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# Goodyear All-Mail Election May 21, 2013

Ciudad de Goodyear Elección de Coreo Mayo 21 de 2013



The City of Goodyear will hold a run-off election:

General Election: May 21, 2013

Office to be filled: One council seat

Voter registration deadline for this election: April 22, 2013

Ballots will be mailed on April 25, 2013

La Ciudad de Goodyear tendrá una votación secundaria:

Elección General: 21 de mayo del 2013

Puesto que se va a ocupar: Un miembro para el concejo municipal

La última fecha para registrarse para votar en esta elección es el 22 de abril del 2013

Las boletas de votación se enviarán por correo el 25 de abril del 2013

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## Goodyear is Recruiting for Youth Commission Members

The Goodyear City Council is now accepting applications for appointment to the Goodyear Youth Commission. The Council is looking for civic-minded high school students who are passionate about giving back to the Goodyear community. The Youth Commission is a unique opportunity to participate in fun and rewarding service projects, learn about the inner workings of municipal government, and to develop valuable leadership skills.

Please visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/youthcommission](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/youthcommission) too apply.

For more information, please contact Matthew Ligouri at [matthew.ligouri@goodyearaz.gov](mailto:matthew.ligouri@goodyearaz.gov) or at 623-882-7781.



## Goodyear Connects

Goodyear Connects was launched to provide an easy and fun way for residents to participate in shaping the future of Goodyear. Citizen ideas, visions, and aspirations are instrumental to three planning efforts that are currently under way: the Goodyear 2025 General Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. These plans form the foundation for how the community will grow and develop while maintaining a high quality of life in Goodyear. Citizen participation is essential to ensuring these plans represent the aspirations of the City's residents and businesses.

Log on to [www.goodyearconnects.com](http://www.goodyearconnects.com) and help shape the future of the community.

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## Council Corner



Councilmember Wally Campbell

### This is Your Goodyear

I want to take this opportunity to express how honored and truly humbled I am that you, the citizens of Goodyear, have elected me to serve another term as your City Council member. I cannot think of a higher honor than having the public's trust and support.

During the campaign, I met many wonderful people and had the opportunity to hear their hopes and desires for the future of Goodyear. I am thrilled to be able to use the next four years to work with Mayor Lord and my fellow

Council members to continue our City's positive momentum and to work towards achieving our residents' collective goals.

As we strive to build a vibrant, dynamic, and healthy City, we need you, our citizens, to continue to assist in shaping Goodyear's future. This means getting involved with City committees and commissions, attending City Council meetings and most importantly, exercising your right to vote.

On May 21, 2013 the City of Goodyear will be holding its General Election to determine who will fill the last vacant seat on our City Council. Ballots will be mailed to your residence on April 25, 2013. I strongly urge you to participate in the process and to make your voice heard. After all, there is no better way to shape the future of our city than choosing the representatives who will lead it.

In closing, I'd like to thank you again for your support. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work!

Wally Campbell

## Goodyear City Council



Jennifer Barber, Sheri Lauritano, Vice Mayor Joanne Osborne, Mayor Georgia Lord, Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell, and Bill Stipp

### Council Calendar

April 15 Work Session 5 p.m.	April 22 Council Meeting 6 p.m.	May 13 Council Meeting 6 p.m.	June 10 Council Meeting 6 p.m.
April 22 Work Session 5 p.m.	May 6 Work Session 6 p.m.	May 20 Council Meeting 6 p.m.	June 17 Work Session 6 p.m.

Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Justice Center, 185 N. 145th Ave. Visit [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) for all public meeting schedules and to watch Council meetings.

## From the Mayor



Mayor Georgia Lord

### What Do You Think About Transit?

Recently, the City Council received a presentation from the Maricopa Association of Governments on the Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study. Through the mid-2000s when Goodyear was growing by leaps and bounds, the City focused on building roads and traffic management systems, but we never took a close

look at transit and how it could work here for a few reasons; there was never a great demand for the service, the cost just couldn't compete with all of our other growing infrastructure needs like water, public safety, and parks.

Fast forward to our city today where we are slowly coming out of a paralyzing economic downturn and we are starting to hear from our citizens that getting out, getting where you need to go, and having someone else get you there is an attractive idea. When I lived in Europe with my husband, I was amazed by how children got to school by taking the bus or the train – there were no school buses. The same was true for grocery shopping or getting to a doctor. Transit was more convenient to get where you needed to go than taking a car.

