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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 06, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES

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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. Mobile Food Vendor Process & Permit Guidance - Planning presentation regarding newly developed informational handouts intended to clarify the City of Needles and San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) permitting processes for mobile food vendors and temporary food facilities. **(INF)**

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 March 4, 2026

(ACT)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager's reports for the weeks of April 17 and 24, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: April 28, 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 28th day of April, 2026

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



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026, AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

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

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard, to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Cox. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Owen Long
Commissioner Barbara Beard
Commissioner Joe Payson
Chair Michael Wright
Commissioner Kevin Ostby
Commissioner Will Bosboom

ABSENT

Commissioner Allen Cox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Wright acknowledged Mayor Jernigan and Deputy City Attorney Lena Wade in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. City Planner Romero presented a PowerPoint on the Permit Review Process.

Commissioners asked questions and staff responded.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of February 4, 2026

Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Ostby, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Long had no requests

Commissioner Beard asked about the status of RiverLux and reported that the contractors installing fiber for the tribe are damaging roads.

Commissioner Payson had no requests.

Commissioner Ostby asked about the status of the apartment project downtown, asked about the dirt pile by Park road, and announced that March 4 will be his last meeting.

Commissioner Bosboom asked about the paving plan and Lillyhill being repaved.

Chair Wright asked about Palm Communities (the company hired to look into an apartment project downtown).

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Report for the weeks of February 13 and 20, 2026, given by City Manager Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ostby made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM

Chair Michael Wright

City Clerk Candace Clark



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Councilmember Larry Ford

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: April 17, 2026

1. **Cal Cities City Leaders Summit – Panel Participation**

Next week, Mayor Jernigan and Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell will attend the Cal Cities City Leaders Summit in Sacramento to engage in statewide policy discussions and advocacy. The City Manager will serve as a featured panelist on *“The New Grants and Economic Development Playbook,”* sharing strategies to secure funding, leverage partnerships, and advance infrastructure and economic development based on the City’s recent successes. Participation in Cal Cities ensures Needles remains competitive for funding, connected to key decision-makers, and engaged in policies that impact our community. This recognition reflects the strong work being done across the organization—driven by a City Council with a clear vision, a strong internal effort to pursue opportunities, and partnerships that help us deliver results. The summit also provides a platform to share Needles’ story and bring back best practices that support Council priorities and long-term growth.

2. **Third Annual Community Fall Festival Celebrating the Route 66 Centennial**

The City is preparing for the Third Annual Community Fall Festival on **November 7, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park, celebrating the 100-Year Anniversary of Route 66 and reinforcing Needles’ role as the eastern gateway to California. This signature event is designed to attract regional visitors and position Needles as a premier Route 66 destination during the Centennial year. Planned activities include an OHMV car show, live entertainment, food vendors, a beer garden, kids zone, and a fireworks show to anchor the evening. Staff is actively advancing event logistics with a strong focus on vendor recruitment and sponsorship opportunities, with limited vendor space available and active outreach underway to secure event sponsors. The festival builds on prior success and is expected to draw increased attendance due to the national significance of the Centennial. This event directly supports Council priorities related to tourism, economic development, and community engagement. **Contact: Jennifer Valenzuela, Parks and Recreation, (760) 326-2814 or parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com.** Additional information is available on the [City’s Route 66 Centennial webpage](#).

