



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES, 950 FRONT ST., NEEDLES

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MEETING BY EMAILING cclark@cityofneedles.com**

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

**AS A COURTESY TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD ASK THAT CELL PHONES BE
TURNED OFF OR SET IN THEIR SILENT MODE. THANK YOU**

PRESENTATIONS

(A ten-minute time limit per presentation has been established per Municipal Code Section 2-18.)

1. Planning will provide an overview of the City of Needles General Plan, the City's long-range blueprint for growth and development. The presentation will cover the purpose and legal framework of the General Plan, its required elements, how it guides land use and development decisions, its relationship to the Development Code, and the Planning Commission's responsibilities in ensuring that future planning decisions are consistent with the General Plan. The workshop is intended as an educational session and no action will be taken.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - Persons wishing to address the Commissioners on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chair, please announce your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established by Municipal Code Section 2-18. Amendments to the California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Commissioners from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

REGULAR ITEMS

- [2.](#) Approve the Minutes of June 3, 2026

CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager Reports for the weeks of July 17 and 24, 2026

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: JULY 31, 2026

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I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2026

/s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, CMC, City Clerk



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES – 950 FRONT STREET

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM

Chair Wright called for a vote to excuse the absence of Commissioner Beard

Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Beard.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Hernandez and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Beard
Abstain: None

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Owen Long
Commissioner Joe Payson
Chair Michael Wright
Commissioner Alisia Hernandez
Commissioner Will Bosboom

ABSENT

Commissioner Barbara Beard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Payson made a motion, second by Commissioner Bosboom, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Hernandez and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Beard
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

INTRODUCTIONS – None

OATH OF OFFICE

1. City Clerk performed the Oath of Office for new Planning Commissioner Alisia Hernandez

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of May 6, 2026

Commissioner Payson made a motion, second by Commissioner Bosboom, to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2026.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Hernandez and Bosboom
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Beard
Abstain: None

Commissioner Beard arrived at 4:18 PM

3. Recommend Development Services Department proposed budget for FY ending June 30, 2027 for City Council approval.

City Manager Martinez gave staff report

Commissioners asked questions and staff responded

Commissioner Bosboom made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to recommend Development Services Department proposed budget for FY ending June 30, 2027 for City Council approval

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Payson, Chair Wright, Commissioners Hernandez and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Beard

Abstain: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS - None

CITY MANAGER REPORT given by City Manager Patrick Martinez

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Beard made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM

Chair Michael Wright

City Clerk Candace Clark



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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2026

City Manager's Weekly Highlights

Public Safety & Emergency Response

- Coordinated the City's response to a significant monsoonal storm, including flood monitoring, roadway safety measures, debris removal, public notifications, and restoration efforts following localized flooding and power outages.

Economic Development & Strategic Partnerships

- Hosted the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the San Bernardino County Economic Development Department, and the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) for an economic development briefing and community tour highlighting Needles' investment-ready opportunities.
- Celebrated the ribbon cutting of Custom Decal's & Designs, a new veteran-owned business on Historic Route 66, alongside state, regional, and local partners.

Intergovernmental Affairs

- Participated in Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez's Community Town Hall, strengthening collaboration between state, regional, and local partners while discussing issues important to the Needles community.

Community Investment & Quality of Life

- Recognized America's 250th Anniversary through the City's America 250 Community Celebration in partnership with the Needles Elks Lodge #1608 and celebrated another successful Rivers Edge Junior Golf Camp through strong community partnerships.

Capital Improvements

- Continued progress on the City Hall Awning Project and the redevelopment of the former vacant commercial property at 1611 Needles Highway, reflecting continued public and private investment in the community.

