

# City of Goodyear INFOCUS

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## What's Happening at Goodyear Ballpark

### Team Shop Opens

Friday, Jan. 15;  
Hours: Mon – Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
closed Sundays until March 7;  
Special Fantasy Camp hours  
Jan. 17 and 31: 12 to 4 p.m.

### Indians Fantasy Camp

Saturday, Jan. 16 – Friday, Jan. 22

### Reds Fantasy Camp

Saturday, Jan. 30 – Feb. 6

### City Market

Saturday, Feb. 6; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Heart & Sole 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, Feb. 20; 8 a.m.

### Fan Fest

Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Come see your favorite players in action!  
Take a tour of the facility. Bring the  
whole family and test their skills on the  
interactive activities. Get your team gear  
and tickets for the 2010 season. Enter to  
win tickets and team memorabilia.

### Spring Training Opening Day Indians vs. Reds

Friday, March 5

[www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark)

## Spring Training at Goodyear Ballpark

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# Trash Collection Service

Keep this page as your handy reference for garbage, recycling, and bulk trash pickup schedules. Tan garbage containers, green recycling containers, and bulk trash may be placed out no sooner than 6 p.m. the night before your designated collection day and must be placed out no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day. For more information about collection services, please visit [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) (go to Residents; Trash, Recycling & Bulk Trash), call City of Goodyear Sanitation at 623-882-7615, or e-mail [gypworks@goodyearaz.gov](mailto:gypworks@goodyearaz.gov). For collection zone maps and holiday schedules, please visit [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov).

## Contained Garbage & Recycle Collection Day Zones

Camelback Rd	Perryville Rd	Citrus Rd	Cotton Ln	Sarival Ave	Estrella Pkwy PebbleCreek Pkwy	Bullard Ave	Litchfield Rd	Dysart Rd
Indian School Rd							Wigwam	
Thomas Rd		2 Tuesday					1 Monday	
McDowell Rd								
Interstate 10								
Van Buren St								
Yuma Rd			3 Wednesday					
Western Ave								
Lower Buckeye Rd								
Broadway Rd			4 Thursday					
Southern Ave								
Baseline Rd								
Beloat Rd								
Elliot Rd								
Narramore Rd				5 Friday				
Ray Rd								
Williams Field Rd								
Pecos Rd								

## Twice-A-Month Bulk Trash Collection Day Zones

Camelback Rd	Perryville Rd	Citrus Rd	Cotton Ln	Sarival Ave	Estrella Pkwy PebbleCreek Pkwy	Bullard Ave	Litchfield Rd	Dysart Rd
Indian School Rd				A			Wigwam	
Thomas Rd			B		C			D
McDowell Rd								
Interstate 10								
Van Buren St						G		
Yuma Rd		E		F				
Western Ave								
Lower Buckeye Rd				H				
Broadway Rd								
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Beloat Rd								
Elliot Rd								
Narramore Rd								
Ray Rd								
Williams Field Rd								
Pecos Rd								

- A 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- B 1st & 3rd Mondays
- C 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- D 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
- E 2nd & 4th Mondays
- F 2nd & 4th Thursdays
- G 1st & 3rd Fridays
- H 2nd & 4th Fridays
- I 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- J 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

### Bulk Trash

Bulk trash are items that are too bulky to fit in the trash container such as tree limbs, furniture, and appliances. DO NOT place bulk trash on driveways, sidewalks, electrical boxes, cable boxes, mail boxes, light poles, water meters, landscape, or where it may be a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles.

- Place bulk trash in the street, next to the curb.
- Brush should be cut to 4' lengths.
- Grass clippings must be double-bagged.
- Cacti must be placed in sealed boxes.
- It is the resident's responsibility to clean up small debris that may remain after collection.

### Not Allowed for Bulk Collection

Household waste, hazardous materials, large auto parts, boats, tires, oil, rocks, dirt, construction materials such as roofing, drywall and concrete.



