerings and provide opportunities for students in the areas of Visual/Performing Arts and Dual Language Immersion with both Spanish and English. Learn more about [the great schools that Goodyear has to offer](#).



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## Harkins ground breaking on Estrella Falls 16 theater

Recently more than 1,000 people attended the Harkins Theatres groundbreaking of a 78,000 square-foot 16-screen megaplex theater set to open in Spring 2016. The facility will feature amenities such as the largest Cine Capri screen in Arizona, electronic reclining seats, extra-large curved wall-to-wall screens in all auditoriums, digital projection and sound, and a gourmet concession stand. [Read more about the theater](#).



## REI comes to Goodyear

Seattle-based REI, a leading retailer of outdoor recreation and sporting goods merchandise, announced that it will open a 400,000-square-foot distribution center that will create 120 new jobs. The new facility and its surroundings will be designed consistently with REI's passion for the outdoors and stewardship of the environment for which the company is known. REI's connection and commitment to outdoor communities is a perfect fit for Goodyear, which also is known for its premier active outdoor lifestyle. [Read more about the announcement.](#)



## Michael Lewis Co. to open new facility in Goodyear

Michael Lewis Co. broke ground on a new 350,000 square-foot facility located at Gateway South industrial park in Goodyear. The family-owned company is a global distributor of inflight and catering products to major domestic and foreign airlines. The company plans to employ as many as 120 people. "We chose Goodyear because of the pre-approved FTZ designation and the excellent business environment projected by the city," said Frank Kunz, the local head of operations. [Read the article.](#)



## Cancer Treatment Centers of America launches 3rd new clinical trial combining immunotherapy with chemotherapy

Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Western Regional Medical Center in Goodyear, Arizona, has begun a new Phase Ib/II clinical trial using a new immunotherapy treatment for patients with advanced kidney, non-small cell lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, and colorectal carcinoma. CTCA is a leader in the fight against cancer. [Read more.](#)



## Phoenix Spine Surgery Center opens in Goodyear

Phoenix Spine Center opened in Goodyear with a 10,000 square-foot facility. The center does as many as 800 operations per year. As one of the only ambulatory surgery centers focused on the spine in



the Valley, the center provides spinal injections and performs a variety of ultra-minimally invasive spine surgeries. [Read more.](#)

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## Goodyear creates new spec-building program

In an effort to provide additional business opportunities, the city has created a new spec-building policy that assists in facilitating local Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) designation status. FTZ users enjoy property tax savings, reduced fees, streamlined procedures, and the highest level of security. Learn more about the [FTZ program.](#)



## Over 300 business leaders attend Goodyear is Geared for Growth event

The inaugural Goodyear is Geared for Growth event was held on April 28. The event was a great opportunity for regional business leaders to hear how Goodyear is well positioned for business attraction and expansion. Attendees were treated to presentations by notable speakers including Nate Nathan of Nathan and Associates, Inc., Chris Camacho of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord. Those who were unable to attend the event, may [watch the entire event online.](#)



Located in Metro Phoenix, the country's #2 workforce market, Goodyear is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Our location, abundant land, transportation assets, high-capacity power and fiber, and low cost environment combine to create strategic opportunities for business. Learn more by contacting the [Goodyear Economic Development team.](#)

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