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F-35s Landing at Luke, Goodyear Ready to Support Mission

Weeks have passed since the U.S. Air Force announced it would designate Luke Air Force Base as a pilot-training site for the new F-35 fighter jet mission, but the news is anything but old. In fact, the excitement over the decision and its impact is just taking off.

In case you missed it, the Air Force announced on Aug. 1 that it would assign 72 high-tech stealth F-35 fighter jets to Luke, where pilots will train to fly them and where hundreds of people will work to support them.

The move is expected to create 1,000 direct and indirect jobs in and around Luke, and result in about \$17 million annually in local, state and federal tax revenues.

Goodyear city officials joined voices across the West Valley in praising the long-awaited decision, but remained focused on positioning the City to attract the jobs and businesses that will follow the jets to Luke.

Mayor Georgia Lord said she believes the City is ready to compete for the new work. "We have the heritage, the housing, the infrastructure and a growing cluster of defense-related industries at our airport to make the most of the F-35s move to the desert," she said.

Goodyear has been doing work with the military for nearly 100 years, she added, noting the businesses and industries that will come in support of the futuristic fighter jet would be a great fit for work already going on around the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport.

"We grew the cotton used to make rubber tires for World War I aircraft and hosted a Naval Air Station in World War II. We support Luke Air Force Base, are home to generations of active and retired military men and women, and have a growing base of defense industries working around our airport," Lord added.

Lockheed Martin, the designer and manufacturer of this cutting-edge fighter jet, employs more than 1,000 people in Goodyear. City economic development officials are currently working with key defense contractors who supply services and parts for the F-35 to recruit high-wage earning jobs to Goodyear in the future.

Lord pointed out the Pentagon's requirement that parts and service operations must be no more than 250 miles away from any Joint Strike Force Operation. "From a logistics standpoint this means that a distribution and parts warehouse for every component of this aircraft has to be able to ship its part or parts to Luke Air Force Base within 24 hours of initial order; no exceptions," she said. "I like our chances."

The first jets could arrive at Luke as soon as next fall, according to reports.

To view a video about Goodyear's association with the F-35 program at Luke AFB, go to goodyearaz.gov/Luke

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U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Webb, 56th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Rusty Mitchell, 56th FW Community Initiatives Team Director, announce the decision to house the F-35A Lightning II at Luke Air Force Base



9/11 Memorial and Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, Sept. 9

The public is invited to join the Goodyear Fire Department for the fourth annual 9/11 Memorial and Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at Goodyear Fire Station 183, 3075 N. Litchfield Rd., just south of Indian School Road, next to Goodyear Community Park.

This year's event marks the 11th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took the lives of police officers, firefighters, military personnel and civilians in one of the largest acts of terrorism on American soil in modern history.

The flag raising begins at 7:30 a.m. with the Goodyear Fire and Police Honor Guards. The flag raising will be followed by remarks by Fire Chief Mark Gaillard, Police Chief Jerry Geier, and special guests. The breakfast is hosted by the United Goodyear Firefighters Local 4005 in partnership with the City of Goodyear Fire Department. Breakfast is free, but donations are welcome and help support firefighters' charities. After breakfast, an array of safety demonstrations will be held including K-9 demos, the HALO helicopter, Old Red the firetruck and more.

Special thanks to Wigwam Resort, Hilgers Dentistry, Target, Hickman's Farms, Fry's Food Stores, Sugar & Spice Bakery, Starbucks and Luke Air Force Base for their generous support. For information, please e-mail craig.artrip@goodyearaz.gov.



From the Mayor

Mayor Georgia Lord



With the recent announcement of the Arizona Department of Education's annual Arizona LEARNS letter grading system, I am happy to hear that educators, teachers and students at public schools throughout Goodyear have received outstanding grades on their "report cards." Twelve of the 14 public schools in Goodyear received at least an "above average performance" grade, which translates to an A or B in the system's A-F grading scale.

The four Goodyear schools receiving an A grade and an "excellent level of performance" standard were Estrella Mountain Elementary, Mabel Padgett Elementary, Palm Valley Elementary and Western Sky Middle School. Eight other schools received a B grade, including Desert Star Elementary School after improving from a C grade in 2011. I want to offer many thanks to the number of teachers that have contributed to offering a high-level education for our students in Goodyear.