- 3. Needles Highway Improvement Project – Construction Update**
Construction will begin on **April 23, 2026**, and continue through **July 31, 2026**, for a San Bernardino County Public Works project improving approximately 2.32 miles of Needles Highway from David Drive to just north of Notchco Road. The project includes roadway rehabilitation, striping, signage, and related infrastructure upgrades. Initial work will include utility locating and pre-construction activities, followed by full construction. Work will occur Monday through Friday between **6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**, and the public should expect traffic control and potential delays. Residents are asked to follow posted “No Parking” signage and keep roadways clear during active work. We appreciate the community’s patience during construction. **Contact: Granite Construction – James Regan, (760) 625-5423; San Bernardino County Public Works, (909) 387-7920. Refer to the attached notice.**
- 4. Lucky Dhaba – New Business & Ribbon Cutting**
The City is pleased to welcome Lucky Dhaba, a new Indian restaurant located on the west end of Needles at 2411 W. Broadway Street. The Needles Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting and food tasting on **April 25, 2026**, with the restaurant scheduled to officially open to the public on **April 26, 2026**. This new business reflects continued growth in Needles and highlights ongoing momentum in attracting investment and expanding dining options. The addition of Lucky Dhaba supports City Council goals related to economic development, business attraction, and enhancing local amenities. Residents are encouraged to support this new local business.
- 5. NIAA 2A State Softball & Baseball Tournaments – Needles Host Site**
Staff met this week at the Jo Jo Garcia Memorial Sports Complex to prepare for the upcoming NIAA 2A State Softball and Baseball Tournaments, with games to be held at Needles High School. This event will bring teams, families, and visitors into the community, supporting local businesses and advancing the City Council’s goal of promoting sports tourism. The tournament is scheduled for **May 14–16**. City staff are actively coordinating operations and facility readiness to ensure a safe, well-organized event that showcases Needles. The Girls’ team will look to defend their State Championship title, while the Boys’ team will compete to build on last year’s runner-up finish. Hosting events of this scale strengthens partnerships with the Needles Unified School District and positions the City to attract future tournaments and continued economic activity.
- 6. Route 66 Bike Week – Final Reminder**
Route 66 Bike Week begins next week, taking place **April 20–26, 2026**, and will bring a weeklong motorcycle ride experience along the historic Mother Road. Riders will travel through Needles and surrounding Route 66 communities, generating increased activity for local businesses and regional tourism. This is expected to bring an influx of visitors to the area, and the community should anticipate increased traffic and activity throughout the week. The event continues to highlight Needles’ role as a key destination along Route 66 and supports the City Council’s goals of promoting economic activity and community pride.

- 7. Flip Mendez Golf Tournament – Final Sponsorship Opportunity**
The 27th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament on **May 2, 2026**, at Rivers Edge Golf Course is sold out, reflecting strong community support. The tournament benefits the Flip Mendez Youth Fund, which provides scholarships and financial assistance for local youth to participate in sports and recreational programs. As the event approaches, this serves as a final opportunity for businesses and community members to participate as hole sponsors. Sponsorships will help maximize funding and ensure continued support for youth athletics and scholarships. For sponsorship opportunities or additional information, please contact Rhonda Mendez at (760) 927-2220 or Frank Mendez at (760) 927-2215.
- 8. Run for the Wall (RFTW) Needles – Event Update**
The annual Run for the Wall (RFTW) procession will stop in Needles on **May 13, 2026**, commemorating the **35th Anniversary of the Gulf War**. Riders are expected to arrive at approximately **12:35 p.m.**, with activities taking place at El Garces and Santa Fe Park along Route 66. The event honors Veterans and raises awareness for POW/MIA accountability, and continues to draw strong participation from riders and community members. Local residents and Veterans are encouraged to attend and welcome the riders into Needles. Community partners are also accepting donations for food in support of the event. This event supports City Council goals related to community engagement, honoring Veterans, and regional tourism.
- 9. Chamber Spotlight – Needles Branch Library**
The Needles Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a “Good Morning Needles” event featuring the Needles Branch Library, highlighting its free programs and community resources. Branch Manager Adela Covarrubias shared information on services that support education, digital literacy, and community engagement. Current programs include Storytime, Basic Internet Classes, and Family Game Time, with the Summer Reading Program launching in June. Residents are encouraged to [click the link](#) to learn more about available programs and upcoming events.
- 10. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements**
This week, staff continued advancing efforts that support community pride, safety, and system reliability. Public Works focused on weed abatement along J Street, a highly visible corridor, as part of ongoing beautification efforts. In preparation for increased seasonal activity, staff also striped lanes at Jack Smith Park to support safe access and economic activity at the boat launch. Infrastructure improvements continued under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program, including work along Lilly Hill Drive and Larchwood Circle to replace aging and inaccessible poles and improve overall system reliability. Additionally, concrete repairs were completed at the underpass sidewalk railing to enhance public safety. These efforts reflect the City’s continued commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and well-functioning community.
- 11. Earth Day Transit Promotion – Fare-Free Service**
In recognition of Earth Day, Needles Area Transit and Dial-a-Ride will offer fare-free transit services on **April 22, 2026**, encouraging residents to utilize public transportation and reduce environmental impact. This initiative provides an

