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New chapter rises on Litchfield Park's historic hill

New library, arts school open together, blending a century of history with the community's next generation

By Steve Stockmar
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

By Monday morning, one of the oldest hills in Litchfield Park had something it had never seen before: hundreds of students heading off to school just steps away from residents lining up to explore a brand-new public library.

The dual grand opening of the Litchfield Park Library and The Hilltop School for the Arts marked more than just the debut of two new buildings. It represented a community embracing its future while honoring a hilltop whose story stretches back more than a century.

According to the Litchfield Park Historical Society, the property's history began in 1919 when

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Librarian Chalyn Brooks registers one of the first library cards for Steven Hauptmann, a Litchfield Park resident for seven years, on Aug. 3. The new library, part of the Maricopa County Library District, officially opened that day. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)



Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo, left, and Litchfield Park Mayor Thomas Schoaf were reelected. (Submitted photos/City of Goodyear, Tom Schoaf)

Goodyear and Litchfield Park set to welcome leadership after local elections

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Incumbent leadership secured victories in Goodyear and Litchfield Park following municipal elections, as voters largely chose experience and continuity to guide the West Valley communities through ongoing regional growth.

According to updated election statistics released by the Maricopa County Elections Department, incumbent mayors in both cities suc-

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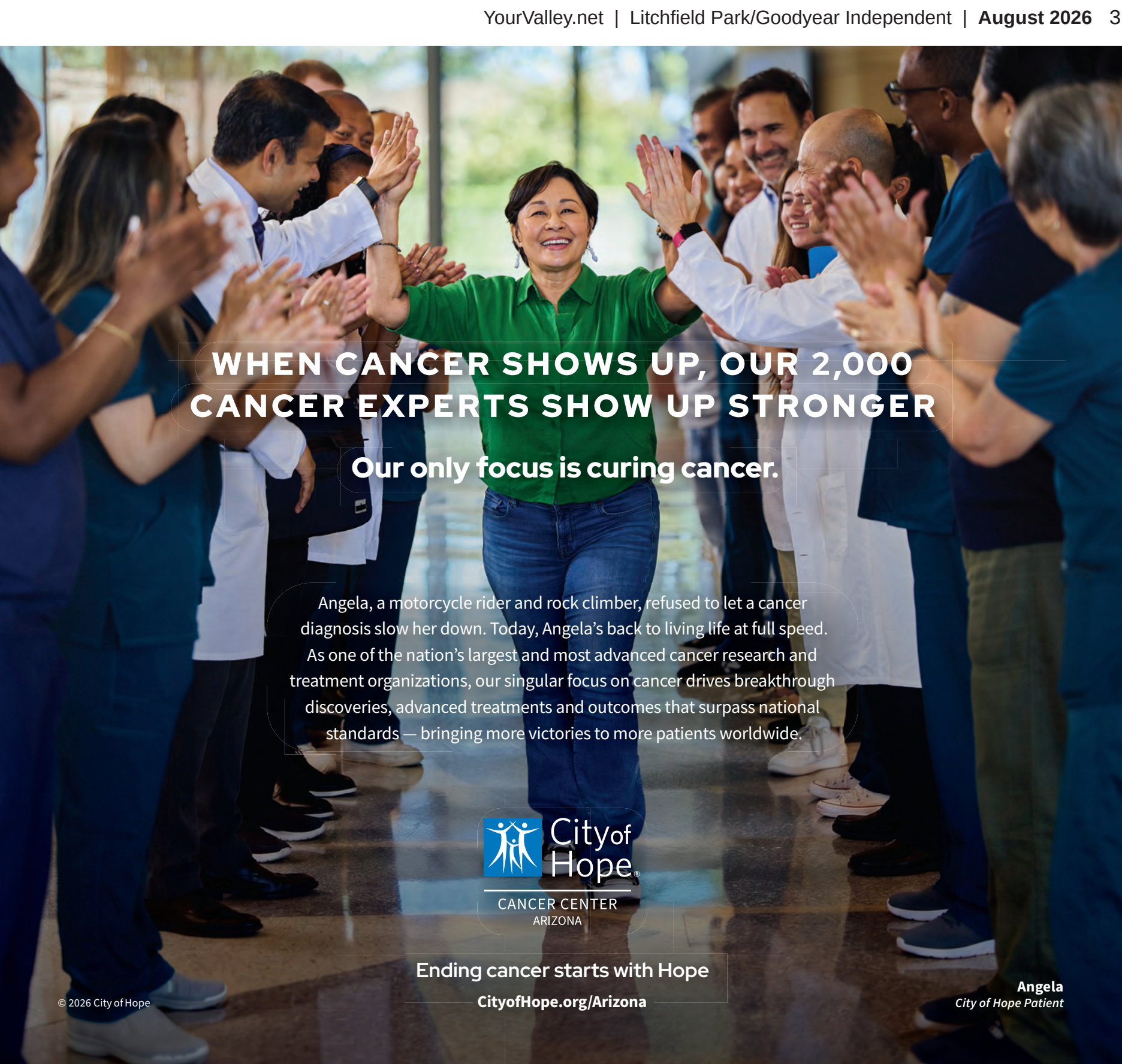
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Goodyear's camera database draws mix of community praise, privacy concerns

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Goodyear Police Department has launched a new voluntary program aimed at accelerating criminal investigations by asking residents and business owners to register their outdoor security cameras.