I also remember when we moved to the Washington, DC area, the Metro had just opened and the naysayers filled the news with predictions of how it would never work and people wouldn't give up their car. I was in real estate at the time and the company I was working for was building townhomes on land that was going to be right next to the Metro line. I was selling those townhomes faster than any other real estate in our portfolio. As news of impending Metro expansion got out, older homes in the vicinity increased in value.

Those are my transit experiences. What are yours? We want to hear your stories. So many of you have come here from somewhere else and those experiences have value.

This is your community. If you haven't already signed up for Goodyear Connects, it's very easy and it's how we as a City Council can learn more, not just about your transit experiences, but also what you want Goodyear to be. Please visit this new interactive website at [www.goodyearconnects.com](http://www.goodyearconnects.com).

We are growing again and we want to make sure we make decisions that you value. So tell us your story.

Georgia Lord

## City Budget Conservative Even as Economy Rebounds

All around us, there are signs the local economy is improving. Housing permits are up. Sales tax revenues are up. Construction activity is up. There is every reason to be optimistic.

But as the City begins work on a new budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1, our approach will again be conservative, looking for internal savings where possible, managing the cost of our debt, holding the line on spending and taking care not to over extend ourselves despite the latest good economic news.

Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on the City's budget priorities for the coming year during a public budget forum planned for Wednesday, May 1 at Goodyear Justice Center, 185 N. 145th Ave.

A draft budget will be presented to the City Council the following Monday, May 6 with plans to adopt a tentative budget scheduled for Monday, May 20.

Revenues for the coming year are projected to reach \$73 million, with all categories including sales tax, State-shared revenues and construction sales tax expected to be higher than the current year's totals.

"We want to be cautious despite the growth in revenues," said City Manager Brian Dalke. "Our budget approach always has been measured and it has served us well despite the economic conditions of the time," he said.

The City Council is in the middle of reviewing the general fund budget and discussing the overall expenditures and revenue numbers to help prepare for the adoption of the FY 14-15 budget. Work sessions have highlighted revenue numbers to be holding steady with a slight increase in some areas, while expenditures continue to focus on the key areas of maintaining quality of life, delivering a high level of services, investing in resources to increase job growth, all while keeping City streets safe and clean.

"There is still a lot of information to cover prior to adopting the budget, but I am confident the decisions made will reflect the needs of our growing city," said Mayor Georgia Lord. "We will continue to be conservative in our approach and hold the line on spending."

The final budget is scheduled to be adopted on June 24.

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## Lagging Property Values Prompt Rate Proposal

Home values in Goodyear are starting to inch up based on assessments sent to property owners earlier this year. That's good news for residents who've waited years for signs of life in the real estate market.

Those assessments, however, won't influence City budgets until next spring, meaning another fiscal year spent managing the impact of lower property values on revenues used to pay public debt costs and leading to a proposal to adjust rates to cover those costs.



Between now and the end of June, the City Council will consider a proposal to increase Goodyear's total property tax rate from \$1.77 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.90 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of about 61 cents a month on a home valued at \$120,000.

"When property values are low, the amount collected is less than needed to cover annual debt expenses," said City Manager Brian Dalke. "The unfortunate result is the need to adjust the rate to cover the shortfall."

"The fact that values are starting to climb is good news for future budget cycles. And the increase in construction of new homes and other projects means more ratepayers are coming into the market to share the burden," he said.

The City estimates two-thirds of the funds that would be raised by the rate adjustment will be borne by new properties being developed.

The City Council will consider the proposal as part of its budget process, with plans to formally adopt a rate on July 8.

## General Fund Presentation Highlights the Completion of Library, Goodyear 9-1-1 Center, and More

During the April 15th work session, City Manager Brian Dalke provided an overview of the projects slated for completion in the coming fiscal year.

The library will expand to 9,600 square feet, the Goodyear 9-1-1 Operations Center will be completed by the end of the 2013 and the City will be making significant investments in infrastructure, parks and other community assets.

"These investments are directly aligned with priorities of our Council," said Mr. Dalke. "We will maintain a high level of service delivery, expand our community resources, improve our parks, and most importantly invest in the infrastructure needed to attract quality jobs to our community."