opportunity for the community to experience local transit services at no cost while promoting sustainability and alternative transportation options. The program is supported in partnership with regional transit agencies and aims to increase awareness and ridership. This effort supports City Council goals related to environmental stewardship, accessibility, and community engagement.

12. Update – Penny Deposits

Arrowhead Credit Union has announced that pennies will no longer be accepted for deposit after **April 30**, and is encouraging customers to complete deposits prior to that date. This change is being driven at the federal level, as the U.S. Treasury reduces production of pennies due to rising manufacturing costs and declining use in circulation. The City is sharing this update to keep residents informed and avoid any confusion. Staff are also monitoring these broader changes and working toward practical solutions to ensure continued efficient cash handling operations, with additional information to be brought forward to City Council at a future meeting.

13. Bi-Annual Vaccination and Licensing Clinic – Next Weekend

This is a reminder that the City of Needles Animal Shelter will host its low-cost vaccination and pet licensing clinic **on April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Animal Shelter (1662 Flip Mendez Parkway). In partnership with PetSmart Veterinary Services, the clinic offers affordable vaccinations and microchipping, helping reduce costs for residents. Pet licensing will be available at reduced rates, and all dogs will be licensed prior to leaving, ensuring compliance with City requirements and promoting responsible pet ownership. This event supports public health and improves overall licensing compliance. Residents from the tri-state area are welcome to participate. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers.

14. Needles Women’s Club Flower Show – Final Reminder

The 96th Annual Needles Women’s Club Flower Show will be held on **April 25, 2026**, at the Needles Women’s Clubhouse. This long-standing community event highlights local talent in gardening and floral design and is free and open to the public. Entries will be accepted from **8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**, followed by judging from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, with public viewing from **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to attend, participate, and support this community tradition. This event supports Council priorities related to community engagement and local pride. **Contact: Mary McNeil, (626) 705-3394**

15. Dance Trax 51 Spring Recital – Reminder

Just a reminder that Dance Trax 51 will host its Spring Recital on **May 1 and May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at** the Needles High School Auditorium. This event will showcase the talent and hard work of our local youth dancers. We encourage the community to come out and support these young performers.

16. Behavioral Health Community Meeting – Public Outreach

The San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will host a community meeting in Needles next month on **May 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Needles Council Chambers. The meeting will provide an overview of the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), along with information on programs and resources available to the community. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and provide input on behavioral health services in Needles. The City is supporting outreach efforts to promote attendance and ensure local engagement. This effort supports Council priorities related to community well-being and access to services.

17. “Our Water Ways” Film Screening at Palo Verde College

The “*Our Water Ways*” film screening was held on **April 11, 2026**, at the Palo Verde College Needles Educational Center and was well attended by the community. Hosted by Palo Verde College and led by Dean Jaclyn Randall, the event brought together regional and tribal voices to share perspectives on the cultural and historical significance of water. We appreciate Supervisor Rowe’s support in sending her Field Director, Steve Reyes, to participate.

The program featured speakers Paul Jackson and Nora McDowell (Fort Mojave Indian Tribe), along with Matt Leivas, former Chemehuevi Heritage Chair, who is also featured in the film. The discussion highlighted the Colorado River’s importance, emphasizing water rights, cultural connections, and the essential role water plays in sustaining life—reinforcing the need for continued stewardship in Needles as a Colorado River community.

18. Historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck Restoration

City Councilmember Larry Ford and Heather Timmons volunteered their time to refurbish original brass fire extinguishers from the City of Needles’ historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck (as shown). Their efforts reflect strong community pride and a commitment to preserving the City’s history. With only a few finishing touches remaining, approximately \$15,000 is still needed to complete the restoration. Donations are welcome to help bring this project across the finish line. Those interested in contributing may contact Jesse Fragoso at jfragoso@cityofneedles.com.

19. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City’s new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk’s Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

1. CAL CITIES PARTICIPATION

Join Us

for the

Cal Cities City Leaders Summit

SAFE Credit Union Convention Center - Sacramento, CA

APRIL 23rd - 3:45pm

The New Grants and Economic Development Playbook



DALE SUMERSILLE
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
CAL CONSULTING
MODERATOR



LARRY KOSMONT
CHAIRMAN & CEO
KOSMONT COMPANIES



PATRICK MARTINEZ
CITY MANAGER
CITY OF NEEDLES



MICHAEL ANTWINE
CITY MANAGER
CITY OF BELL

This panel will explore effective strategies for pursuing grants and collaborative financing options, especially for cities working to rebuild their economies. The panel will discuss the Building a Better America initiative, as well as how special financing districts can support capital improvements, climate action, housing, and ongoing maintenance. Learn how combining tax increment financing with grants can help revitalize your community and drive sustainable growth.

****Please check program for room****



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CITY LEADERS SUMMIT

SACRAMENTO, CA

April 22-24, 2026



2. 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

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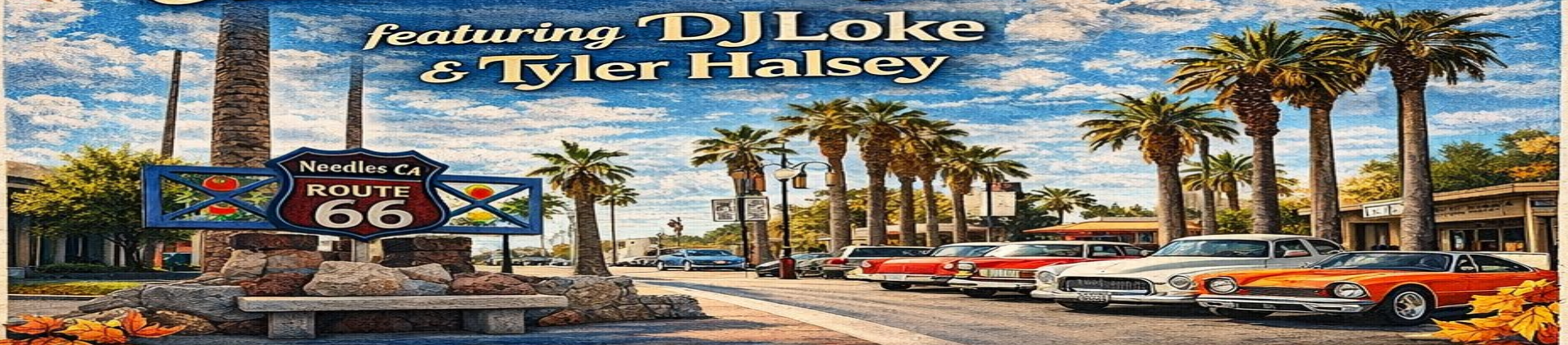
The City of Needles
★ *Third Annual* ★
**COMMUNITY
FALL FESTIVAL**



Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial!