The initiative, known as Virtual Block Watch, establishes what officials called a secure database that maps the locations of participating security systems across the city. When a crime occurs, investigators can check the map to identify nearby cameras and contact property owners to request relevant footage.

Police officials emphasized the department will not have direct access to live camera feeds or stored record-



Police insist a 'Virtual Block Watch' program is not 'Big Brother,' residents remain divided on government oversight. (Submitted photo/Metro Creative Connection)

ings.

"Our Virtual Block Watch is not Big Brother — it doesn't give us access to your cameras at all," said Goodyear Police Officer Chris Carter. "Detectives can type in an ad-

dress, see where the cameras are, and contact residents directly. It makes investigations a lot quicker."

Traditionally, collecting video evidence required officers to knock on doors across entire neighborhoods following an incident. Department officials stated that is a time-consuming process, and potential evidence is sometimes deleted automatically before detectives can locate it.

Under the new system, participating property owners provide their contact information and camera directions. If an incident takes place in their area, detectives may reach out by phone or email to request specific clips.

The department stated that providing footage does not require par-

ticipants to appear in court, as officers handle the presentation of digital evidence.

While the program accepts video from standard systems, police recommend cameras with at least 1080p resolution and a 30-day video retention period for optimal clarity during investigations.

Registration is available through the city's website.

Community Reaction

Public reaction on the department's promotional social media posts has been mixed, with residents expressing a range of views on privacy, government oversight, and modern neighborhood watch practices.

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Goodyear office building hosts rooftop beehives

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The GEN1 office building at GSO is hosting an urban beekeeping and native pollinator program to encourage community awareness around local environmental sustainability.

In partnership with beekeeping company Alvéole, the office building is home to a rooftop hive of approximately 30,000 docile honeybees, along with two wild bee homes positioned between the GEN1 building and the parking garage. The structures provide shelter for native, stinger-less solitary pollinators such as leafcutter, mason, and wool carder bees.

The installations serve as active habitats and ecological research tools. Honey samples from the rooftop colo-

ny are sent to a laboratory for analysis to map local floral diversity, and nesting data from the wild bee homes provides insight into on-site biodiversity.

The collected information is compiled into Environmental Data Reports, which track pesticide use, fertilizer impacts, and plant resources within the bees' flight path. Globe Management utilizes this data to make choices on the types of flora used in the property's landscaping to support a healthier urban ecosystem.

Tenants and visitors can observe the solitary bees firsthand via built-in observation drawers on the wild bee homes, which allow a look inside the nesting tubes without disturbing the insects.

Visit alveole.buzz for regular updates on the colony's progress.



Alvéole highlights its active pollinator habitats to raise community awareness. (Submitted photo/Angela Woods, City of Goodyear)



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FROM THE COVER

Openings

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Goodyear executive Paul Litchfield purchased what would become Rancho La Loma. The family's hilltop retreat grew over the following decades into a collection of homes where generations gathered for holidays and reunions. The family donated the 20-acre estate to the city in 2008 with the stipulation that it benefit the community.

That vision came to life Monday.

Residents wandered through the new 10,000-square-foot library, a \$5 million project perched atop the historic hill, browsing shelves and admiring reading areas before the doors formally opened.

Steven Hauptmann, who has lived in Litchfield Park for seven years, was among those eager to take a first look.

"It's great, I love it," Hauptmann said. "This is beautiful. The old library was nice. It was in the downtown, but we kind of outgrew it. And with the school, I'm excited for the performing arts building."

Jenifer Weskalnies, director of architecture at ADM Group, said the project was designed with the property's history firmly in mind.

"The work happening here at The Hilltop reflects a commitment to restoring and reestablishing this historic area as a vibrant gathering place for generations to



Balloons are released after the official ribbon cutting to open the new Hilltop School for the Arts on the first day of school, Aug. 3. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)

come," she said.

Maricopa County funded construction of the library after former District 4 Supervisor Clint Hickman championed the project. His successor, Vice Chair Debbie Lesko, said libraries continue to serve as vital community gathering places.

"Libraries are just a great meeting place for people," Lesko said. "It's where children come and get their books. It's where they learn to read. Adults come here for different programs. And families come here to gather together."

Litchfield Park Mayor Tom Schoaf called the library a "tremendously important building" for the city and noted another accomplishment.

"You're standing in a building that came in on budget and it got done on time," Schoaf said.

