

# GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

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## Latest Plan for Goodyear's Downtown to be Unveiled at Public Meeting

An animation that simulates driving through and around the City Center will give Goodyear residents a sense of height and depth of buildings and a feel of the character of your future downtown at the City Center Draft Plan meeting for the public on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 117 of City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Road. The meeting gives you an opportunity to become familiar with the latest version of the plan and to comment on it before it goes before a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the City Council. This plan is the result of the 18-month-long efforts of Plan Architect David Moreno of 5 Design, Inc., HDR Engineering Inc., the City Center Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), previous public meetings and public comment cards.

Moreno himself will present the plan to the public. Moreno's presentation on Oct. 6th to the TAC "really made the land use plan come to life," according to Georgia Lord, chairwoman of the TAC. "Moreno's narration was wonderful and the animation makes you feel as if you were in the City Center. I can't wait for our residents to see it!"

The overall design elements are from our desert such as sun, wind, rock and the water which makes things grow. Water features throughout the plan will "soothe and relax" and utilize recycled water already available at the site.

Moreno will also show several conceptual renderings and explain how the design maintains open corridors allowing for mountain views to the south and the northwest. He will show renderings of the lighted walking path utilizing xeriscaping that weaves its way throughout the downtown's four quadrants.

The northwest quadrant (on land owned by the City of Goodyear) will consist primarily of public plazas and City government buildings including City Hall. This is anticipated to be the first area of development. The other three quadrants are owned by developers. The northeast quadrant will be the main "entertainment" area, the southeast will be primarily offices and the southwest quadrant townhouses and lofts.

The revised Draft Plan keeps the existing roadway alignment for Estrella Parkway and Yuma Road and includes a two-way "Main Street" inner-loop with parking, and an outer loop that will bypass the Downtown.



## Help City Form Long-Range Public Safety Policies/Goals

Goodyear would like to know what its citizens want to ensure their future public safety and that of police and fire personnel as the City continues growing at an 18% rate. So, the City is asking residents to apply for a Public Safety Citizen Advisory Committee to study both police and fire safety issues, options and strategies. From a time commitment standpoint, it is anticipated this advisory committee will be meeting in late 2005 and throughout 2006.

### A Public Service Interest Form (PSIF)

must be filled out to apply.

Forms may be obtained:

- By downloading from website: [www.goodyearaz.gov/programs&services/PSIF](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/programs&services/PSIF)
- By calling 623-882-7805 to have one mailed
- By picking one up in lobby of City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

**Deadline for PSIF applications:  
Wednesday, November 9 by 5 p.m.**

to City of Goodyear  
Community Services Department

If you've never applied for a committee before, this is your chance to make a real difference in your community.





## Mayor Presses for Acceleration of I-10 Widening

**Mayor Jim Cavanaugh**

The continuing deterioration in safety and congestion on I-10 in the Goodyear area seriously affects the quality of life of our residents and economic vitality of our region. I consider it my responsibility, and have acted accordingly since the voters passed the regional transportation plan almost a year ago, to vigorously pursue acceleration of the planned widening of I-10 for at least the five-mile section in Goodyear between Dysart Road and Cotton Lane (future Loop 303). There seems no better time than the present for me to update residents of Goodyear on past actions and current status.

As a result of the strong partnerships that Goodyear has forged during this past year, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is now crafting a strategy to fast-track the widening of I-10. This acceleration would be contingent upon the approval of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) which oversees the Valley's 20-year Transportation Plan. The result could be the start of construction of two additional lanes in each direction between Dysart Road and Cotton Lane as early as 2007 rather than 2014 as originally designated in the 20-year plan. This reduces the anticipated start date for construction by seven years. An added bonus in this process is that ADOT may widen I-10 an additional five miles from the 101 to Dysart Road. What will this mean for Goodyear residents and our neighboring communities? Less congestion, quicker commute times, and more importantly, a safer highway.

Accelerating this project continues to be a monumental task. The initiative has required constant communication and coordination among numerous entities – the federal government, the state, the county, MAG, and other municipalities. The technical, political and financial issues involved are complex. One complicating factor is that other Valley cities are interested in moving up the timeline on their projects – which means we're competing for the same dollars and manpower. Recent international and national events such as Hurricane Katrina have resulted in surging steel, concrete and gas prices as well as labor shortages. These factors, which are beyond the control of ADOT, Goodyear and contractors, may hamper the construction schedule.