At this point in the budget process, the focus has been on the general fund. The coming weeks, the City Council will be discussing the Capital Improvement Plan, enterprise funds, overall personnel costs and debt service. There will be an opportunity for the public to engage on the entire budget during a forum on May 1.

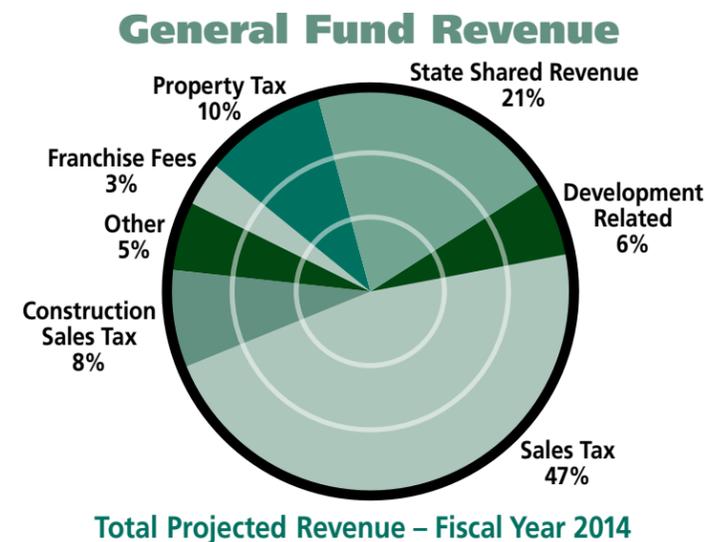
The City Council encourages all residents to attend the budget forum, watch the work sessions of the past weeks, and provide input into the process. The feedback received will allow for the City to craft a budget that is reflective of the community needs prior to finalizing the budget in June.



Future Goodyear Library



Future 9-1-1 Operations Center



Parque de Paz

## Give 'em a Chance: Coddle New Plants

April is a great month for planting. New plants have a chance to flourish in their new home before the heat hits. Remember that even desert-adapted plants are tender while they are young. Act now to give plants the best chance to beautify the yard for years to come.

### Plant cactus facing the same direction they did at the nursery.

Ask staff to mark the southwest side. Plant with the mark on the southwest side. Plants develop callusing on the sunny side. Exposing another side can lead to sunburn and death.

### Shade tender growing tips in the hot summer.

Cacti are hardy *after* they are established. Shade the top of the column in afternoons in the first summer.

### Don't prune too soon.

Let all lower branches of trees grow to shade the trunks the first season.

### Water properly.

Younger plants need watering more often than established plants. Watering too long or too often will force fast growth before roots are established. Top-heavy plants can break and topple in the windy monsoon season. Use the table at the right to get plants started.

### Recommended Watering Schedule for New Plantings:

	Desert-Adapted Plants	Newly Seeded Bermuda Grass
Week 1	Every 3-4 days	Every 6 daylight hours
Week 2	Every 3-4 days	Every 12 daylight hours
Week 3 & 4	Every 6-7 days	Once daily
Week 5 & 6	Every 7-10 days	Every 2 days
Week 7 & 8	Every 14 days	Established: Every 3 days through June

Later: Taper frequency until established – about one year for shrubs and two years for trees.

The City website ([www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365)) and Landscape Watering by the Numbers have guidelines for established plants. Pick up free copies at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. or at the Public Works Administration Building, 4980 S. 157th Ave.

## Follow These Steps Before Draining or Backwashing Pools

### Find sewer clean-out.

Water from pools may only be drained to the sewer clean-out or used for irrigation in the yard. Water may not leave the yard to the street, a neighbor's yard, or open land.



Example of sewer clean-out located in back yard

### Review instructions on the City website.

Visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/?nid=3217](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/?nid=3217) for an easy-to-use list of pool draining instructions.

### Obtain a pool draining permit.

Call 623-932-3010 to make an appointment to receive a free pool draining permit. A water quality technician will come out to provide guidance through the process.

### Run a hose from the pool to the sewer clean-out.

Once instructions have been reviewed and permit has been obtained, run a hose from the pool to the sewer clean-out.

### Prepare for a higher water bill.

The City charges for every gallon of water that goes through the meter, no matter where it goes. Re-filling the pool will raise the charges for water for the month.