Please take household hazardous waste materials to PSC Industrial Service 2003 W. McDowell Rd. 602-252-1186 (fees apply) or EnviroSolve 2844 W. Broadway Rd. 602-276-7602 (fees apply)

Please take electronics to White Tanks Transfer Station 18605 W. McDowell Rd. 623-853-1707 (fees apply)

Place containers on the street, with wheels against the curb. Bag and tie all garbage. Do not place plastic bags in the green (recycling) container.

### What to Recycle

Paper: office paper, envelopes, junk mail, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, paper bags.

Glass bottles and jars (rinse lightly).

Plastics #1 - #7 (please check for the chasing arrows recycling symbol; rinse lightly to clean these items): bottles, bottle caps, packaging, cups, food containers.

Aluminum/steel/tin cans (rinse lightly).

Cardboard/chipboard: office supply boxes, cereal boxes (clean, empty and broken down).

Carton: milk, juice, creamer (rinse lightly).

### What NOT to Recycle

Plastic bags, rocks, dirt, blocks, bricks, concrete, drywall, paint, thinners, gas, oil, car batteries, tires, tree limbs, packing popcorn, styrofoam, wood, electronics, aluminum foil, hard-bound books, tissues, napkins, paper towels, paper plates, shredded paper, foil wrapping, waxed paper/boxes, windows, mirrors.

## From the Mayor Census Day is Coming

Mayor James Cavanaugh



The U.S. Census Bureau is preparing to count the more than 300 million people living in this country on April 1. During these challenging economic times, it's more important than ever for every resident to be included in the count.

There are just 10 questions on the form, but the answers can make a tremendous difference in three very important ways.

First, Census results will help determine how much our local and state governments receive from more than \$400 billion in federal funds. Arizona receives about \$1,400 for each person counted; funds which help pay for transportation, highways, schools, programs for seniors, and much more.

Second, our political power could become stronger. The number of representatives we have in Congress may be increased, depending upon our Census results.

Finally, companies and investors look at Census data when choosing new locations. Census 2010 can help our growing city and give us the leading edge in this competitive economic world.

Census forms will be mailed in mid-March. When yours arrives, please fill it out and return it promptly. It's easy. It's confidential. It's important. Be counted in Census 2010.

*Jim*

## Council Corner

Councilmember Rob Antoniak



Hello, Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season! 2010 is sure to be an eventful year, starting with a new addition to our recreational family!

This March, the Cincinnati Reds will join the Cleveland Indians in our already successful Goodyear Ballpark and Recreational Complex for what is bound to be another successful Spring

Training season! Set in the Southwest Valley's natural beauty, the ballpark is a great place to spend Arizona's beautiful spring days, while enjoying America's favorite pastime and visiting with friends, family and national visitors.

As a season ticket-holder, I can tell you that last season was extraordinary! Whether it was with the family, business clients or friends, every game I attended was a fun-filled relaxing endeavor away from everyday demands. My son and daughter were able to enjoy the activities for kids out in right field during the games. With clients, I was able to relax outside the office, talk shop informally and get up close and personal with the teams. Attending spring training games with friends always inspired eating competitions filled with great variety, as well as an occasional refreshing beverage, of course.

This spring, the Ballpark will be swinging with excitement throughout March. Many visitors from all around the country will encounter what Goodyear and your Ballpark have to offer. Your award-winning venue offers an array of seating choices, from suites to the Right-field Pavilion, which includes all-you-can-eat service. Bottom line, this spring, c'mon out to the Ballpark and enjoy the venue we've collectively supported. It's sure to pay dividends for years to come in Goodyear.

Until I see you again, be safe and enjoy our wonderful community!

Blessings, Rob

## Holiday Schedule

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
Monday, Jan. 18

**Presidents' Day**  
Monday, Feb. 15

**City Offices Closed**

**Sanitation Collection:**  
Container collection service for each zone will be shifted to one day later than your normal collection day following Monday, Jan. 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) and Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day).