Just a short walk away, another milestone unfolded as students gathered for the opening ceremony at The Hilltop School for the Arts, the Agua Fria Union High School District's newest campus and the first tuition-free public arts high school of its kind in the region.

Principal Julie Jones, Arizona's 2018 Principal of the Year, addressed the gathered crowd while students assembled along the school's second-floor balconies overlooking the ceremony below.

"At Hilltop our mission is simple: artistry to industry," Jones said. "We believe that artistic talent is more than passion. It is a pathway to meaningful careers and lifelong success."

The school welcomes students from across Arizona through a portfolio and audition process and offers profes-

COMING UP AT HILLTOP THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL

Oct. 1: Theater ribbon cutting and Hilltop performances, 5 p.m.

Oct. 4: "An Afternoon of Dance at the Hilltop" presented by Vanessa Ramirez, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 5: AFHSD State of the District, TBA

Oct. 6: Hidden Talent Tuesday with The Sounds of Autism, 6 p.m.

Oct. 10: Danny Zelisko Presents the Righteous Brothers, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 11: Danny Zelisko Presents Michael Martin Murphey, 7:30 p.m.

sional pathways in disciplines ranging from cinematography, dance and theater to visual arts, music production and vocal performance. An adjacent 700-seat performing arts center is scheduled to open Oct. 1, bringing concerts, theatrical productions and other cultural events to the Southwest Valley.

As another nod to the location's past, the school's home mascot is the Peacocks. According to Paul Litchfield's daughter Edith, her dad brought a pair of peacocks to the hill shortly after the original house was built, and new generations continue to nest west of the main house today.

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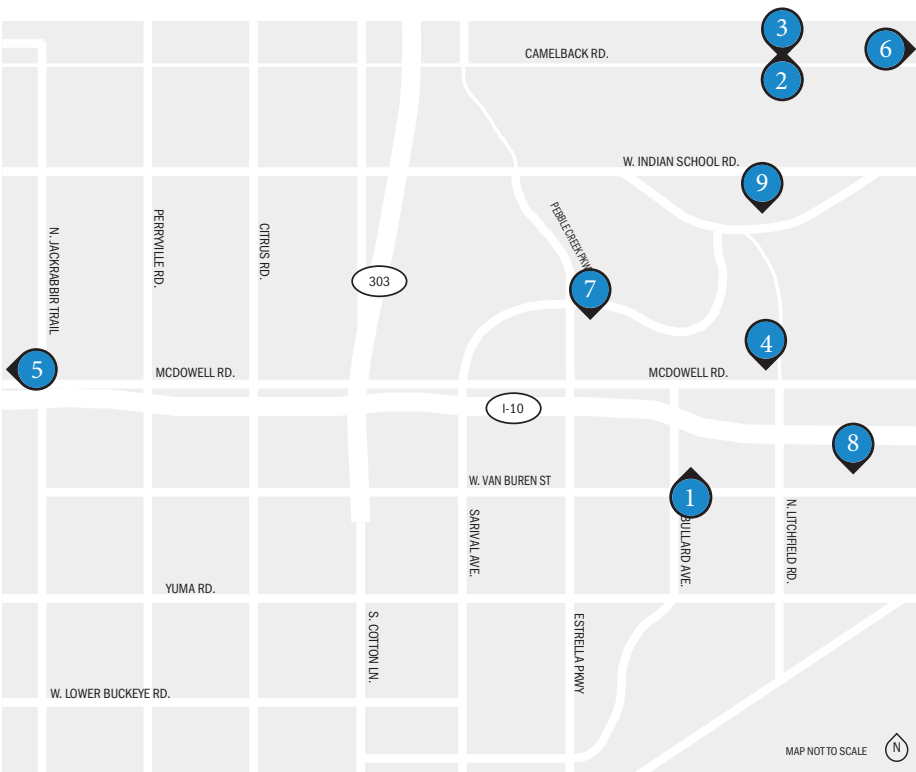
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BUSINESS MOVES



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INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

OPENINGS

1 Formation Park 10, Corner of Bullard Ave. and Celebrate Life Way, Goodyear

Construction has officially begun on Phase II of this 44-acre business park, adding three new buildings totaling over 261,000 square feet. The expansion brings flexible mid-sized industrial and commercial inventory to the West Valley's Interstate 10 corridor alongside an outdoor amenity park.

2 Litchfield Park Library, 5390 N. Litchfield Park Rd., Litchfield Park

Opening August 3, this new 10,000-square-foot Maricopa County Library District branch replaces its historic predecessor with a modernized facility nearly 40% larger. The \$5 million cultural hub features expanded study rooms, dedicated

youth spaces, and local historical artwork.

3 Hilltop School for the Arts, 5390 N. Litchfield Park Rd., Litchfield Park

Welcoming its inaugural class of approximately 400 high schoolers on August 3, this specialized public school blends intensive pre-professional creative arts training with standard academic coursework on the new La Loma Hilltop campus.