1. **Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) Visit:** Wednesday, July 15, 2026, the City of Needles welcomed Melissa Howlett of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), Ryan Niesen of the San Bernardino County Economic Development Department, and Stephanie Garcia of the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) for an economic development visit and community tour. The delegation met with City leadership to discuss Needles' economic development priorities, including housing production, business attraction, industrial and logistics development, infrastructure investment, downtown revitalization, and workforce development. The visit included tours of key development opportunity sites throughout the community and provided an opportunity to highlight Needles' strategic location, recent accomplishments, and investment-ready projects. The City extends its sincere appreciation to Melissa Howlett, GO-Biz, San Bernardino County Economic Development, and CalOSBA for visiting Needles and looks forward to continuing to strengthen these partnerships to support job creation, private investment, housing opportunities, and long-term economic growth in California's eastern gateway.
2. **Storm Response:** A significant monsoonal storm impacted the City on the evening of July 17, 2026, causing localized flooding, roadway debris, temporary road closures, and power outages. City crews responded immediately to protect public safety by monitoring conditions, placing flood warning signs, clearing debris, and restoring safe access throughout the community. The City also issued public safety notifications advising residents to avoid unnecessary travel during the storm. Power has since been fully restored, and Public Works continues cleanup operations in affected areas. Residents can report storm-related damage by calling **760-326-5700** or by using the **Needles Connect** app, available on the [Google Play Store for Android](#) and the [Apple App Store for iOS](#). These reporting tools help City staff identify and respond to issues more quickly.
3. **Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez Town Hall:** On **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**, Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez hosted a community Town Hall at the historic El Garces. The event brought together residents, business owners, members of the City Council, City staff, members of the Needles Public Utility Authority Board of Directors, representatives of Colorado River Medical Center, the Needles Chamber of Commerce, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, and other community stakeholders. During the Town Hall, Assemblymember Gonzalez provided updates on legislative activities in Sacramento, listened to local concerns, and engaged in meaningful dialogue with attendees. The event provided an important opportunity to strengthen communication and collaboration between state and local partners while providing residents and stakeholders with a forum to discuss issues affecting the Needles community. The City extends its sincere appreciation to Assemblymember Gonzalez for visiting Needles and thanks everyone who participated in the discussion.
4. **Economic Development – Custom Decal's & Designs Ribbon Cutting:** On **July 15, 2026**, the Needles Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony for **Custom Decal's & Designs**, a new veteran-owned business

located on Historic Route 66. The event brought together residents, local leaders, and state and regional partners to celebrate the grand opening and continued investment in Needles' downtown business community. The City extends its sincere appreciation to the **Needles Chamber of Commerce** for organizing the event and for its continued leadership in supporting local businesses and fostering economic growth. Special thanks to

Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez, who attended and presented a legislative commendation recognizing this important milestone, and to representatives from the **California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)** and the **California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA)** for their participation and support. The City also thanks the many residents and community partners who attended to celebrate this new veteran-owned business. Strong community support for local entrepreneurs strengthens our local economy, encourages private investment, and reinforces the collaborative partnerships that continue to move Needles forward.

5. **Parks & Recreation – America's 250th Anniversary Community**

Celebration: As part of the City's recognition of America's 250th Anniversary, the Parks and Recreation Department designated its annual Fourth of July Swim Party as the City's America 250 Community Celebration at the Needles Aquatics Center. Hosted in partnership with the Needles Elks Lodge #1608, the free event brought together families for an afternoon of swimming, patriotic games, relay races, contests, food, prizes, the annual Treasure Dive, and the crowning of Miss Freedom and Mr. Firecracker. The City extends its sincere appreciation to the **Needles Elks Lodge #1608** for its partnership and continued support, as well as to the Parks and Recreation staff, lifeguards, volunteers, and residents who helped make the event a success. Events such as these strengthen civic pride, provide meaningful recreational opportunities for families, and reflect the City's commitment to celebrating our nation's history while bringing people together.

6. **City Hall Awning Project – Construction Update:** Construction on the City Hall Awning Project began in March and is now nearing completion. The approximately **\$220,012** project modernizes the City's primary public building by enhancing the main entrance with a new architectural awning, improved lighting, and upgraded pedestrian access. The improvements provide greater weather protection, increase safety by improving visibility along the primary walkway during evening hours, and enhance accessibility for residents, visitors, and employees. In addition to these functional benefits, the project improves the overall appearance of City Hall, strengthens civic pride, and demonstrates the City's continued commitment to investing in safe, attractive, and well-maintained public facilities.