### Monitor progress.

Stick around to make sure the hose stays in the clean-out. If the hose is pulled out and water runs to the street, the resident may be cited for violation of City ordinances.



## Help Keep Our Stormwater System Clean and Healthy

Stormwater helps supply our precious drinking water sources. As it flows over lawns, driveways, sidewalks and streets, it picks up debris, dirt, chemicals, and other pollutants. Stormwater flows into a stormwater system. Anything that enters the system is discharged untreated directly into bodies of water such as lakes, streams, wetlands, and reservoirs. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. The practice of healthy habits by homeowners and businesses can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, automotive fluids, and chemicals off the ground and out of the stormwater system.



- Locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and hazardous materials before beginning an outdoor project.
- Sweep up debris, rather than hosing down areas. Reduce yard debris by composting and recycling.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Don't over water and let it run off into the storm drain or other property.
- Pick up and properly dispose of waste when walking pets.

- NEVER drain your pool or dump pool chemicals into the street. Call 623-932-3010 for a permit. Residents living north of I-10, are Liberty Water customers. Contact them at 623-935-9367 for a permit.
- Never dump used oils or chemicals into storm drains, sewer systems, surface waters, or onto the ground.
- Use a car wash or wash car on a lawn or unpaved surface.
- Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch scraps and other solids, and empty them into the trash.
- Never pour grease down drains, or garbage disposals, into toilets, or onto the ground.

For more information, visit [www.azstorm.org](http://www.azstorm.org). To report a problem, call 623-932-3010.

## Water Awareness Month



Governor Brewer has proclaimed April as Water Awareness Month. Find tips on how to use water efficiently, free events, and in-depth resources at the WAM website sponsored by Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and Arizona Department of Water Resources. Please visit [www.waterawarenessmonth.com/](http://www.waterawarenessmonth.com/).

## Annual Sewer Rate Adjustment for Customers South of I-10

City of Goodyear customers may see sewer rate adjustments in May. Every year, sewer bills are recalculated and adjusted based on average water usage during the winter quarter months of January, February, and March. The average monthly water usage billed during January, February, and March becomes the Winter Quarter Average (WQA). This average is used to calculate the maximum a customer will be charged in sewer fees for the next 12 months. The winter quarter is typically the time with the lowest usage of water, therefore using these months to average the cost of sewer for the year could save customers money.

If a customer disagrees with the rate adjustment, they have from June 1 to August 31 to file an appeal (please be aware there are restrictions for who can appeal this rate). A Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form and information are



available on the website at [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) or at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Mail the completed form to: City of Goodyear, Attn: Sewer Rate Appeal, P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338. If a customer chooses to appeal, the City will mail a decision within 30 business days.

For more information, call 623-932-3015.

## Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day  
Monday, May 27  
City Offices Closed

### Sanitation Collection:

Trash and recycling container collection service and curbside bulk trash collection service will be shifted to one day later than your normal collection day following Monday, May 27, Memorial Day.



Visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/trash](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/trash) or call Goodyear Environmental Services at 623-932-3010 for more information.

## Loop 303 Slated for Completion in Fall of 2014

City of Goodyear officials toured the 303/I-10 interchange construction site. Crews working to build the freeway interchange have passed the halfway mark on the \$134 million project, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

The "northern half" of the interchange, which will provide all the freeway-to-freeway ramps for drivers to make direct connections between I-10 and Loop 303, is slated for completion in the fall of 2014.



"We're excited to see the progress on this project," said Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord.

The mayor emphasized that the future Loop 303/I-10 interchange will play an important role in economic development in the West Valley.

"The work is fascinating and represents the continued growth in Goodyear," said Lord. "I know our residents are watching the progress and looking forward to improving our local connectivity to other parts of the Valley. The timing is perfect as we anticipate the opening of the new regional mall in the next few years, with improved access from both Loop 303 and I-10."

ADOT has developed a "Virtual Drive" allowing local residents to already experience what it will be like to drive the ramps and other new roadways at the interchange. Just visit [azdot.gov/loop303](http://azdot.gov/loop303) to find the Virtual Drive.

## Dispose of Sharps Containers Safely

Goodyear Police Department would like to remind citizens to dispose of sharps containers safely. Objects such as needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp objects used for medical purposes should be placed in either a medical sharps container (purchased from a pharmacy or health care provider) or a heavy plastic or metal container, such as a plastic laundry detergent container. The container should be puncture-proof with a tight-fitting lid.