Cruisin' the Century in Needles

featuring **DJLoke
& Tyler Halsey**



 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

 **9:00 AM - 8:00 PM** •  **SANTA FE PARK, NEEDLES, CA**



OHMV Car Show



Food Trucks

NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS



Fireworks Show



**Beer Garden at
Red Dog Saloon**



**Kids Zone &
Games**

**LOOKING FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**



JOIN US FOR A HISTORIC CELEBRATION

Experience the energy of Route 66 and a Fall Festival like
never before — OHMV, culture, community, and the Colorado River

Contact Jennifer Valenzuela at 760-326-2814
or parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com



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3. NEEDLES HIGHWAY PROJECT 1C



NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEEDLES

San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has contracted with Granite Construction for the construction of Needles Highway in the Needles area. The construction shall include road paving and road shoulder work.

This work will be performed between the dates of April 23, 2026 and July 31, 2026.

Normal working hours will be between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

There will be "No Parking Signs" posted on your street indicating the specific dates work will be performed on the street. During the time we are working, access to the public will be limited and we ask the following:

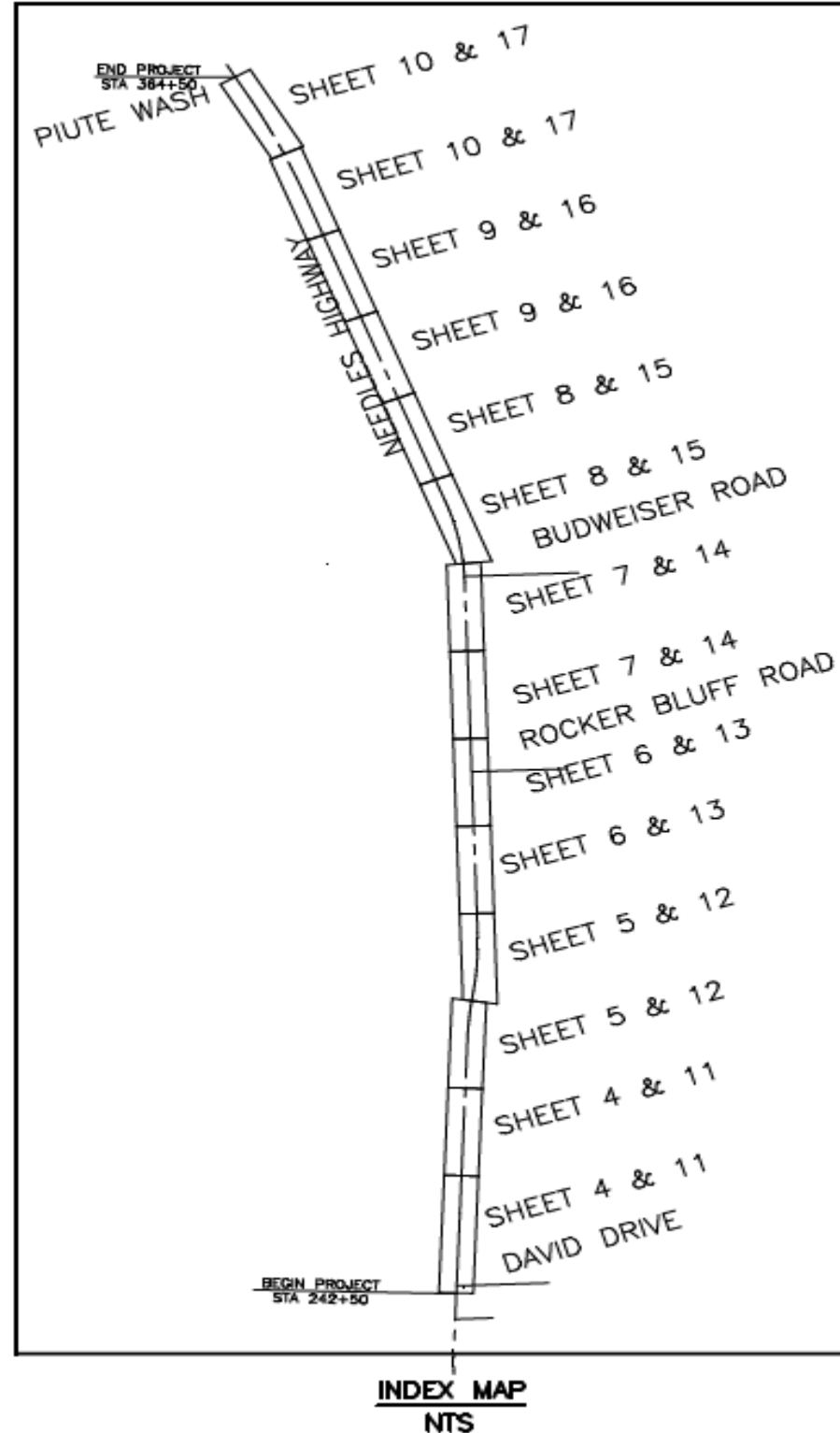
1. Do not park your vehicles on the roadway
2. Do not allow water to run on the roadway
3. Do not allow children to play in the roadway
4. Do not place trash cans or other debris on the roadway