Despite these barriers, Goodyear officials have continued knocking on every door of any individual or organization that can help us achieve our goal. I have brought this issue to all levels of government – discussing the need to accelerate the widening with the offices of both U.S. senators and four U.S. congressmen, two county supervisors, local mayors, members of the state legislature, staff from the Governor's office, the

executive director of MAG, and the director of ADOT. As a result, we are gaining the support of our state and federal legislators. In fact, Senator Robert Blendu has been a strong advocate for widening I-10 from the 101 all the way to State Route 85 and has facilitated meetings between Goodyear and ADOT. Representative John Nelson and County Supervisors Max Wilson and Mary Rose Wilcox have also taken strong positions and have been personally involved in this initiative.

Our five-mile proposal was expanded to 10 miles during our discussions with ADOT when it became evident the public would be best served by widening the freeway progressively from the 101 to Cotton Lane as one project. The accelerated timing can be accomplished by the innovative approach of concurrently conducting mandated environmental studies and engineering design, and by dividing the construction into two parts. The inside lanes, one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction, can be carved out of the existing medians, followed by construction of the outer general-purpose lanes in each direction. The total construction process will likely take three years to complete. However, by dividing the process into two segments, we can have two additional lanes in each direction constructed and ready for use possibly in late 2008. Obviously, during construction, commuting delays will be exacerbated and alternative routes will be congested.

Like any major transportation project, financing this project continues to be an issue the City must confront. Current ADOT and MAG policies state that if a community wishes to accelerate a programmed freeway transportation project, that city is responsible for 50 to 100 percent of the interest cost associated with accelerating the construction loans. The estimated interest costs for accelerating the five-mile Goodyear stretch of I-10 are \$12 to \$15 million. I believe an exception should be made for this project. The highway in question is an intercontinental roadway running coast to coast. It is invaluable to the entire country, as well as the state, and is the most important conduit for commerce in the Valley. Additionally, ADOT statistics have shown that the segment of I-10 here in Goodyear has the highest fatality and accident rate of all Valley freeways. The benefits to be derived by accelerating the I-10 widening extend far beyond the boundaries of Goodyear. I believe Goodyear taxpayers should bear no more than 25% (\$3 to \$4 million) of the financial burden. In fact, one could argue the fairness of even that large of a contribution.

The bottom line is that we are moving in the right direction and with vigor. We have significantly advanced the planned widening of a critical segment of I-10. This will have a tremendous impact not only on Goodyear, but on the transportation and commerce systems of the Valley, the state, and the nation. Even if construction starts in 2007, I recognize that this does not assuage the immediate concerns of today's commuter. But the work, thus far, demonstrates an exceptional achievement given federal mandates and state planning requirements. Be assured, the City will continue to press hard until the widening has been accomplished.



# Seven Goodyear Communities Celebrated G.A.I.N. Day

On October 15, hundreds of residents in seven areas of Goodyear got together with their neighbors to get to know each other better. Neighbors who care and look out for each other build stronger neighborhoods. Each party was visited by Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, City Council members, City staff and event sponsors who caravanned between parties on a big, red London Bus followed by a fire engine and led by police motorcycles.

## Food



Historic Goodyear

## Fun



Wildflower Ranch



GAIN volunteer coordinator, **Jenifer de la Garza**, **Patricia DiRoss** of Qwest, and Goodyear Neighborhood Manager **Lili Schuett** point out GAIN's presentation sponsor - Qwest.



## Music



Estrella Mountain Ranch

## Information



Estrella Mountain Ranch



## Gifts to Organizers



North Subdivision

## Adventure



Canada Village

## Crafts



Wildflower Ranch



Estrella Vista

## Discussions with Mayor and Council



Estrella Vista



Canyon Trails

## Camaraderie



Canada Village



North Subdivision

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

For the residents of Goodyear and Avondale ONLY.

**Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**  
**City of Goodyear City Hall Parking Lot - 190 North Litchfield Road**

## Items that will be collected

- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Anti-Freeze
- Art & Hobby Supplies
- Automotive Glue
- Automotive Products
- Bait
- Batteries (automotive or household)
- Brake Fluid
- Brake Sprays
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Caulking
- Charcoal Lighters
- Household Cleaners & Waxes
- Compressor Oils
- Correction Fluids
- Cutting Oils
- Electronics
- Engine Degreasers
- Fertilizers
- Fire Extinguishers
- Flammables
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Fuel Additives
- Fungicides
- Gardening Supplies
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Injector Sprays
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Lacquers
- Linseed Oil
- Lubricants
- Metal Conditioners
- Mineral Spirits
- Motor Oil
- Nail Polish & Removers
- Oil Filters
- Paint Related Material
- Paint Removers
- Photography Chemicals
- Poisons
- Primers
- Propane Tanks
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
- Sealers
- Shoe Polishes
- Smoke Detectors
- Solvents
- Spot Removers
- Wood Stains
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Tires

Passenger-type tires will be accepted ONLY. Wheels and rims must be removed from tires. No large or off-road tires will be accepted. There will be a five-tire-per-vehicle limit.

## Items that will NOT be collected

- 55 Gallon Drums of Waste
- Air Conditioners
- Ammunition
- Biological Waste
- Commercial / Industrial Waste
- Explosives
- Food Waste
- Glass
- Infectious Wastes
- Large Truck Tires
- Passenger Tires with Wheels / Rims
- Medical Waste
- Metals
- Papers / Newspapers
- Plastics
- Refrigerators
- Solid Waste for Landfills
- Stoves / Ovens
- Syringes
- Televisions
- Water Heaters
- Radioactive Waste

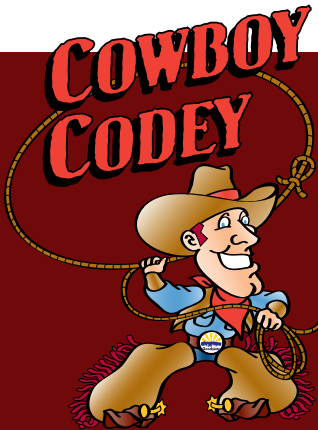
## ABSOLUTELY NO MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 NOON

**This event is for residential hazardous waste only. Commercial waste will not be accepted.**

Proof of residency will be required such as driver's license, picture ID, or utility bill (municipal garbage collection bill is preferred).

Materials should be tightly sealed in their original containers, if possible. Glass containers should be wrapped to avoid breakage. Materials should be transported in a cardboard box in the trunk or truck bed. Personnel will be available at the event to identify and unload materials.

**For more information, call the City of Goodyear Public Works Department 623-932-1637**



## Cowboy Codey Sez: "Check to see if you need a permit!"

Did you know that anytime you make changes or additions to your home you need to get a building permit? Many times we make minor changes to our home and don't think about the building codes that apply. The City has adopted building codes so that our houses meet certain requirements to keep us safe. Adding patio covers, enclosing garages, doing electrical work and constructing storage buildings are just some of the changes that require approval and/or permits from the Community Development Department. Remember that codes are adopted for our health, safety and welfare.

So before you do anything to your house, check with the **Community Development Department** at 623-932-3005 to see if any city codes apply or if permits are needed.



## Goodyear Employees Sponsor Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" Program for Needy

You can put a smile on the face of a needy child at Christmas by helping in the Goodyear Employee 6th annual "Adopt-a-Family" program. Each year names of needy Southwest Valley families are received from Goodyear Police School Resource Officers and from families who apply to become Adopt-a-Family recipients. Last year the City adopted more than 30 families.

Employees buy gifts to fulfill wishes of the families and the Goodyear Police Department and other employees deliver the truckload of gifts to the needy families just before Christmas.



Goodyear residents can choose to adopt an entire family or bring donations to City facilities. Generally what's needed are jackets, clothes, toys, games, baby clothes, old school uniforms, jeans and sweaters for children. Adults need jackets, work shirts and jeans. Households need canned goods, housewares, towels, bedding and blankets.

Beginning November 15, donation sites will be:

- City Hall – 190 N. Litchfield Road
- Police Department – 119 N. Litchfield Road
- Fire Station #2 – 10701 S. Estrella Parkway
- Fire Station #3 – 3075 N. Litchfield Road

### Identifying Recipients For "Adopt-a-Family"

If your family is low income and needs help this holiday season or you know of a family in the Southwest Valley that needs help, call **Police Officer Lisa Sontag** at 623-693-0097 or **Keri Crafton, Business Advocate**, at 623-882-7906. Please supply the name of the parent(s) and the family's current telephone number or address. All names and locations will be kept confidential. A home visit by City employees will determine eligibility.