However, they often say the most difficult task is not achieving success, but staying on top.

A few years back, Vice Mayor Joanne Osborne started the Building Blocks to Great Schools program to create a city partnership with the education community to share resources, ideas and best practices with the purpose of achieving high-quality education for families in Goodyear. Later this month, she will be leading another education symposium for new principals and teachers from local schools to become more familiar with the program.

With all of us in Goodyear working together to provide quality education options for students, I know we can continue to maintain the success we have already achieved while also having our school system ensure long-term economic growth for our community.

Georgia Lord

For more information about Goodyear's Building Blocks to Great Schools program, go to goodyearaz.gov/buildingblocks.

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Council Corner

Councilmember Joe Pizzillo



Goodyear Volunteers Worth a Mint to Taxpayers

Any time we talk about the City's budget, we always focus on the obvious. With the budget just approved this summer, we talked about lowering the food tax, refinancing debt to save tax dollars and restructuring government to reduce spending and increase efficiency.

What we don't mention is the money we've saved over the years thanks to volunteers.

That's right. Just since 2007, Goodyear residents have saved themselves and their fellow taxpayers almost \$2 million by offering to help at the ballpark, Fire Department, Police Department, city parks, City Hall and countless other assignments around the City.

Admittedly, in an annual operating budget of \$79 million an average savings of about \$385,000 a year doesn't seem that big. But truly it is.

The money that we save allows us to do things such as install new playground equipment in parks, expand recreation programs, and maintain our streets and water systems to ensure they are safe and efficient.

In addition to the fiscal impact, it is also worth noting that the number of volunteer hours has tripled since the program began five years ago. This fact alone is a testament to the commitment Goodyear residents have to their community.

When you think of the dollars saved and the hours logged, without question volunteers have had a major impact on the quality of life in Goodyear. And for that, I want to offer a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

Joe Pizzillo

For more information about the City of Goodyear's volunteer program, go to goodyearaz.gov/volunteer

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Goodyear City Council



Gary Gelzer, Sheri Lauritano, Vice Mayor Joanne Osborne, Mayor Georgia Lord, Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell, Bill Stipp

City Council Calendar

Monday, September 10 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.	Monday, October 1 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.	Monday, November 5 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, September 17 Work Session – 5 p.m.	Monday, October 15 Work Session – 5 p.m.	Monday, November 26 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.
Monday, September 24 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.	Monday, October 22 Regular Meeting – 6 p.m.	

Loop 303 Connection Takes Shape

With each passing week, the massive Loop 303/I-10 freeway interchange being built by the Arizona Department of Transportation looks more like a route to work or home than the dirt, concrete and steel used to build it.



By late 2014, the project is expected to be open. Until then, Goodyear commuters will have to keep an eye out for changes in local traffic necessary to make the project a reality. If you haven't already experienced some of these changes, they are worth repeating, especially if you want to avoid delays or frustrations of congestion in construction zones.

To make room for the \$134 million Loop 303 interchange, drivers now have some new ways to access I-10 here in Goodyear. ADOT has opened new on- and off-ramps at Sarival Avenue and Citrus Road. These new ramps allowed for the scheduled permanent closure of the on- and off-ramps at Cotton Lane.

Over the remaining two years of work, the project also requires a temporary closure of Cotton Lane between Van Buren Street on the south and McDowell Road on the north beginning at the end of August. Sarival Avenue and Citrus Road are serving as the primary north/south routes in the area. Local access will be maintained along Cotton Lane between Van Buren Street and Garfield Street.

By mid-September, ADOT plans to close the stretch of Loop 303 between McDowell and Thomas Roads and detour traffic along a new section of Cotton Lane west of the freeway construction work zone. Traffic signals will be in place at McDowell Road and the new Cotton Lane intersection.

When the entire project in Goodyear is completed, I-10 access to Cotton Lane will be maintained via frontage roads stretching between Sarival Avenue and Citrus Road.

ADOT is working on a series of ongoing projects that also will modernize Loop 303 into a six-lane freeway between I-10 and Grand Avenue by late 2014.