7. **Youth Golf Camp – Community Partnership:** The **2026 Rivers Edge Junior Golf Camp** concluded with another successful season of instruction and youth development at Rivers Edge Golf Course. Throughout the program, participants strengthened their golf skills while learning the values of sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. A highlight of the camp was the annual **Putting Challenge** with deputies from the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Colorado River Station**, providing campers with a unique

opportunity to interact with local law enforcement through friendly competition and positive mentorship. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **Captain Jacob Gault** for his leadership and continued support of youth programs, as well as to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Colorado River Station** and **River Daze** for their ongoing investment in the camp. The City also thanks Golf Professional **JJ DeLeon**, and the many volunteers whose dedication made this year's program a success. Programs such as the Rivers Edge Junior Golf Camp demonstrate the value of strong community partnerships and the positive impact they have on the lives of Needles' youth.

8. **Off The Charts Retail Development – Construction Update:** Renovations are nearing completion at **1611 Needles Highway**, where Off The Charts is preparing to open a new retail business following City approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The project transformed a long-vacant and deteriorated commercial building into a fully renovated, code-compliant facility through significant private investment. Improvements included comprehensive building rehabilitation, façade enhancements, ADA accessibility upgrades, new lighting, landscaping, parking lot improvements, and modern security features. The redevelopment eliminates a long-standing blighted property, enhances the appearance of the Needles Highway commercial corridor, supports local job creation, expands the City's retail tax base, and demonstrates continued private investment in the community.
9. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION

- I. **Community Partnership – Back-to-School Supply Drive:** Local business **Smashed Burgers** is hosting a Back-to-School Supply Drive this Saturday to benefit local students and families as they prepare for the upcoming school year. The event encourages community members to donate school supplies while providing a family-friendly opportunity to support a meaningful cause. The City appreciates local businesses that invest in the community and partner in efforts that help meet the needs of local students while strengthening community engagement.
- II. **Community Health – Sports Physicals:** Tri-State Community Healthcare is offering sports physicals on **Saturday, July 18, 2026, and Saturday, July 25, 2026**, at its Needles Clinic to help local students prepare for the upcoming school year and athletic season. The program is available to insured, uninsured, and underinsured patients, helping ensure students have access to the medical clearance needed to participate in school sports. This community partnership promotes student health and wellness, reduces barriers to participation, and reflects a shared commitment to supporting the success of Needles' youth.

- III. **Beat the Heat Night Pool Party:** Tri-State Community Healthcare, in partnership with Route 66 Pharmacy, will host a **FREE Beat the Heat Night Pool Party** on **Saturday, August 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the **Needles Pool (1661 J Street)**. The family-friendly community event will feature free swimming, inflatable water slides, music, complimentary hot dogs, chips, and drinks, and free admission for all attendees. Residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening of family fun while connecting with friends and neighbors. The City extends its sincere appreciation to Tri-State Community Healthcare for its continued partnership and investment in the Needles community through its mission of **"Working in the Community for the Community."**
- IV. **Rivers Edge Golf Course – 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament:** Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 1, 2026. This signature annual event continues to attract golfers from throughout the region for a unique evening of recreation and friendly competition. The tournament highlights the City's commitment to providing high-quality recreational opportunities while showcasing Rivers Edge Golf Course as a regional destination. Events such as these increase utilization of City facilities, support tourism and the local economy, and reinforce the golf course's role as an important community asset.
- V. **Putt for the Purple Pig Charity Golf Tournament:** The Needles Elks Lodge #1608 has announced its 3rd Annual "Putt for the Purple Pig" Charity Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Rivers Edge Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, which provides services to children with disabilities at no cost to their families. The event will feature a three-person scramble, followed by awards and lunch at the Needles Elks Lodge. The Elks Lodge is currently seeking sponsors for the tournament.

