

Goodyear Mayor and Department Heads at PebbleCreek Democratic Club



Left to right: Goodyear Police Chief Brian Issitt, PC Democratic Club President Vicki Barber, Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Acting Deputy City Manager Paul Luizzi, Deputy Fire Chief Ed Paul (photo by Gillian Driscoll)

Gillian Driscoll

The PebbleCreek Democratic club welcomed Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo and city Department Heads to their Nov. 5 meeting. The Mayor gave a summary of current development, long-term plans, budget, and finances. He discussed the development of GSQ into the long awaited hub of the city. He laid out plans for future development including the building of a Nordstrom Rack that will anchor retail in the area. Also highlighted was the search for a new City Manager following the retirement of Wynette Reed in 2026. Mayor Joe answered questions from club members that ranged from the building of apartments—not many more will be built and those that have been built were zoned years ago—to the responsibilities of the city council.

Police Chief Brian Issitt addressed changes he has made to the patrol side of police responsibilities, increasing the number of officers on daily patrol around the community. He emphasized that Goodyear is a very safe city. There is little violent crime and it is mostly focused in a small area around the freeway. Officers like to work for Goodyear so much that they have no shortage of recruits applying from other forces. He pointed out that, as seniors in a gated community, the crime that can impact us most is fraud. He urged us to be diligent about our use of the internet and to be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls.

Deputy Fire Chief Ed Paul also addressed the meeting. A veteran of Fire Service, he

information about the short response times of both fire and ambulance in Goodyear. The Fire Service has its own Ambulance division that makes response to emergencies shorter. At times of increased need they employ outside services to augment their own. Asked about lithium batteries and the dangers of keeping them in golf carts, he emphasized rigorous maintenance and awareness of dangerous practices such as connecting chargers to golf carts via long extension cables that can overheat and combust. Deputy Chief Paul also informed the group they are building several more fire stations in the near future leading to better services for residents.

City Engineering Director Steve Scinto answered questions about roads and traffic congestion. He pointed out that short term inconvenience (e.g., at Estrella Parkway and I-10) is a small price to pay as it will lead to long-term smoother driving around the city.

In addition, the club heard from Giovanni Orozco, Principal of Lattie Coor Elementary School, who thanked the Veterans Committee of the club for their efforts in organizing a gift drive for students at the school. These students are K through 2 and the gifts will brighten their holidays.

The December meeting of the PebbleCreek Democratic Club will take place on Dec. 3, with social hour at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6:45 p.m. We meet in the Tuscany Falls Clubhouse Ballroom all are

PebbleCreek Democrats Are Busy!

Maureen McCann

The PebbleCreek Democratic Club is in full swing with an active calendar of meetings, community involvement, and activities going forward into 2026.

The Veterans Service Committee of the club has been particularly active this fall, seeking opportunities to serve in the West Valley and beyond. After the success of their school supplies drive, a brand new effort, in support of students at Lattie Coor Elementary in Avondale, was announced at the November meeting. In cooperation with the school, which serves pre-kindergarten through 1st grade students, the club veterans have inspired the Democratic Club as a whole to provide personalized gifts for the 226 Lattie Coor students. The effort will culminate in early December with the veterans group personally visiting the school and helping with the distribution of gifts.

Club veterans are also active at the state and national level, lobbying both in Phoenix and Washington, D.C., on issues as broad as individual benefits, domestic troop deployment and instilling a culture of respect for those who serve.

In addition, many club members

participated in the local No Kings March, which was held nationwide on Oct. 18. The Goodyear event, held at Goodyear Square, attracted 3,000 people and was highlighted on the Rachel Maddow show on MSNBC. Our local event, complete with signs, costumes, and new friends was one of 60 held throughout the state of Arizona.

Upcoming events include a pool party, monthly game nights, book club meetings, and many opportunities to enjoy breakfast or lunch with other members.

Additional information about the club, including contact information for joining or learning more about member activities, is available on the club website: pcdemclub.org.

The club will meet on Dec. 3 in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. At the December meeting we will be hosting Arizona State Democratic Party Chairperson, Charlene Fernandez, as well as candidates for the AZ House and Senate, and the Congressional District. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. and will be preceded by a social time at 6 p.m. PebbleCreek Democratic Club meetings are open to the entire PebbleCreek community. Everyone is welcome.