### Goodyear City Council

Brenda Holland, Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Frank Cavalier, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak and Georgia Lord

## Council Calendar

All Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Road unless indicated otherwise.

### Wednesday, November 30

City Hall Room 117  
190 N. Litchfield Road

**Joint Work Session of Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council - 5 p.m.**

### Monday, November 14

**Work Session - 5 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.**

### Monday, December 5

**Special Meeting - 6 p.m.**

### Monday, November 21

**Work Session - 5 p.m.**

### Monday, December 12

**Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.**

### Monday, November 28

**Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.**

## CAUTION - How to Deal with Coyotes in Our Urban Environment

Coyotes are curious, clever, and adaptable. They quickly learn to take advantage of any newly discovered food source, and are often attracted to yards with abundant fruit and wildlife to eat. Coyotes will eat pet food and knock over unsecured garbage cans, or may walk along the tops of walls around homes in search of unattended dogs and cats to eat. Coyotes may consider large or loud dogs to be a threat to their territory and become aggressive toward those dogs. Coyotes have lured free-roaming dogs away from their owners to attack, and bold coyotes may attack small dogs on retractable leashes.

### What attracts coyotes?

Coyotes may visit a home if they find food, water, or shelter.

- Food can include unattended pets, birds or rodents attracted to bird feeders, pet food, garbage, or fallen fruit.
- Water sources can include a pet's water bowl or a pool.
- Shelter can include a storm drain or any cave-like area beneath a shed or unused building.

### What should I do?

If you see a coyote near your home, don't ignore it. This may cause it to lose its natural fear of people, which can eventually lead to aggressive behavior.

### To discourage a coyote, immediately:

- Make loud noises, bang pots and pans or rattle empty cans with pebbles in it (coyote shaker).
- Wave your hands or objects like sticks.
- Throw small stones or cans.
- Spray the coyote with a hose.
- Use a commercial repellent like mace on bold animals that refuse to leave.



### To discourage a coyote from returning:

- Remove anything outside your home that may be attracting coyotes including garbage, pet food, water sources, and bird feeders that can attract animals for coyotes to eat.
- Secure garbage containers with lids. Place out on pickup day.
- Feed your pets inside, and never leave them unattended. If it's necessary to leave a small pet outside unattended, keep it in a sturdy enclosure with a roof.
- Keep poultry, rabbits, and rodents in secure enclosures.
- Trim and remove any ground-level shrubs and branches that provide hiding places for coyotes or their prey.
- Never feed coyotes.

## Important for Census Survey Recipients to Respond

One out of every 13 households received a randomly mailed Mid-Decade Census questionnaire containing only six questions. Goodyear's current return rate is only 65%. It is important that everyone be counted because the higher our population, the more state-shared revenues the City receives from state and federal sources.



If you are a survey recipient and did not fill out the questionnaire the first two times it was mailed to you, you will be contacted for a phone interview in October. Those households that are not reached by phone will receive personal visits from Census interviewers before December. Remember, your information is totally confidential!

Goodyear is expecting the census results to show an increased population base that should result in approximately \$3.5 million more in state-shared revenues for Goodyear over the next five years. This additional revenue can pay for new or expanded programs and services for our residents.

## Holiday Schedules

### Veterans' Day

**Friday, November 11**

City Offices Closed

Contained trash - no change to service

Uncontained trash - no change to service

### Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 24  
and Friday, November 25**

City Offices Closed

Contained trash - no service  
(Thursday will be collected on Friday.  
Friday routes will be collected  
on Saturday.)

Uncontained trash - no service  
(Thursday will be collected on Friday.  
Friday routes will be collected  
on Saturday.)

# Holly Jolly Festival

**Saturday, December 3  
5 to 8:30 p.m.  
Community Park**

Litchfield Road, north of Thomas Road

**Free event with 30 tons of snow,  
Santa, arts and crafts, food,  
rides and bouncers  
and a tree lighting**

**Santa  
will  
be  
there!**

For information, call 623-882-7534



## Leisure Classes and Adult Softball Registration

Saturday, December 10, 2005  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Goodyear Community Center  
East Loma Linda Boulevard

Classes begin January 9, 2006

For information, call  
623-882-7534

## Goodyear's Night at the Movies

### Casablanca

Friday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Goodyear Community Park  
3151 N. Litchfield Road

Free to the public.  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.  
You can also bring food and beverages  
or purchase from our vendor.

For more information,  
call 623-882-7534



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