4 Haymaker, 1800 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear

Hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 5, this family-owned eatery serves up All-American breakfast options, gourmet burgers, and bourbon rooted in faith, family, and community.



The Hilltop School for the Arts prepares to welcome students Aug. 3. (Submitted photo/Agua Fria High School District)



A new buildout along Interstate 10 will add three new buildings, completing a 44-acre business park. (Submitted photo/Formation Interests)

5 85°C Bakery Cafe, 10585 W. McDowell Rd., Suite 105, Avondale

Celebrating its grand opening with a ribbon cutting on August 8, this popular global chain offers premium gourmet breads, pastries, cakes, and drinks at affordable prices.

6 Altitude Trampoline Park, 5110 N. Dysart Rd., Suite A140, Litchfield Park

Hosting a public ribbon cutting on August 31, this new active entertainment venue features wall-to-wall trampolines, dodgeball, ziplines, climbing walls, and soft play areas designed for family fitness and childhood development.

7 Concentra, 2403 Pebble Creek Pkwy, Suite 101

Now open in Goodyear, this

healthcare clinic provides occupational health services, urgent care, physical therapy, and preventive wellness programs for West Valley businesses and residents.

8 Tractor Supply Company, 13540 W. Van Buren St., Goodyear

Following its recent grand opening, this new retail location supplies hardware, agricultural gear, and livestock feed tailored to local homeowners, ranchers, and gardeners.

9 GlossD Studio, 447 S. Old Litchfield Rd., Litchfield Park

Now open inside Casa Verde Salon at The Thomas, this specialized nail concept offers high-structure, precision hand treatments and premium gel applications by experienced technicians.

BUSINESS

Litchfield Park approves \$180K historic cottage restoration

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Litchfield Park City Council has approved \$180,370 to fund the exterior restoration of two historic founder's cottages at La Loma Park, advancing a long-term plan to revitalize the former winter retreat of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. executive Paul W. Litchfield.

The council voted to award the contract to Waltz Construction for exterior updates on Cottages No. 2 and 3, the latter historically known as Paul Litchfield's personal office. The budget includes a 10% contingency drawn from a previously authorized \$2.5 million allocation for the first phase of the park's hilltop improvements.

City staff recommended Waltz Construction because the firm is already on-site handling the adjacent main house project, citing lower mobilization costs



Exterior face-lift moves forward as founder's homestead awaits federal historic district designation. (Submitted photo/P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center)

and familiarity with the property. Officials said the current scope of work is meant to beautify the structures ahead of a wave of regional developments opening on the hill.

"This is no internal restoration whatsoever," City manager Matthew Williams said. "This is totally exterior to make these cottages look good on the outside, such as windows, paint, removal, AC equipment, that kind of thing."

According to city documents, the 1.5-month project includes removing dry-rotted wood, installing new wooden doors and windows, repairing broken roof tiles, and applying new stucco patching and paint. Waltz Construction will be able to begin the exterior work immediately using an existing 5,000-gallon construction water tank on the hill while the city finalizes a long-term fire protection solution.

The push for aesthetic updates comes as preservation efforts accelerate across the historic site, preparing for the August debuts of the new Litchfield Park Library and the neighboring Hilltop School for the Arts.

Lisa Hegerty, executive director of the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center, said Waltz Construction has begun mobilizing on the historic hilltop homestead. Initial renovations will focus on converting the primary living spaces of the original Litchfield residence into expanded galleries and temporary collection storage.

Simultaneously, the hilltop property is on the cusp of federal recognition. The Heritage Center's application to designate the entire Rancho La Loma property, including the cottages, bandstand, and sunset terraces, as a historic district has cleared state reviews and awaits final federal approval.

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SUPPORT

Mavericks bring community together for annual Childspree shopping event

The West Valley Mavericks Foundation again rallied the West Valley community to ensure more than 200 local children begin the school year with the clothing, shoes, backpacks, school supplies and the confidence they need to succeed.

In partnership with Mercy House, Kohl's and a growing network of community partners and volunteers, Childspree provides more than just back-to-school essentials — it creates meaningful one-on-one experiences that remind every child they are supported by a community that believes in their future.

This year's event took place Aug. 1 at Kohl's locations in Avondale and Tolleson, where volunteers were paired with students for a personalized shopping experience.

Since 2012, the West Valley Mavericks Foundation has awarded more than \$4.8 million to charitable causes,

supporting more than 150 non-profit organizations across 15 West Valley communities. Childspree is one of many initiatives that reflects the Foundation's commitment to investing in local children, families, veterans and nonprofit organizations through its mission of "Charity, Community, Culture, and Commerce."