I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE VISIT (GO-BIZ)



2. STORM RESPONSE



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3. ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOWN HALL



4. CUSTOM DECAL'S RIBBON CUTTING



5. AMERICA'S 250 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



6. CITY AWNING PROJECT



7. YOUTH GOLF CAMP PARTNERSHIP



8. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



COMMUNITY EVENTS I & II



COME TO
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ONE DAY EVENT!
THIS SATURDAY!

EXCEPTING SCHOOL DONATIONS!
Help local students start the school year with what they need!

WITH EVERY DONATION YOU COULD GET AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE!

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SATURDAY 7/18 *And* **SATURDAY 7/25**

OR

Insured, Uninsured, and Underinsured Patients Are Welcome!!

Flat Rate FEE of \$25

NEEDLES CLINIC
820 W. BROADWAY ST.
NEEDLES, CA 92363

COMMUNITY EVENTS III & IV



4th ANNUAL NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAT 2026
AUG 1ST

Rivers Edge
Golf Course
8:00PM Shotgun Start

\$60 PER PLAYER
2-Person Scramble

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
JULY 29TH, 2026

CONTACT: PRO SHOP
(760) 326-3931

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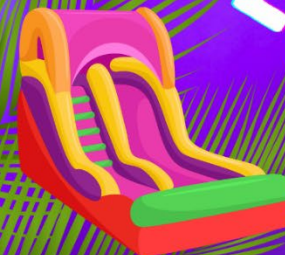
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COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE



FREE
ENTRY

6:00-9:00 PM
SATURDAY - AUGUST 1
CITY POOL - 1661 J STREET

NIGHT POOL PARTY
NEEDLES, CA



Free hot dogs, drink & chips
Water Bouncy House Slides
Family Friendly Event





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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2026

City Manager's Weekly Highlights

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

- Continued the City's coordinated recovery efforts following the July 17 monsoonal storm, including infrastructure assessments, damage documentation, and ongoing cleanup while maintaining essential public services.
- Coordinated with the National Weather Service and San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services to prepare for the ongoing Extreme Heat Warning and provide residents with information on cooling resources and heat safety.

Community Partnerships & Quality of Life

- Partnered with St. Vincent de Paul and the BHHS Legacy Foundation to expand utility bill assistance for qualifying residents through a new \$15,000 community assistance grant.
- Welcomed new members to the Housing Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, strengthening citizen participation in local government.

Economic Development & Tourism

- Continued promoting Needles as a regional tourism destination through the City's partnership with SouthWest RailCams, which generated nearly 46,000 views and more than 5,780 hours of watch time during June, providing worldwide exposure for the community.

Community Engagement

- Prepared for upcoming community events, including the Beat the Heat Night Pool Party and the Rivers Edge Golf Course 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament, supporting recreation, tourism, and community engagement.

Environmental Stewardship

- Continued promoting the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to encourage proper disposal of hazardous materials and protect public health and the environment.