Once the precautions listed to the right have been followed, the container may be placed in the tan Goodyear trash container for disposal. While waiting to fill a sharps container, be sure to keep it away from children and pets. Always wash hands after handling medical sharps.



Household containers, such as heavy plastic detergent bottles, may be used as sharps containers if the following precautions are observed:

- Use heavy-duty tape, such as electrical or duct tape, to secure the lid to the container.
- Write the words "Not Recyclable" on the container with a black permanent marker. This helps to ensure the container is not inadvertently mingled in with recyclable materials.
- Do not use a clear container.
- Do not over-stuff the container with medical sharps (fill it only about 3/4 full). Overfilling can increase pressure on the lid and cause a release of the medical sharps.



## Don't Answer... That Call Could Kill You!

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the Goodyear Police Department would like to remind the public: Don't answer... that call could kill you!

Distracted driving is defined as any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. In 2010, 9% of all fatal motor vehicle crashes and 18% of injury crashes were due to distracted driving. Of those crashes, 13% were directly related to cell phone use! The largest group of distracted drivers is those under the age of 20.

Because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, texting while driving makes the driver 23 times more likely to crash, it slows breaking reaction time by 18%, and is equal to driving blind for five seconds.

All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading (including maps)
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

Make the decision to stop using your cell phone while driving:

- Do not use cell phones while driving
- Understand the dangers of cognitive distraction to the brain
- Do not accept calls from people who call you while driving
- Tell others about the dangers of cell phone distracted driving

So, the next time you go to answer that call or send a text while driving, ask yourself: Is that call worth my life or the lives of those around me?

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## Be Safe While Exploring the World Around You

As summer approaches, many of us will seek opportunities to find new adventures exploring the great outdoors. Remember to plan and prepare for your time outside during the hot summer months. As our seasonal temperatures continue to rise, dehydration becomes a critical factor in desert survival. Many of the rescue calls for stranded hikers are a result of not having enough water for the entire trip once the hiker sets off on the trail.



Some suggested tips for hiking include:

- **Plan ahead.** Let others know where you will be and when to expect you back.
- **Know your limitations.** Start slow and work your way up to longer more difficult terrains.
- **Hike during cooler weather.** It is important to remember that during the summer months, the temperatures quickly rise after sunrise. It may be cool when beginning the hike in the early morning; however it can quickly become dangerously hot by mid-morning.
- **Never hike alone.** There is safety in numbers in case of illness or injury; and always stay on the trail.
- **Take a cell phone.** Many times this is how the fire department is notified of an emergency on the trail.
- **Travel light.** Food and water supply should make up most of what is carried.
- **Wear proper clothing.** A good pair of proper fitting hiking boots and a hat will go a long way in making it a better experience.
- **Eat, drink, and be merry.** Eat a good meal and pre-hydrate before setting out. Take enough food and water for the time spent on the trail.

It is also good to be mindful of the many species of poisonous snakes, spiders, and scorpions that can be found in most locations around our state. Never place your hands or feet where you cannot see what is waiting for you. These safety tips, along with understanding the harsh desert environment, will help make for a better outdoor experience. Be safe and enjoy the summer.

## Spring Training Concludes with Record-Setting Year at Goodyear Ballpark

In another fun-filled spring training season for Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians fans, Goodyear Ballpark experienced its second straight record-setting year for attendance and revenue.

When the Reds and Indians concluded the spring training season on March 30, ballpark officials reported \$4.7 million in overall revenue, a 6% increase from a year ago.

Goodyear Ballpark, which celebrated its 5th anniversary this season with the Cleveland Indians and the fourth for the Cincinnati Reds, entertained more than 145,000 fans, saw \$1.9 million in ticket sales, which also was a 6% increase from last year. All of this came in addition to ballpark officials seeing a near 30% jump in ticket sales over the last two seasons.

"As we continue to build upon the City's tradition of hosting both of Ohio's Major League Baseball teams for spring training, we finished with another great record-breaking season. We are meeting our goals while continuing to deliver a fan experience that is second to none," said Nathan Torres, Goodyear Parks and Recreation Director who oversees Goodyear Ballpark. "Our Kids Zone, family fun, and in-game entertainment are what set us apart."