We regret any inconvenience that this work may cause you and we thank you for your cooperation in assisting us in rebuilding your street.

Thank you.

Granite Construction
James Regan
(760)625-5423

If you need further assistance, contact the Department of Public Works at (909) 387-7920.



4. NEEDLES CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING



The Needles Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

INVITES YOU!

TO THE

OFFICIAL **RIBBON CUTTING** CEREMONY

Join us as we officially open the doors
Celebrating a New Beginning on Rt. 66 in Needles, CA



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

**Location: 2411 West Broadway Street
Needles, CA 92363**

For More Information Please Contact The Needles Chamber of Commerce at 760-326-2050

5. HOSTING NIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



6. ROUTE 66 BIKE WEEK SELIGMAN

ROUTE 66 BIKE WEEK

A WEEK LONG "BENEFIT" RIDE, SPANNING 8 STATES TO SUPPORT THE MOTHER ROAD & PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE TOURISM.

April 20-26, 2026

**ALL PROCEEDS
BENEFIT THE
SMALL BUSINESSES
YOU SHOP AT.**



**START, STOP & SHOP
ANYWHERE YOU WANT**



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@ THE SADDLE SORE RANCH
IN GOLDEN VALLEY, AZ
WED THRU SUN.**



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7. FLIP MENDEZ SPONSORSHIPS

THE FLIPS

27th Annual

Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament

Rivers Edge Golf Course

Saturday, May 2, 2026

*The Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament Committee thanks you for your support.
In 2025 contributions to the Flip Mendez Youth Fund provided funding for:*

4 College Scholarships to NHS Graduating Seniors

Over 200 Youth Sports Scholarships

Donations to the following sports:

Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Football,

Volleyball, T-Ball and many other donations for the youth.

Tee Sponsorship – \$75 – Per Hole

Sponsorship fees must be received by April 20th for signs to be placed on course.

Sponsor Names: _____

Tee Sponsor: \$75.00 x's _____ hole(s) = \$ _____

Other Amount = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Flip Mendez Youth Fund

Mail to: Frank or Rhonda Mendez 2101 El Monte Street, Needles, CA 9236

Tax ID# 47-3448436

For Questions Call - Rhonda Mendez at (760) 927-2220 Or Frank Mendez (760) 927-2215

27th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament

2101 El Monte Street Needles, CA 92363

Phone (760) 927-2220

Dear Sponsor,

We are proudly preparing for the annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament which will be our 27th ANNUAL and is scheduled for May 2, 2026.

As you may know, Flip Mendez had a passion for helping young people and their families, and often quietly paved the way for many to participate in community sports leagues, and other activities. The Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Golf Tournament was established to assist children by sponsoring them so that they may play sports and provide new equipment that is needed. We do not want any child to go without playing sports due to financial hardship. The Flip Mendez Youth Fund is here to assist any child that needs help. The Flip Mendez Committee has continued Flip's legacy of generosity in the community where he grew up and raised his own family. The Flip Mendez Youth Fund is a Tax Exempt, Non-Profit Organization; our Tax ID # is 47-3448436.