Childspree is made possible through the generosity of community partners including SRP, Kohl's, Mercy House, Wilde Wealth Management Group, Waste Management, BHHS Legacy Foundation, Haymaker, Modern Grind Coffee and dozens of businesses and volunteers committed to strengthening the West Valley.

"The West Valley Mavericks Foundation was built on the belief that lasting change happens through

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Cameras

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Some residents welcomed the program's voluntary nature, framing it as a reasonable approach to public safety.

"See, this is the appropriate way to do it," wrote local resident Will Moore. "Ask private citizens if you may access their cameras if conducting an investigation. No problem with this."

Others expressed skepticism about digital monitoring, pointing toward broader privacy concerns and citing famous warnings against sacrificing liberty for safety.

"Don't worry, it's not big broth-

er. Sounds like something big brother would say," commented Matt Hollinger.

Resident Stefani Todd Vinkemeier argued that police should use formal legal channels,

"No way, if you want to see my camera you get a warrant signed by a judge. I'll happily volunteer it at that time, if there's a crime in the neighborhood."

Others raised questions regarding corporate data-sharing policies with major camera brands like Ring, or advocated for a return to traditional, non-digital block watch methods that focus on physical community presence and neighborhood signs.

DIVING

Goodyear YMCA Silver Fins capture nine gold medals at AAU Nationals

The Goodyear YMCA Silver Fins Dive Team once again brought national recognition to the West Valley with an exceptional performance at the 2026 AAU National Diving Championships July 16–23 at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center in Florida.

The premier competition brought together more than 800 of the nation's top young amateur divers. Athletes competed in one-meter springboard, three-meter springboard and platform events.

Despite competing with a roster of only seven boys, the Silver Fins finished second in the boys team standings—just one point behind the

national champions, whose roster included 16 scoring divers.

The Silver Fins exceeded expectations throughout the competition, bringing home nine gold medals.

"We simply didn't have the depth to win the team title, but the YMCA's performance was astonishing," said Silver Fins head coach Bill Hunter. "For seven boys to come within one point of teams with much larger rosters speaks volumes about the talent, determination and preparation of these athletes."

Tanner Lange, a world high diving silver medalist, delivered a dominant performance by winning gold in every event he entered.



Levi Berlyn and Haskell Fagan also rose to the top of the podium in their individual events. The pair then amazed the judges with outstanding synchronized diving performances, quickly separating themselves from the competition and earning additional national titles. Levi added another gold medal when he partnered with a diver from Long Island to compete in an older synchronized diving age group. (Submitted photo/Jennifer Brown)

The national championships also served as a pathway to international competition. Winners in qualifying age divisions earned the opportunity to represent the United States

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SCHOOLS

Litchfield elementary school welcomes families back with 400 free backpacks



Annual open house brings together local partners to prepare students and level the playing field for the new school year. (James Goldmeer/Independent Newsmedia)

By James Goldmeer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

As classrooms prepare to reopen across the West Valley, Rancho Santa Fe Elementary School kicked off the new academic year on by welcoming hundreds of local families to campus by giving students 400 new backpacks fully stocked with essential classroom supplies like notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons, and markers.

Rancho Santa Fe Principal Vanessa Zuniga said that establishing strong community ties before the first day of class sets a positive tone for the entire school year.

“It takes a village to pour into our

students and to serve them and meet their needs,” Zuniga said. “That partnership with our families and our community just really benefits the student... We are really invested in meeting the needs of our students, and really tapping into their genius so that they can reach their full potential.”

Having access to personal supplies early on provides a major boost in student confidence and engagement as they transition into new grade levels.

“Statistically, we can prove through research that it makes them more confident; it makes them feel

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SPORTS

Goodyear resident brings home Olympic gold

By James Goldmeer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Local golfer Michael Daniels came home with a gold medal after representing Goodyear and Team Arizona at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The weeklong national competition, which mirrored the four-year cycle of the traditional Olympic Games, brought together 3,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches and an estimated 75,000 fans at the University of Minnesota and the National Sports Center.

Daniels, a member of the Goodyear Roadrunners delegation, competed in Level 4 traditional golf. At the Special Olympics, Daniels and other athletes are broken up into levels of play, adjusted for the player's

needs. Level 4 traditional golf is the second most intensive section where he played nine holes independently.

"I have been playing Special Olympics golf for the past 22 years, since I was five years old," Daniels said. "I am truly honored to represent the city of Goodyear and Arizona."

He won alongside Chris Revay from Kentucky, who earned a silver medal and Ivan Sheloske from Maine who left with a bronze medal.

Daniel's win marks a milestone for the community; he is the very first athlete from the Goodyear Roadrunners to attend the national games since the City of Goodyear Parks and Recreation Department launched its official adaptive sports and recreation

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Golf athlete Michael Daniels and his father and caddy Bill Daniels bring home a gold medal from the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. (James Goldmeer/Independent Newsmedia)

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Childspree has become one of the West Valley's largest collaborative back-to-school initiatives, bringing together businesses, nonprofits, volunteers and community leaders to invest in local children. (Submitted photo/Michael "Jiggs" Grjegian)

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collaboration," said Natalie Krause, deputy director of marketing and operations. "Childspree is one example of how businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders can come together to create opportunities that have a lasting impact on local children and families."