There will be no bulk collection service provided on Monday, Jan. 18 and Monday, Feb. 15.

## Goodyear City Council



Joanne Osborne, Frank Cavalier, Vice Mayor Georgia Lord, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak, and Joe Pizzillo

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

### Goodyear City Council Calendar

Monday, January 11, 2010  
Work Session - 5 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, January 25  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, February 1  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, February 8  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, February 22  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 8  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 15  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, March 22  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Cut along the line and keep for easy reference.

# Spring Training That's the Ticket!

[www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark)



## Ticket Promotions

### Ohio Days

March 5, 6, 17 (7:05 p.m.), 18 and April 2 and 3. Enjoy special \$5 Berm tickets on game days when our two Ohio teams play one another.

### Family Fun Pack

Every Friday and Sunday. Fun packs include four tickets, four hot dogs, four small sodas, and four bags of chips. Offer valid in Outfield Reserved (\$48) and Berm (\$40) tickets only.

### Military Discount

Offer available at Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office only. All games. Group pricing available in the Outfield Box, Outfield Reserved, and Berm areas for active duty, retired military and Guard/Reserve personnel with valid ID.

### Senior and College ID Days

Offer available at Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office only. Weekday games. \$2-3 off Outfield Box, Outfield Reserved, or Berm tickets with valid ID.

### Goodyear Resident Days

Offer available at Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office only. March 5, 6, 7, 30, 31 and April 1, 2 and 3. \$2-3 off Outfield Box, Outfield Reserved or Berm tickets with proof of Goodyear residency.

## Promotion Days

### Kids Run the Bases

After every Saturday and Sunday game, kids take the field and run the bases like their favorite players. Line up at section I18 during the top of the 9th inning.

### Seniors Stroll the Bases

After the games on March 8, 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 30 and 31, it's time for the senior stroll – head to section I18 at the top of the 9th inning.

### Autograph Days

(7:05 p.m. game on March 17 not included.) Wednesday and Thursday games throughout March, fans can collect autographs from Indians and Reds players before the game. A limited number of autograph tickets will be distributed prior to gates opening. Fans with autograph tickets may line up inside the Home Plate Entrance for the autograph session after gates open.

### Play Catch on the Field

Bring your gloves and play catch on the field after the games on March 9 and 26. Sorry, no hard baseballs permitted on the field.

### Fan Appreciation Days

April 2 and 3 are Fan Appreciation Days at Goodyear Ballpark. Autographed team memorabilia and other items will be given away each inning. Don't miss these games!

## Get Your Tickets Now!

Individual tickets, season and partial plans, and group tickets are on sale now! Consider a 15-game Indians or Reds season plan, or the 30-game season plan for all the Indians and Reds home games. Season ticket holders enjoy the largest savings and best buy on ticket prices, merchandise discount coupons, guaranteed same seat location for every game, and exclusive presale opportunities. Three-game mini plans also feature discounted tickets and great seating locations.

### Single Game Tickets

Purchase tickets in person at Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office at 1933 S. Ballpark Way (Estrella Parkway, south of Yuma Road), by phone at 800-745-3000, or online at [www.Indians.com](http://www.Indians.com) or [www.Red.com](http://www.Red.com).

### Season Plans, Mini Plans or Group Tickets

Purchase tickets in person at Goodyear Ballpark Ticket Office at 1933 S. Ballpark Way (Estrella Parkway, south of Yuma Road), by phone at 623-882-3130, or online at [www.Indians.com](http://www.Indians.com) or [www.Red.com](http://www.Red.com).

## Have Fun All Year

Goodyear Ballpark and Recreational Complex also hosts year-round community events, youth, amateur, high school and college baseball tournaments, holiday festivals, arts and crafts shows, corporate events, concerts and more. The ballpark has seating for more than 10,000 guests, a concourse with an uninterrupted view of the field, six luxury suites, party and group pavilions, club seating and spacious lawn seating.