In the past, you were a generous sponsor of this event, and your contribution is much appreciated and needed.

In previous years, we were able to accomplish the following:

- ❖ Sports scholarships for over 340 kids
- ❖ Scholarships for Graduating seniors
- ❖ Generous Donations to the NHS Baseball, CRAGS, Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Football along with Pee Wee Tee-Ball, Pee Wee Basketball, Needles Little League, Pop Warner Football, Cheer and many other sports donations.

Your faithful support of this event is appreciated by the Mendez family, the Tournament Committee, and the citizens of the community. **You may choose to be a \$75 Hole Sponsor or sponsor multiple holes. (A sign will be placed on a hole with business' name on it for however many holes you sponsor.)** You may also choose to sponsor any dollar amount you wish, just fill out the form and put the amount you wish to donate. We have included a *Hole Sponsor Request Form* and a *Team Registration Form* for your convenience. Please let us know if we can count on your generous support again this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Irene Mendez & The Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser Tournament Committee

Frank Mendez Rhonda Mendez *Frank Valenzuela* Jennifer Valenzuela *Rick Huebner

8. RUN FOR THE WALL



RUN FOR THE WALL

MAY 13, 2026

**EL GARCES AND SANTA FE PARK
ON ROUTE 66 IN NEEDLES, CA**

**HOSTED BY THE CITY OF NEEDLES
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**DONATIONS FOR FOOD ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT
DECO FOODSERVICES AT 700 W BROADWAY IN NEEDLES.**

**RIDERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT 12:35 PM
AND LOCAL VETERANS AND RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO WELCOME THE RIDERS INTO TOWN.**

For more information, call 760-333-5255



9. NEEDLES CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Bring A Friend
or Two**

Thursday

April 16, 2026

7:30 a.m.