"In addition to hosting fireworks nights after four night games, we added some new things this year. The fans received them well," Torres added.

One of the season's most memorable highlights were the record-setting crowd on March 16 when 11,023 fans were on hand to see the Indians play the San Francisco Giants, the defending world champs.

More than 5,000 fans also were on hand for "Canada Night" when the Reds hosted Team Canada as an exhibition game on March 6 during the World Baseball Classic in a game filled with Canadian culture.

"Each year, we want to do better than the last," Torres said. "We're already looking forward to next year and grateful to our team of more than 200 volunteers who helped make this season a memorable experience and to the fans who attend the games and visit our city."



## Phoenix Symphony Outdoor Concert Sunday, April 28 at Estrella's Lakeside Amphitheatre



Don't miss *The Phoenix Symphony Comes to Goodyear*, presented by the West Valley Arts Council at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at Estrella's Lakeside Amphitheatre, located at 10300 S. Estrella Parkway. This popular family-oriented event, sponsored by the City of Goodyear, Newland Communities, CantaMia, and Gloria King, is the only outdoor concert performed by *The Phoenix Symphony*. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and enjoy an evening of popular and classical music under a canopy of stars with *The Phoenix Symphony*. No glass containers, alcohol, or pets (except for special assistance animals) permitted.

This West Valley favorite will include performances by the Westar Elementary Chorus at 4:30 p.m., and the West Valley Youth Orchestra at 5:30 p.m., with *The Phoenix Symphony* performing at 7 p.m. The evening is capped off with a fireworks display during the final song.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Arrive early and enjoy the children's "Musical Petting Zoo," Arts of Estrella Art Walk, several food vendors, and more.

Contact West Valley Arts Council at [www.westvalleyarts.org](http://www.westvalleyarts.org) or call them at 623-935-6384 to learn more and to purchase tickets.

## Goodyear Library Plans Being Finalized for November Opening of New Facility

Project managers for the expansion of the Goodyear Branch of the Maricopa County Library District are finalizing revised plans for the new 9,600-square-foot facility. Plans for the new library include a 1,600-square-foot multi-purpose room in addition to the 8,000 square feet of main library space.

The library will feature designated areas for children, teens, and adults, and include a study room. It will also include a learning station loaded with literacy programs to help parents teach their kids how to read. Job-seekers will find computers to write resumes, scan documents, and make copies.

The changes have pushed back the opening date from this spring to November, but the state-of-the-art facility will be worth the wait. Construction is planned to begin this summer.

"We're excited and anxious, and look forward to new opportunities that will be available to residents as a result of this new library," said Nathan Torres, Director of the Goodyear Parks and Recreation Department, who is helping to oversee the project.

The project will feature vaulted ceilings and open space in the City's new municipal complex located at 14415 W. Van Buren Street.



The current Goodyear Library at North Litchfield Road and Van Buren Street is only 1,800 square feet, and in recent years, has become crowded making it tougher to serve its growing number of active cardholders. The Goodyear library served approximately 95,000 customers last year.



## Library Events

[www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) or 602-652-3000

**Book Discussion Group** (adults)  
Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the April selection *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus.  
Monday, April 22; 1 to 2 p.m.  
Goodyear City Hall, room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

**Preschool Story Time** (ages 2 to 6 years)  
Preschool story times are designed for children who can sit and listen to short stories and participate in simple songs, rhymes, and activities.  
Tuesdays, April 23 and 30; May 7, 14, and 21  
10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.  
Check at the library for room location.

**Baby Time** (ages 0 to 24 months)  
Come and join us for this fun, interactive program where parents and caregivers help baby explore through books, music, and movement.  
Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30 a.m.  
Check at the library for room location.

**One-On-One** (adults)  
Overdrive (e-books and e-audio) assistance. Please bring device and USB cord. Registration is required.  
Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 2 p.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., #185

**Children's Author Visit**  
Welcome Brooke Bessen, recipient of the 2012 Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Arizona Children's Author/Illustrator Award. Her most recent books include *Invertebrates*, *Look Who Lives in the Ocean!*, *Look Who Lives in the Desert!*, and *Zachary Z. Packrat and His Amazing Collections*.  
Tuesday, May 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Goodyear City Hall, room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

**Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Orientation** (12 - 18 years)  
May 18 and 25 at 9 a.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., #185



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