## Volunteer for Goodyear Ballpark's 2010 Spring Training Games!

Don't miss your chance to be part of the true baseball experience. Goodyear is looking for volunteers for 2010 spring training games and other events at the Goodyear Ballpark throughout the year. Sign up for ushering, ticket taking, ticket office support and guest services information. Spring training runs from late February through early April, and volunteers are asked to commit to working a minimum of five spring training games.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and attend mandatory training sessions. Apply online at [www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/ballpark) or call 623-882-3120.

Volunteers receive a Goodyear Ballpark shirt and hat, customer service training, and a food voucher for each game worked.

## Goodyear Ballpark and Teen Action Council Win Best of the West Awards

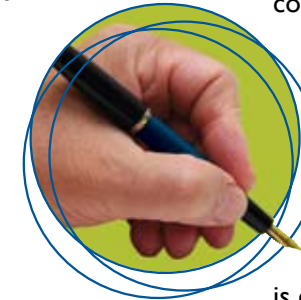
Goodyear Ballpark and the Southwest Valley YMCA Teen Action Council were big winners at the 17th Annual WESTMARC Best of the West 2009 Awards, recently presented at the Renaissance Hotel at Westgate.

With an estimated economic impact last year of more than \$21 million, the Ballpark was singled out as the top pick in the sports category. It earned kudos as a year-round entertainment venue hosting concerts, farmers markets, signature community events, as well as being the spring training headquarters for the Cleveland Indians and, new this year, the Cincinnati Reds.

Councilmember Joanne Osborne, leader and founder of the Southwest Valley Family YMCA's Teen Action Council, accepted the Best of the West Award for leadership in the organization category. The Teen Action Council was honored for community service projects and partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, Leadership West, and for mentoring programs like Y2L which pair West Valley businesses, athletes, military and career professionals with students to work on communication skills, team-building, etiquette and more.

## Finishing Ironman Arizona

Two of Goodyear's finest completed the grueling Ironman Arizona: Officer Gene Hindman and Detective Greg Garner. Competing with more than 2,500 athletes from 30 countries, Hindman and Garner made their way through a flat, open, 112-mile bike course, a 2.4-mile swim, and a 26.2-mile run. Hindman's time was 13:10:06. Garner finished in 14:46.



## Business Registration

It's time to register your business with the City of Goodyear and pay the \$75 annual permit fee. Until recently, Goodyear was the only West Valley city that did not charge a fee for doing business. The new \$75 fee is in the mid-range compared to those charged by our neighboring cities.

The program helps the sales tax auditor make sure businesses are collecting and paying the proper taxes. The information also helps Fire and Police reduce their response times to emergency calls. The City can reach registered businesses and share news about special programs such as the Small Business Breakfast Series, featuring experts who offer tips to grow one's business and improve visibility. Businesses are also kept abreast of sponsorship opportunities and campaigns, including Shop Goodyear and other annual events. Another program, Protect Your Business, is designed to alert local businesses immediately should a robbery, scam, or other criminal activity occur in their area. Registration also provides the City with information useful in promoting tourism, economic development opportunities, and the recruitment of new businesses and jobs. Many businesses, including dining and entertainment, are featured prominently on the City's website, along with locator maps and other useful information.

The \$75 annual permit fee was due Dec. 31, but a grace period is in effect until Jan. 31. Failure to register and pay the fee can result in fines of up to \$500. A business permit is required for any person or company doing business in the City of Goodyear, including home-based businesses. Nonprofit organizations, churches, schools, and vendors who sell only at Goodyear Marketplace are exempt. Sole proprietors and individuals must include proof of citizenship, such as driver's permit, passport, visa, etc. along with the application.

Mail or hand deliver registration renewal forms or new registration applications along with cash, check or money order for \$75 to City of Goodyear Business Permit Registration, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338. Download registration forms and instructions at [goodyearaz.gov](http://goodyearaz.gov). Online registration is not available at this time.