In the future, Goodyear residents can look ahead to a five-mile segment of Loop 303 through one of the City's emerging jobs corridors south of I-10. The Maricopa Association of Governments Council voted to include the I-10 to MC-85 stretch in the Regional Transportation Plan, with construction expected to begin in 2017.

Please call the ADOT Project Hotline at 855-712-8530 for more information about the Loop 303/I-10 Interchange.

To view a video about how Goodyear is working with local businesses during the Loop 303 transition, go to goodyearaz.gov/Loop303. **INFOCUS ONLINE**

Goodyear Named Arizona Solar Community

While the temperatures – and utility bills – soared during the last couple months of summer, a cluster of Goodyear residents were finding a way to battle the costs of keeping their homes cool.

At least 1,368 households in Goodyear were enjoying their minimal utility bills because they use solar as a renewable energy source. Most of that total included nearly 800 households in PebbleCreek, allowing seniors living on a fixed income during retirement to enjoy the low-cost benefits of solar energy. The high concentration of solar energy use allowed Goodyear to be named recently as an Arizona Solar Community as part of the Arizona Solar Challenge.

The Arizona Solar Challenge is a community solar campaign by Arizona SmartPower that encourages city residents to install solar panels on at least five percent of owner-occupied homes by 2015. Goodyear was the first of 15 cities in the challenge to be named a Solar Community after having 10.5 percent of owner-occupied homes in the city use solar energy – nearly doubling the goal well before the deadline.

“Our citizens have proudly demonstrated they understand the importance of residential solar energy and have invested in a sustainable future,” Mayor Georgia Lord said. “This leadership at the grassroots level in Goodyear has led to the designation we can be proud of by being recognized as an official Arizona Solar Community.”

SmartPower, APS and the City of Goodyear unveiled new road signs on Litchfield Road and PebbleCreek Parkway to commemorate the City's status as an Arizona Solar Community.

To view videos about using solar energy in Goodyear, go to goodyearaz.gov/solar. **INFOCUS ONLINE**



Citizens Can Determine Monthly Bulk Trash Pickup Day Starting Oct. 1

	Perryville Rd	Citrus Rd	Cotton Ln	Sarival Ave	Estrella Pkwy PebbleCreek Pkwy	Bullard Ave	Litchfield Rd	Dysart Rd
Camelback Rd								
Indian School Rd				P				
Thomas Rd								
McDowell Rd								
Interstate I0								
Van Buren St								
Yuma Rd Western Ave				J	I			
Lower Buckeye Rd								
Broadway Rd								
Southern Ave								
Baseline Rd								
Beloat Rd								
Elliot Rd								
Narramore Rd								
Ray Rd								
Williams Field Rd								
Pecos Rd								

Starting last week, Goodyear residents began receiving flyers in their monthly utility bill as well as having stickers placed on their tan trash containers that include information about the City's new once-a-month bulk trash pickup starting on Oct. 1.

On the City's website at goodyearaz.gov/trash, residents can now click on the Sanitation Service Day Finder link and then enter their house address number to discover which day of the month will be their new bulk trash collection day. The website will also include short videos to show residents how to use the Sanitation Service Day Finder link and what items should be left at the curb on bulk trash collection days. The Communications & Marketing Division will be posting information regarding the campaign throughout September and October on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Bulk trash items collected by the City of Goodyear include yard waste, furniture, mattresses, appliances and other large household items.

To view videos about the City's new bulk trash campaign, please go to goodyearaz.gov/trash.

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Match the letter of the zone with the list below to find out which day of the month bulk trash is collected.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| A 1st Monday | K 3rd Monday |
| B 1st Tuesday | L 3rd Tuesday |
| C 1st Wednesday | M 3rd Wednesday |
| D 1st Thursday | N 3rd Thursday |
| E 1st Friday | O 3rd Friday |
| F 2nd Monday | P 4th Monday |
| G 2nd Tuesday | Q 4th Tuesday |
| H 2nd Wednesday | R 4th Wednesday |
| I 2nd Thursday | S 4th Thursday |
| J 2nd Friday | T 4th Friday |

goodyearaz.gov/trash

Apply Now for the Citizen Police Academy

The deadline to apply for the Goodyear Police Department's 14-week Citizen Police Academy is Sept. 14. The three-hour weekly class meets every Tuesday beginning on Sept. 18 at the Police & Fire Administration Building, located at 175 N. 145th Ave., Suite E, in Goodyear.