Visit westvalleymavericksfoundation.org/direct-give for more information on giving.

School

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like they have something of their own," said Tara Stern, vice president of marketing at Kids In Need Foundation, which helped facilitate the distribution. "It basically levels the playing field within the classroom because they have everything they need to learn."

The initiative relies heavily on local involvement to ensure supplies reach the students who need them most.

While the open house offered an immediate boost for students heading into the fall, school leaders noted that support for local classrooms remains an ongoing need throughout the academic year. Beyond material donations, Zuniga highlighted the district's open door for community members interested in volunteering, reading to students, or mentoring on campus.

Visit lesd79.org for more information about school schedules, volunteer programs and upcoming campus events.

Sports

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program at the end of 2023.

"Since that time, Michael is our first athlete that is going to be competing at one of these national competitions," said Luke Parker, Goodyear's recreation coordinator who oversees the adaptive program. "We're all cheering for him, and we're just really, really proud to have him in our community, in our city and on our team."

The Goodyear Parks and Recreation states its adaptive program provides sports leagues, specialized classes and events designed to promote empowerment, lifelong learning and overall well-being. The programs are open to both residents and non-residents of all ability levels.

The program's success aligns with Goodyear's broader push toward inclusion. The West Valley city serves as the official home of Special Olympics Arizona, which established its permanent headquarters in Goodyear to serve a population that was previously lacking localized sports programming.

"Thank you for allowing me to represent my hometown of Goodyear," Daniels said. "Go Goodyear!"

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COMMUNITY

City of Goodyear welcomes new parks and recreation director

David Lopez brings more than 25 years of parks and recreation leadership experience to Goodyear as the city's new Parks and Recreation director.

Lopez leads the department responsible for maintaining the city's parks system, recreation facilities, aquatics, special events, programs and open spaces that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors.

"I am honored to join the City of Goodyear and serve a community that places such a high value on parks, recreation and quality of life," said Lopez. "I look forward to working alongside our dedicated team, city leadership and the community to build on Goodyear's strong foundation and continue creating exceptional parks, programs and experiences for residents of all ages."

Before joining Goodyear, Lopez served as director of parks and recreation for the city of Kyle, TX, where he oversaw multiple divisions, capital improvement projects, boards and commissions. During his tenure, the department secured grants and



David Lopez (Submitted photo/Corinne Holliday)

earned industry recognition while developing and adopting master plans for public art, trails, parks, recreation and open space.

Lopez is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional and earned his bachelor of business administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is an active leader in the profession, serving as chair-elect of the Parks Operations and Planning Branch for the Texas Recreation and Parks Society, president-elect of the Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute and a member of the National Recreation and Park Association.

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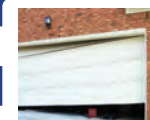
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SEASON PREVIEW

Tigers focus on details to earn time in spotlight

By Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Millennium football watched local rivals Desert Edge and Canyon View get to the 5A Conference title game in each of the last three seasons and the Tigers want in.

With an unusual amount of transfers arriving to join a homegrown senior class of 40, the Tigers may have the roster to compete at the highest level. The 2005 Millennium team is

the only one in program history to make a state semifinal.

Coach Lamar Early, his staff and senior leaders have been quick to remind the team that while their potential is high, this group has not actually accomplished much. As freshmen, they watched the Tigers' last playoff win in 2023 and finished 7-4 with a deflating playoff loss in the first round.

"I believe we have one of the

toughest conferences in the Valley, with Canyon View playing for the state title last year and Desert Edge playing for it a couple of years ago. They're loaded, both teams. We want a taste of what they've got, but we also know that details matter," Early said. "I know it sounds cliché but our goal every day is to be the best we can be and better than yesterday."

Seniors have learned they need to

take things a bit more seriously but can still have fun, he said.

Being outscored 15-0 by Yuma Catholic in the second half of last year's playoff opener at home fueled the Class of 2027.

"From freshman year to senior year has been a big roller coaster. All the ups and downs we've been through and the adversity we've had to face

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Millennium junior wide receiver Kadin Johnson jets into the open field during a Sept. 19, 2025. Johnson verbally committed to play for Idaho State University and is back for his senior season. (Courtesy Millennium Tiger Quarterback Club)

Tigers

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has meant getting better as a team and being successful. We're looking forward to a good season," senior wide receiver Kadin Johnson said.

Johnson is one of three senior offensive centerpieces to verbally commit to NCAA Division 1 programs this offseason, which is more uncharted territory for this program. Star running back D'Mari Bryant committed to Idaho.