## Register Now Second Annual IMS Arizona Marathon Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14, 2010

Register now for the Second Annual IMS Arizona Marathon. The race starts at Target Shopping Center on Cotton Lane and Estrella Parkway (parking is not allowed at the start line). The marathon course through Avondale, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, and Phoenix goes by Goodyear Ballpark and the new Spring Training facilities of the Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds. Westgate City Center hosts the finish with cold beverages, warm hospitality, and live music.

Register for the IMS Full or Half Marathon, Relay, or the Non-Competitive 5K Walk/Run sponsored by Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and receive a medal and a shirt. For information or online registration, visit [theazmarathon.com](http://theazmarathon.com) or contact Race Director Debra Undhjem at 623-935-0322 or [debraundhjem@msn.com](mailto:debraundhjem@msn.com).

Don't miss the One-Mile Fun Run at the IMS Arizona Marathon Health and Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Western Sky Middle School, 4095 N. 144th Ave., Goodyear. Walk-in registration and race packet pickup will also be available during the Expo.

## Citizen Survey Helps Us Better Serve You

### City Manager John F. Fischbach

In January, Behavior Research, a professional market research company, will be conducting 400 random telephone surveys for us with Goodyear residents. They will be calling both during the day and in the evening. We realize that everyone is very busy, but should your household be one of those chosen for the survey, we would appreciate it very much if you could take about 15 minutes out of your schedule to answer their questions.

As we reorganize, redeploy, and reevaluate everything we do in order to try to balance the budget while maintaining service levels during poor economic times, we will be looking to this survey for valuable direction. We do the survey every other year in order to track our performance over time. Interviewers will ask about your satisfaction with a long list of services we deliver, your overall satisfaction with the quality of life in Goodyear and your neighborhood. They will also ask your opinion about services we don't currently deliver and about future projects such as City Center, universities and issues relating to our budgets. There are also demographic questions that allow us to analyze the data by area of residence or by characteristics such as age or length of residence in Goodyear.

The data we get from this scientific survey will be given to the Citizen Budget Committee to help them with their work. The survey is important because it allows us to compare our performance vs. 2004 and 2007 and gives the "silent majority" the chance to be heard. Your opinions are very important to us. **Thank you in advance to all who participate in our survey.**

## Smoke Alarm Batteries for School Kids

The City of Goodyear would like to thank Litchfield Park Kiwanis who donated 3,500 9-volt smoke alarm batteries to Goodyear Fire Department for distribution to local K through fifth-grade students. Litchfield Park Kiwanis member Joe Avery joined Goodyear Fire Department's Community Education Coordinator Tanja Tanner and others, visiting youngsters in more than a dozen elementary schools this holiday season. Goodyear Fire, Litchfield Park Kiwanis, the Foundation for Burns and Trauma Inc., and both local Target Stores teamed up to bring the fire safety message to the kids, who were urged to remind parents to install fresh batteries in their home smoke alarms. The batteries, valued at more than \$5,000, were packaged together with fire safety pamphlets from the Foundation for Burns & Trauma in convenient bags donated by Target and delivered to schools during Goodyear's Fire Pal visits. The Fire Pal program began in 1995 with just one school, and now reaches more than 6,000 students in 15 local elementary schools.

## Small Business Breakfast Series: How to Use Social Media and Networking to Grow Your Business

Join us for the next program in our Small Business Breakfast Series at Goodyear City Hall from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 26. The program is free. Advance registration is required.

Learn how social networking sites like LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter can help promote your business and move it to the next level. See what Media-to-Market can mean for your company.

Presenters include business coach and professional speaker Chip Lambert, owner of Network 2 Network, who will show how to couple social media with high level business development strategies to quickly grow your business. Cheri Castricone, a well-known networking expert and owner of a successful commercial cleaning business, will share some of her most valued tips on connecting with others.

Meet representatives from Maricopa County Small Business Development Centers, the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce and local financial institutions. Learn about resources that can help take your business to the next level. Hear success stories from local business owners. Network. Find inspiration among like-minded entrepreneurs.