The Citizen Police Academy is a concept in law enforcement and community relations that develops citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement. In all, the 42 hours of training will include hands-on instruction, including tours of police and jail facilities, role playing scenarios, constitutional law, gang awareness and demonstrations by specialized police units.

Citizens can apply online or download the application at goodyearaz.gov/policeacademy. Additional questions can be answered by calling Sherry Giese in the Police Department at 623-201-9603. 🌱

Goodyear to Host Small Business Summit

Southwest Valley small-business owners looking to network and learn various ways to grow their business should attend the City of Goodyear's Small Business Summit from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 9 at the Tuscany Falls Clubhouse in PebbleCreek, located at 16222 Clubhouse Drive in Goodyear.

The annual summit organized by the City's Economic Development Division, in partnership with Sonoran Technology, will feature eight sessions that include topics involving banking, marketing, business development, business performance and Luke Air Force Base. The keynote speaker will be Peter Madrid, editor of *AZ IRE Arizona Commercial Real Estate* magazine, Arizona's only publication dedicated to dealing with the commercial real estate, construction, architecture, real estate law and property management industries.

Representatives from the City of Goodyear's Procurement Division, Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Small Business Association will be in attendance along with event sponsors, including Insuperity, Sonoran Technology, West Valley National Bank, Southwest Gas, Paragon Business Equipment and APS.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tina Daniels at tina.daniels@goodyearaz.gov by Oct. 1. 🌱

To learn more about the City's Economic Development Division, go to goodyearaz.gov/lecdev. **INFOCUS ONLINE**

Learn to Help During a Disaster

The City of Goodyear will be offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to Goodyear and Litchfield Park residents. While CERT discusses and teaches how you can help your neighbor during a disaster situation, it also focuses on how you can take care of yourself until first responders arrive.



Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 11 – Oct. 4 at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. The training classes consist of Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Operations I, Medical Operations II, Light Search and Rescue, Psychology and Team Organization, Terrorism, Medical Review, and Pulling It All Together (mock exercise).

For information, go to goodyearaz.gov/cert. To register, please call 623-882-7111 or e-mail cert@goodyearaz.gov. 🌱

Join the Citizen Leadership Academy

The cities of Goodyear and Litchfield Park will host a five-week community leadership training program designed to educate and inform citizens about local government, city operations, community building and engagement. Participants will gain understanding about how local government works and about issues which affect operations. The academy prepares citizens to become effectively involved in the community.

The five-week, nine-session course takes place at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday Oct. 2 – 30. The first session will be held at Goodyear City Hall, room 117 at 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

The registration deadline is Sept. 21. The fee is \$30, which includes course materials and snacks.

For additional information, call 623-882-7082. To register, go to goodyearaz.gov/citizensacademy. 🌱



Goodyear Police and Special Olympics Arizona Host Fundraising Event at Goodyear Ballpark



The Goodyear Police Department and Special Olympics Arizona are hosting a fundraising event at Goodyear Ballpark from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 22 that will feature Special Olympians from around the Valley competing in an All-Star Softball Tournament. The event is free and donations will be accepted at the gates to benefit Special Olympics Arizona.

Teams featuring Special Olympians will compete in a bracket-style softball tournament to play in the championship game at 6 p.m. The event will also include numerous family-friendly activities throughout the day, including a Goodyear Police K-9 demonstration, youth clinics instructed by the Grand Canyon University women's softball team, United Blood

Services blood drive, community expo with various local businesses and restaurants, and a car show. A live music concert and fireworks, presented by Hilgers Pediatric Dentistry and Hilgers Orthopedic, will follow the 6 p.m. championship softball game.

For more information on how to support the fundraising event, please contact Goodyear Police Officers Eric Webster at 623-606-4742 or Eric Whittington at 623-932-1220. 🌱



Library Events September - October 2012

Pre-School Story Time (ages 2-6)
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117.
Begin the week with fun activities and stories.