Lauifi Tosi flipped his verbal commitment from North Carolina to Stanford in early July. Johnson verbally committed to Idaho State.

"It's made it easy. Now I know

I've got a future in football. And after football, I'm going to Stanford, which is a great school," Tosi said.

All three are foundation blocks. Bryant is probably the strongest pillar.

He finished last season with 2,042 yards and 30 touchdowns on 221 carries. And the big year did not cause his work ethic to slack.

"Him and Beef (Tosi) I always call my silent leaders. They don't talk a lot. But they get in the weight room, they're in the classroom and involved off campus. They're leading by example and those are the guys you want to not only be your best players but your leaders," Early said.

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Senior cornerback/receiver/kick-off returner Kiaun Davidson is also a quiet, steady leadership presence, Early said.

Offensively, Davison will complement fellow seniors Johnson — the leader in receiving yards with 660 — and Kasaun Rouzan-Franklin, who had a team high 43 catches.

The biggest question is who gets to throw to them.

Junior Cason Lanzarotto, senior Adrian Gonzales and junior Myron Lee are battling for the starting quarterback role. There is little separation between them to start August, Early said.

Right now the coach said Lee is third simply because he and the other Cactus transfers are in limbo until the AIA decides whether they sit out five games.

Juniors Daylen Moore, Jericho

Peralta, Lee and Elijah Coleman lead the Cactus transfers.

Junior middle linebacker Ar-Raz-zaq Animashaun arrived from Buckeye Youngker along with junior defensive tackle Alfred Pyne and sophomore defensive back Dontae Scott Jr.

“The kids that came in, all of them are great kids. They came in, worked and picked up things. We haven’t missed a beat,” Early said.

“They’re ready to compete and I love it.”

Another recent arrival from further away, interior offensive lineman Julian Adame, arrives from Tempe High for his junior year in a spot of need.

The offensive line will have more new starters than any other position group, as newcomers fill the interior roles between bookend tackles Tosi and Kevin Munane. Tosi said junior guard Jordan Garcia impressed him in the offseason.

MILLENNIUM TIGERS

KEY RETURNEES: D’Mari Bryant, Sr., RB; Kadin Johnson, Sr., WR/DB; Kasaun Rouzan-Franklin, Sr., WR; Lauifi Tosi, Sr., OT; Kevin Munane, Sr., OT; Ayden De Leon, Sr., DE; Angelo Ortiz, Sr., DE; Kiaun Davison, Sr. DB/WR.

NEWCOMERS TO WATCH: Daylen Moore, Jr., DB (transfer-Cactus); Jericho Peralta, Jr., LB (transfer-Cactus).

“The offensive line is coming together. If I knew that they all would be playing right off the bat we wouldn’t have a problem. It’s probably going to be one of my biggest offensive lines ever once they all get on the field,” Early said.

Players like Moore at defensive back and Peralta and Animashaun will bolster a defense led by returners with something to prove.

Last year the Tigers allowed an

average of 29 points per game, and gave up 28 points or more in all four losses.

Smaller, quicker senior defensive ends Angelo Ortiz and Ayden De Leon tied for the team lead in sacks with five.

“Angelo has beaten me a lot. He’s fast. He’s good,” Tosi said. “He’s gotten stronger over the years.”

Junior cornerback/safety Rowlen Greer is ready for a bigger role alongside Davison and Moore after running a 10.82 in the 100 meters as a sophomore.

Tosi said this team talked about winning a championship.

Millennium’s 2026 slogan puts the concept of not leaving the field with any questions about effort in more stark term — DDW (Don’t Die Wondering).

“We’ve got to play everybody the same way, no matter who they are or how much success they’ve had,” Johnson said. “We need to play with straight aggression.”

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REAL ESTATE

Rent dips for Goodyear apartments

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Rental prices in Goodyear experienced the second-largest annual decline in the Phoenix metropolitan area this month, even as the city remains among the more expensive places to live in the region, according to a report released on Monday, July 20.

The median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Goodyear fell 8.2% year-over-year to \$1,350, according to the Zumper Phoenix Metro Report.

This annual decrease was surpassed only by neighboring Peoria, which saw rent prices drop 8.6%. On a month-to-month basis, Goodyear's one-bedroom rent saw a slight dip of 0.7%.

Despite the falling prices, Goodyear remains the eighth most expensive city for renters in the metro area. Its median one-bedroom rent of \$1,350 sits \$119 above the statewide median of \$1,231.

For those seeking more space, the median price for a two-bedroom unit in Goodyear was \$1,620. While this price remained un-

changed from the previous month, it represents a 6.9% decrease compared to July 2025.

In July, there were 522 active rentals available in the city.

Across the broader Phoenix metro area, rental trends remained mixed:

Most Expensive: Scottsdale continues to lead the market with one-bedroom rents at \$1,800.

Least Expensive: Glendale remains the most affordable city with one-bedroom units priced at \$1,050.