RSVP in advance by calling 623-882-7781. Continental breakfast served. Registration begins at 7 a.m.; program begins promptly at 7:30 a.m. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

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## Library Events

### January/February 2010

#### Preschool Story Time

Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 22 at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library at City Hall, Room 117, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. (at Van Buren Street). Start your week off right with fun stories, songs and activities. This story time will be repeated at 11:15 a.m. Ages 3-5.

#### Stories by Ranger Pat

Wednesdays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library. Join special storyteller Ranger Pat for her amazing tales about Arizona wildlife. Children, ages 4 and up.

#### Friends of the Goodyear Branch Library Meeting

Thursdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library at City Hall. Join in the monthly meeting of the Friends of the Goodyear Branch Library and help promote the library as a cultural, educational and recreational asset to the community.

#### Book Discussion Group for Adults

Mondays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library at City Hall, Room 117. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the January or February selection. You're invited to bring your lunch.

#### Drop-In Craft Activity for Children ages 4-8

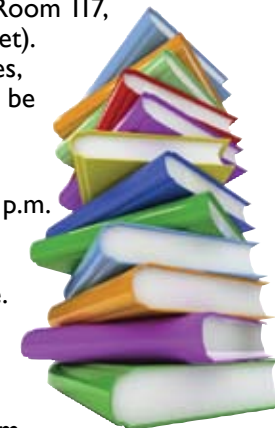
Wednesdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 at 3:30 p.m.  
Goodyear Branch Library.

#### Genealogy Research on the Internet

Check at the library for date and time.  
Goodyear Branch Library at City Hall, Room 117. This entertaining, educational program will expose beginning and intermediate family tree climbers to several websites and how to use them. Presented by Susan Smith.

## Want to Help Your Neighbors During a Disaster? Join CERT

If you want to learn skills that you can use to safely help your neighbors during a disaster while waiting for emergency responders such as Police, Fire or Public Works, CERT is for you! Starting January 12th, nine classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at Venida Business Park, Building D, 195 N. 145th Ave. To register and for more information, call 623-932-2300 or send an e-mail to CERT@goodyearaz.gov.



## Get Financially Fit with the Mayor's Dollar Wi\$e Seminar Series

For residents whose New Year resolutions include getting financially fit, there's no better time than now to get started. Goodyear Mayor Jim Cavanaugh has joined mayors nationwide to promote financial literacy through the Mayor's Dollar Wi\$e Campaign. This FREE seminar series is designed to provide financial education and help citizens improve their basic personal income money management and planning skills.

The City has partnered with the Society for Financial Awareness to present this free informative seminar series. Contact Linda Dillard at 623-882-7800 or ldillard@goodyearaz.gov to register. Classes meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout January at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., Room 117.

**Jan. 5 – Personal Transition Planning**  
Samuel Melvin, SOFA West Valley AZ Chapter

**Jan. 12 – Refinancing**  
Samuel Melvin, SOFA West Valley AZ Chapter

**Jan. 19 – Financing Your First Home**  
Samuel Melvin, SOFA West Valley AZ Chapter

**Jan. 26 – Stress and Your Health**  
Samuel Melvin, SOFA West Valley AZ Chapter and Nicole Milam-Rix, Nutritionist



## Christmas Tree Disposal

The holidays are over, and it's time to get rid of that dried out Christmas tree. Goodyear residents have two choices: drop it off for recycling or leave it out for bulk trash pickup.

### Don't be a Grinch – Recycling is a Cinch!

Eco-friendly residents can get a "green" start on the New Year by dropping trees at one of five convenient locations. Instead of bulking up the landfill, give old trees new life as recycled wood chips to landscape parks and playgrounds. Only bare trees can be recycled, so remove all lights, ornaments and tinsel. The following tree recycling drop-off locations are available 24 hours a day through Monday, January 11:

- Foothills Community Park, 12795 S. Estrella Parkway, next to the parking lot.
- PebbleCreek Eagle's Nest parking lot, 3645 N. Clubhouse Drive.
- Palm Valley Park, 13133 W. Monte Vista Drive, on the north side of the park.
- Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way, in the northwest corner of the parking lot.
- Goodyear Public Works Yard, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo, 5 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Bulk Trash Pickup

Christmas trees may be left at the curb for bulk trash pickup. Simply place your Christmas tree at the curb on the date of your next regularly scheduled bulk trash pickup date. Be a good neighbor and wait until the night before pickup to put the tree curbside. Trees left out with weekly container trash will NOT be collected.