1. **Storm Recovery Update:** City crews have made substantial progress in recovering from the significant monsoonal storm that impacted the community on July 17, 2026. The storm caused localized flooding, roadway debris, erosion, washouts, temporary road closures, and damage to public infrastructure, including drainage facilities, retaining walls, parks, and portions of the Rivers Edge Golf Course. Public Works, Utility, Parks, and other City staff worked extended hours to restore essential services, reopen roadways, remove debris, and stabilize affected areas. While the majority of cleanup efforts have been completed, staff continues to assess permanent repairs and document storm-related damage to support potential reimbursement opportunities. The City's response reflects the professionalism, dedication, and preparedness of City employees, supported by the Mayor and City Council's continued investment in the personnel, equipment, and infrastructure necessary to respond effectively during emergencies. Residents are encouraged to report any remaining storm-related concerns by calling **760-326-5700** or by submitting a request through the **Needles Connect** app, available on the [Google Play Store for Android](#) and the [Apple App Store for iOS](#). These reporting tools assist staff in identifying, prioritizing, and responding to any remaining issues as recovery efforts continue.
2. **Extreme Heat Warning:** The National Weather Service has issued an **Extreme Heat Warning** for the Needles area through **8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27**, with dangerously hot conditions expected. Afternoon temperatures are forecast to range from **108°F to 114°F**, with temperatures potentially exceeding **115°F** along the Colorado River Valley. Heat-related illnesses increase significantly during periods of extreme heat. The City continues to coordinate with the **San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services**, which is monitoring conditions and providing National Weather Service updates to support local preparedness efforts. Residents are encouraged to stay hydrated, remain in air-conditioned environments whenever possible, limit outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, and check on elderly neighbors, family members, and pets. Children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles, as interior temperatures can become life-threatening within minutes. Residents seeking relief from the heat may utilize the **Needles Branch Library (1111 Bailey Avenue; 760-326-9255)** or **Pacific Clinics' Spike's Clubhouse (1060 East Broadway Street; 760-623-0855)** during normal business hours. The **Needles Municipal Aquatics Center (1661 J Street; 760-326-3866)** also offers scheduled public swim hours, and the Duke Watkins Park Splash Pad remains open during normal operating hours as additional community cooling amenities.
3. **St. Vincent de Paul Receives Grant to Assist Utility Customers:** St. Vincent de Paul has been awarded a **\$15,000 grant** from the **BHHS Legacy Foundation** to provide financial assistance to Needles residents struggling with electric utility bills. The City appreciates St. Vincent de Paul's longstanding commitment to serving vulnerable members of our community and the BHHS

Legacy Foundation's continued investment in programs that directly benefit Needles residents. The City will work collaboratively with St. Vincent de Paul by referring eligible residents who may qualify for assistance, helping ensure these resources reach those with the greatest need. This partnership reflects the positive impact that can be achieved when nonprofit organizations, philanthropic partners, and local government work together to support the community. Residents interested in learning more about the program or scheduling an eligibility appointment may contact St. Vincent de Paul at (760) 326-4420 or by email at svdpneedles@frontier.com.

4. **Commission Appointments:** The City recently appointed **John Valter** to the **Housing Commission** and **Dr. Mary McNeil** to the **Parks and Recreation Commission**. The Housing Commission serves as the governing board of the Housing Authority of the City of Needles, providing oversight of housing programs, reviewing policies, and supporting efforts to expand affordable housing opportunities for the community. The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council on parks, recreational programs, and community facilities, helping guide initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages. Staff looks forward to the valuable contributions each commissioner will bring through their service and extends its appreciation for their willingness to serve the residents of Needles.
5. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program:** The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) continued to provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection services to Needles residents through its permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. During Fiscal Year 2025, 91 Needles residents utilized the program, resulting in the safe collection and proper disposal of 4,459 pounds of household hazardous and electronic waste. Materials collected included approximately 749 pounds of electronic waste, 535 pounds of latex paint, 477 pounds of cathode ray tubes (CRTs), 413 pounds of used motor oil and oil products, 375 pounds of used oil filters, and 223 pounds of oil-based paint, along with household batteries, pharmaceuticals, corrosives, flammable materials, and other household hazardous waste. The program supports the City's Solid Waste Management Plan while helping protect public health and the environment through the safe and responsible disposal of hazardous materials.
6. **SouthWest RailCams Continues to Showcase Needles:** SouthWest RailCams expressed its appreciation to the City for serving as the host for its live rail cameras, which provide viewers with a unique perspective of Needles' historic BNSF rail corridor. During **June 2026**, the Needles East Camera recorded **27,214 views** and more than **3,883 hours** of watch time, while the Needles West Camera recorded **18,664 views** and nearly **1,897 hours** of watch time. Combined, the cameras generated nearly **46,000 views** and **5,780 hours** of viewing during the month, showcasing Needles to rail enthusiasts and visitors around the world while supporting the City Council's goals of promoting tourism and increasing the community's visibility through digital platforms. Residents may view the live cameras on the SouthWest RailCams website at the following [link](#).