Monthly Trends: While Goodyear's one-bedroom prices dipped, other cities saw increases; Prescott Valley, for example, saw a 6% monthly spike.

The Zumper report analyzed active listings across 16 cities in the Phoenix metro area to calculate median asking rents.

According to the report, the overall average rent in Goodyear across all unit types is \$2,060, which is up 2.3% from last month but down 1% from a year ago.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Righteous Brothers to headline theater grand opening

By James Goldmeier
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

More than 60 years after writing his first hit, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Bill Medley is bringing The Righteous Brothers' farewell tour to Litchfield Park to launch the West Valley's newest performing arts venue.

On Oct. 10, the "Lovin' Feelin' Farewell Tour" will headline the official grand opening of the new Hilltop Theatre and Concert Hall.

The event marks the final touring chapter for one of pop music's most enduring acts, and the birth of a landmark venue built to train the next generation of artists.

Medley, who turns 86 this September, said embarking on a farewell tour is less about saying goodbye and more about offering a final thank-you to the fans who have sustained his ca-

reer.

"The audiences have been my partner for 60 years," Medley said. "They've supported the music and supported The Righteous Brothers, and I just owe them as much respect as I can give them. Without them, nothing means nothing. It's almost like coming around to thank them."

While the Oct. 10 concert offers a nostalgic journey for music fans, the venue hosting it was built with the future in mind. The 750-seat Hilltop Theatre sits adjacent to the Agua Fria Union High School District's new Hilltop School for the Arts and operates as a living laboratory for high school students pursuing careers in entertainment, cinematography, and production.

"The theater is going to serve as a professional venue, where kids can



The rock-and-roll duo will kick off the brand-new venue's inaugural season on October 10 as part of their final farewell tour. (Submitted photo/Tim Lee, The Righteous Brothers)

get real world industry experience with professionals, to expose them to every type of role in the industry," said Theatre Manager Alexandra

Morrell. "It gives our artists a chance to connect with the future of the industry itself."

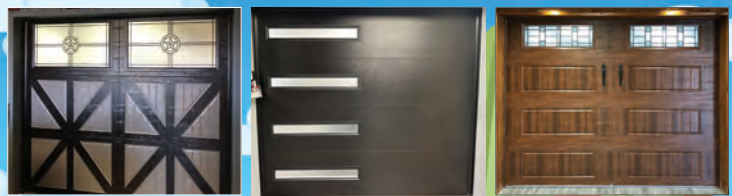
When asked what advice he has for students preparing to walk into the entertainment industry, Medley stressed resilience and passion over overnight fame.

"In our industry, there's a lot of rejection, you usually only hear about the good stuff," Medley said. "Just because the world changes, don't give up on what you love to do and what you do best. Learn how to tweak it a little bit to where it's palatable, but first off, you just have to love it. Just keep trying as hard as you can at what you love the most."

The Saturday, Oct. 10 grand opening concert follows a Thursday, Oct. 1 ribbon-cutting and a week of soft-launch community events.

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Election

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successfully fended off challenges to retain their posts. In Goodyear, Mayor Joe Pizzillo won reelection in a landslide victory over challenger Bill Stipp. Pizzillo, who has served as mayor since 2021 and previously spent over a decade on the City Council, campaigned heavily on his background in state and local government finance as a stabilizing force to oversee municipal operations and fiscal policy during the city's rapid expansion.

Goodyear voters also filled three open seats on the City Council. Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton led the council candidates, securing his position alongside former three-term council member Sheri Lauritano and incumbent Vicki Gillis. Hampton brings experience in operations and financial planning, while Lauritano relies on her background as a small business owner, prosecutor,

and former judge. Gillis, first elected in 2022, centered her campaign on public safety and managing growth.

Nearby in Litchfield Park, Mayor Thomas Schoaf won his bid for reelection, defeating challenger Justin James. An attorney and longtime resident, Schoaf focused his platform on maintaining financial stability, advancing infrastructure projects, and preserving the city's long-standing policy of levying no local property tax.

Litchfield Park voters also selected three City Council members tasked with managing development while preserving the community's small-town character. Dr. Sarah Pearson, an educator and assistant superintendent for the Agua Fria Union High School District, captured the top spot on the ballot, joined by incumbent council member and real estate attorney Paul Faith, and business manager Joshua "Cody" Conklin.

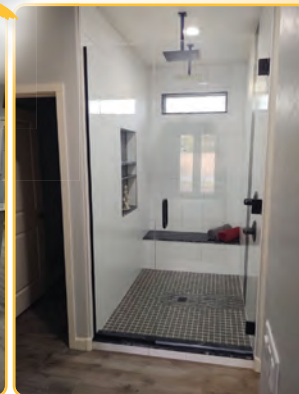
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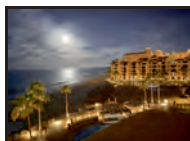
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