# Rates are Changing for Water and Sewer

## For those South of I-10



Water and sewer rates are changing. The utility bill for a residential customer who uses 8,000 gallons per month will increase in January by about \$8.30 per month, from an average in 2009 of \$85.51 to \$93.78 next year.

Customers pay for the volume of water used each month, based on a four-tier system. Beginning this month, the cost of the least expensive water rate tier will decrease by 49 cents per 1,000 gallons. High and very high water use will be charged at higher rates to partially offset the higher costs of providing that service. To estimate how the new rates affect your bill, compare your 2009 water bills to the chart shown at the right.

In addition to volume charges, customers pay base fees for water and sewer. These base fees are increasing for all customers. The amount of the cost increase depends on the type of residence, business, size of meter and whether you live inside or outside Goodyear city limits. Check your utility bill for details.

### Base Rate Changes for Residential Water and Sewer

WATER		Meter Size	SEWER	
2009	2010		2009	2010
\$9.67	\$9.69	3/4"	\$14.96	\$16.19
\$10.15	\$10.95	1"	\$16.96	\$20.05
\$11.24	\$13.56	1-1/2"	\$21.98	\$25.57

### Examples of monthly water and sewer costs, including volume and base rate charges for residents with 3/4" meter

Water Volume	2009	2010
Low use (4,000 gallons)	\$41.27	\$43.92
Average use (8,000 gallons)	\$57.91	\$64.50
High use (20,000 gallons)	\$119.11	\$144.02
Very high use (40,000 gallons)	\$239.51	\$296.42

Flat rate sanitation charges of \$22.80 and applicable taxes are not included in this example, but will appear on your utility bill. Charges for customers outside Goodyear city limits are 25% higher than for customers inside city limits. For rate information, visit [www.goodyearaz.gov/rates](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/rates).

## Ways to Save

The City of Goodyear has many ways to help customers control their water bill costs:

- Schedule a free home water audit and irrigation checkup. An expert will visit your home, look for leaks and waste, and suggest ways to trim your monthly water use. Make an appointment at [goodyearaz.gov/h2o365](http://goodyearaz.gov/h2o365).
- Sign up for a free water conservation class at [goodyearaz.gov/h2o365](http://goodyearaz.gov/h2o365).
- Learn how to adjust the timers on your sprinklers or irrigation system.
- Visit the website to learn about plants and landscaping techniques that use little water.

For water conservation information call 623-932-3010, e-mail [savewater@goodyearaz.gov](mailto:savewater@goodyearaz.gov), or visit [goodyearaz.gov/h2o365](http://goodyearaz.gov/h2o365).

**Resolve to save water in 2010. Winter Water Conservation Classes are FREE. Sign up at [www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365](http://www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365).**

## For those South of I-10 Conserving Water Lowers Sewer Bills



For all City of Goodyear water customers (homes south of I-10), the key to keeping your sewer bill low throughout the year is to minimize the amount of water you use in January, February, and March.

The City bases its estimate of the amount of water your household puts down the sewer upon your average monthly water consumption in those three winter months. The City averages your use in January, February, and March to determine your Winter Quarter Average (WQA).

In May, your sewer bill is adjusted to use your new WQA. You will not be charged for more sewer usage than your WQA during the following 12 months. If your water consumption is lower than your WQA, your sewer bill may be based upon the lower usage. If water usage is higher than the WQA, your sewer charge will be based upon the lower WQA. So, water wisely in the winter quarter to save all year.