Baby Time (ages 0-18 months)
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117.

Come and join us for this fun, interactive program where parents and caregivers help baby explore their developing senses through books, music and movement.

Book Discussion Group for Adults "The Lacuna"
Sept. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117.

Join in a discussion of "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies of the book are available at the Goodyear Branch Library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., room 185.

After School is Cool (elementary school students)
Sept. 26; Oct. 10, 24 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Goodyear Branch Library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., room 185.
Drop-in activities for elementary school students.

Book Discussion Group for Adults "The Mapmaker's Wife"
Oct. 22, 1 to 2 p.m.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., room 117.

Join in a discussion of "The Mapmaker's Wife" by Robert Whitaker. Copies of the book will be available after Sept. 24. at the Goodyear Branch Library, 250 N. Litchfield Rd., room 185. 🌱



Ballet Under the Stars Coming to Estrella Lakeside Amphitheatre Sept. 22

Ballet Arizona's 15th annual Ballet Under the Stars series is coming to Goodyear for a free performance at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Estrella Lakeside Amphitheatre, 10300 S. Estrella Pkwy, just south of Elliot Road.

Ballet Under the Stars allows Goodyear residents to enjoy a professional one-hour ballet presentation in a unique outdoor setting complete with stage, lighting, costumes and beautiful Arizona weather. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a varied program, ranging from classical to contemporary ballet. The performance will be one of seven throughout the Valley from Sept. 20 – 29.

Ballet Under the Stars is generously supported by the City of Goodyear, Estrella by Newland Communities and other companies, organizations and cities from around the Valley. For more information, please go to balletaz.org or call 623-882-7525. 🌱

For additional information about arts and culture in Goodyear, go to goodyearaz.gov/arts.

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Non-emergency: 623-932-1220
Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Crisis Services

623-882-7677

Fire

Non-emergency: 623-932-2300
Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Utilities/ Customer Service

623-932-3015
190 N. Litchfield Rd. (City Hall)

Trash, Recycling, Bulk Trash Collection

623-932-3010
4980 S. 157th Ave.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

(not affiliated with the
City of Goodyear)

PSC Industrial Service:
602-252-1186
5150 N. Tom Murray Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85301

Envirosolve:
602-276-7602
2844 W. Broadway Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85041

Environmental Services

Water and Wastewater
623-932-3010
4980 S. 157th Ave.

Water Resources/ Water Conservation

623-932-3010

Goodyear City Hall

190 N. Litchfield Rd.
623-932-3910

Mayor and City Council

623-882-7776

Council Chambers

623-882-7830 (City Clerk)
185 N. 145th Ave.

Justice Center/Court

623-882-7200
185 N. 145th Ave.

Neighborhood Services

623-882-7812

Code Compliance/ Report Graffiti

623-882-7815

Volunteer Program

623-882-7807

V.I.P.S. - Volunteers in Police Service

623-882-7481

Building Safety

623-932-3004
195 N. 145th Ave.

Economic Development

623-932-3025

Engineering/Streets

623-882-3110
195 N. 145th Ave.

Planning & Zoning

623-932-3005
195 N. 145th Ave.

Goodyear Ballpark and Recreational Complex

Operations: 623-882-3120
Tickets: 623-882-3130
1933 S. Ballpark Way
(Estrella Pkwy, south of Yuma Rd.)

Goodyear Branch Library

250 N. Litchfield Rd., Suite 185
(Maricopa County Libraries:
602-652-3000)

Parks and Recreation

623-882-7525
E-mail: gyrec@goodyearaz.gov
Website: goodyearaz.gov/rec
3075 N. Litchfield Rd.
(in Fire Station 183)

Goodyear Community Center

420 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Goodyear Swimming Pool

623-932-4809
430 E. Loma Linda Blvd.

Goodyear Community Park

3151 N. Litchfield Rd.
(basketball, tennis courts, fields,
volleyball courts, ramada, and
skate park)

Falcon Park

15050 W. Indian School Rd.
(basketball and sand volleyball
courts, fields, and one ramada)

Foothills Community Park

12795 S. Estrella Parkway
(Little League field and
multipurpose fields)

Roscoe Dog Park

15600 W. Roeser Rd.

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