7. **Fall Spay & Neuter Clinic Scheduled for September 24–25:** The Needles Animal Shelter will host its Fall Spay and Neuter Clinic on September 24–25, 2026, in partnership with Dr. Angelina Beeks of Angel's Touch Veterinary Services. The biannual clinic provides affordable spay and neuter services to pet owners throughout the tri-state area, promoting responsible pet ownership and helping reduce pet overpopulation. Appointments are required, and a completed application with a non-refundable cash deposit must be submitted at the Needles Animal Shelter, located at 1662 Flip Mendez Parkway. Due to strong demand, appointments are expected to fill quickly, and early registration is encouraged. Residents may contact the shelter at (760) 326-4952 for additional information or to schedule an appointment. This ongoing partnership supports the City's commitment to animal welfare, public health, and responsible pet ownership. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional information.
8. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

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- II. **Rivers Edge Golf Course – 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament:** Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 1, 2026. This annual event attracts golfers from throughout the region, promotes recreation and tourism, increases utilization of City facilities, and supports local businesses while showcasing Rivers Edge Golf Course as a premier community asset.

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2. EXTREME HEAT WARNING

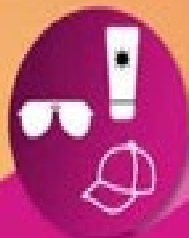
EXTREME HEAT WARNING



Limit Time Outside During the Heat of Day: 10 am to 7 pm



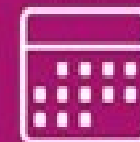
Hydrate with Water & Sports Drinks



Protect Yourself from the Sun



Wear Lightweight, Light Colored Clothes



THU, JUL 23rd, 2026 –
MON, JUL 27th, 2026



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
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3. ST. VINCENT LEGACY GRANT



4. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS



5. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



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Daniel R. Munsey
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Monica S. Ronchetti
Fire Marshal

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Please call me at (909) 382-5401 or e-mail arojas@sbcfire.org, if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alejandra Rojas".

Alejandra Rojas, REHS
Assistant Fire Marshal

April 23, 2026

Rainie Torrance, Finance Assistant
City of Needles
817 3rd St.
Needles, CA 92363

Dear Rainie,

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The data listed below can be used to fulfill the reporting requirements of the city's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Element of the city's Solid Waste Management Plan. During fiscal year 2025, 91 Needles residents used the HHW collection facilities and 0 Very Small Quantity Generator. Residents of Needles visited the following permanent household hazardous waste facilities:

Sites Visited	Total Participants
NEEDLES	91
Total	91

The following table lists the calculated waste averages collected. The amounts of waste per individual participant are not tracked.

Waste	Amounts (lbs.)	Waste	Amounts (lbs.)
Latex Paint	535.08	Household Batteries	138.23
Oil Base Paints	222.95	NiCad Batteries	111.48
Flammable Liquids/Solids	151.61	Motor Oil/Oil Products	412.90
Bulked Flammable Liquids	84.72	Oil Filters	375.45
Poison (excluding aerosols)	121.28	Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT)	477.11
Corrosive Acids	107.02	Electronic Waste	749.11
Corrosive Bases	57.97	Fluorescent Tubes	124.85
Oxidizers	71.34	Compressed Gas Cylinders	8.92
Aerosols	80.26	Cooking Oil	102.56
Home Generated Sharps	0.00	Pharmaceuticals	120.39
Antifreeze	17.84	Waste Exchange Materials	147.15
Lead/Acid Batteries	102.56	Other	138.23
TOTAL: 4,459.00			

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COMMUNITY EVENTS I & II



**4th ANNUAL
NIGHT GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

SAT 2026
AUG 1ST

Rivers Edge
Golf Course
8:00PM Shotgun Start

\$60 PER PLAYER
2-Person Scramble

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
JULY 29TH, 2026

CONTACT: PRO SHOP
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NIGHT POOL PARTY

FREE ENTRY

6:00-9:00 PM
SATURDAY - AUGUST 1
CITY POOL - 1661 J STREET

NEEDLES, CA



Free hot dogs, drink & chips
Water Bouncy House Slides
Family Friendly Event