950 Front Street.

Needles Ca 92363

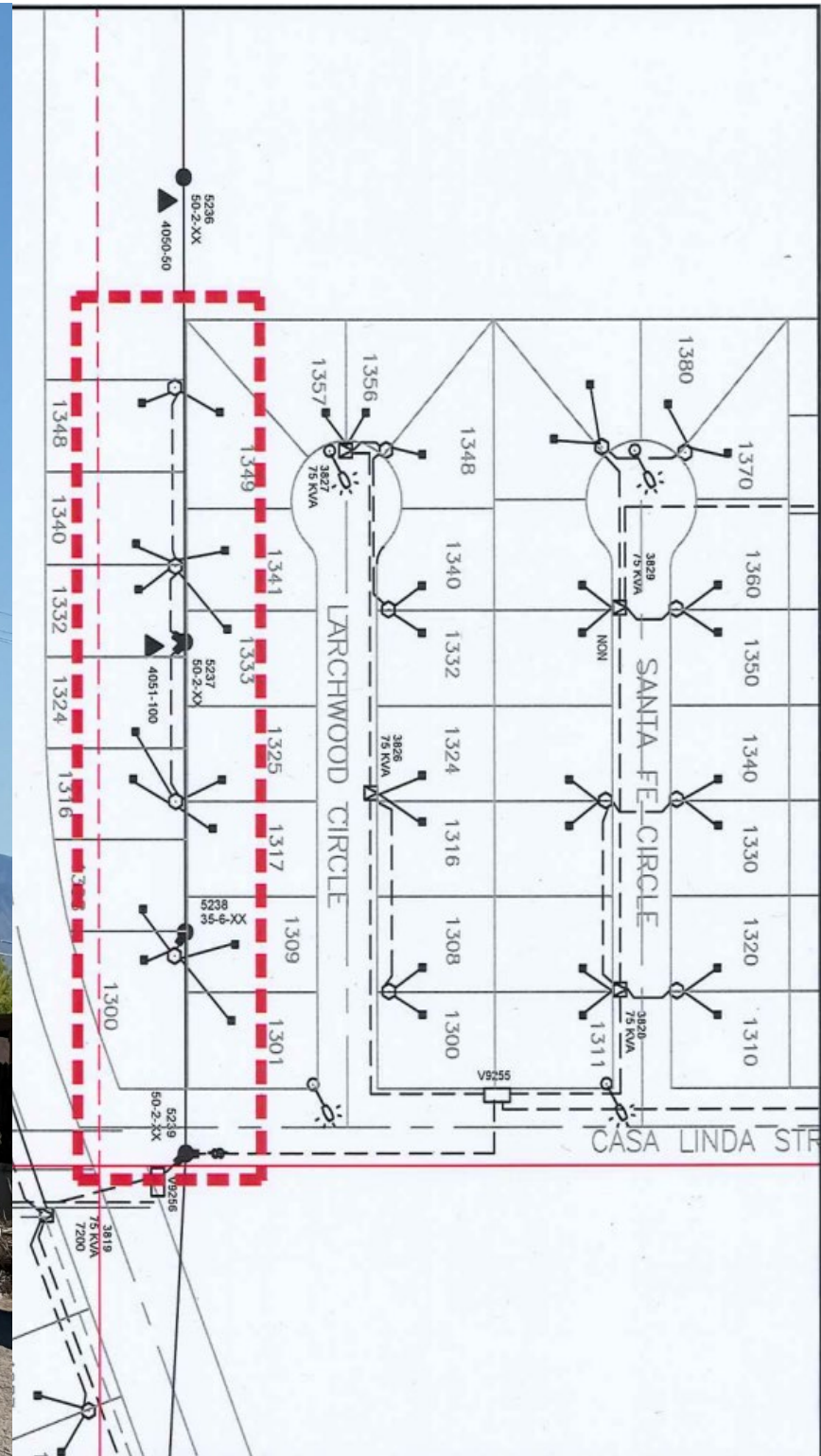


Guest Speaker Adela Covarrubias

San Bernardino County Branch Manager - Needles, California

For More Information Please Contact The Chamber At 760-326-2050

10. ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS- LARCHWOOD



10. CITYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION- J STREET



10. CITYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION- BOAT LAUNCH



10. CITYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION- UNDERPASS



11. EARTH DAY FREE TRANSIT

Try transit fare-free on Earth Day!



April 22

12. ARROWHEAD CREDIT UNION

Last Call for Penny Deposits

Pennies will no longer be accepted after April 30.
We're happy to accept deposits before then!



Visit our coin machine for
fee-free coin exchange!¹

¹ Fee-free coin machine use for Arrowhead members only.

13. VACCINATION CLINIC



PETSMART
VETERINARY
SERVICES™

Needles Animal Shelter

Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic

April 25th | 9:00-12:00

1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy, Needles, CA 92363
(760) 326-4952

All of tri-state
welcome!

Services provided by:

PETSMART Veterinary Services
Dr. Joseph Velasco

-  Rabies **\$10**
-  DA2PP **\$15**
-  FVRCP **\$15**
-  Bordetella **\$15**
-  Microchips **\$30**

SPECIAL PRICING

 FOR CITY LICENSE 

ALTERED

\$10

UNALTERED

\$20

CASH ONLY

Dogs must be on leashes
and cats must be in carrier

14. WOMEN'S CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Show off your gardening talents at the
***96th Annual Needles Women's Club
Flower Show***

Saturday, April 25, 2026

**Needles Women's Clubhouse
305 W. Broadway, Needles**

Entries Accepted8:00-9:30 am
Judging.....9:30 am-12:00 pm
Public Viewing.....12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Live entries must be at least 3 months old

Roses

Fruit

Herbs

Vegetables

Nuts

Succulents

Fresh Cut Flowers

Potted Plants

Cactus

Dish Gardens

Dried Flowers

Bouquets

Sponsored by the Needles Women's Club

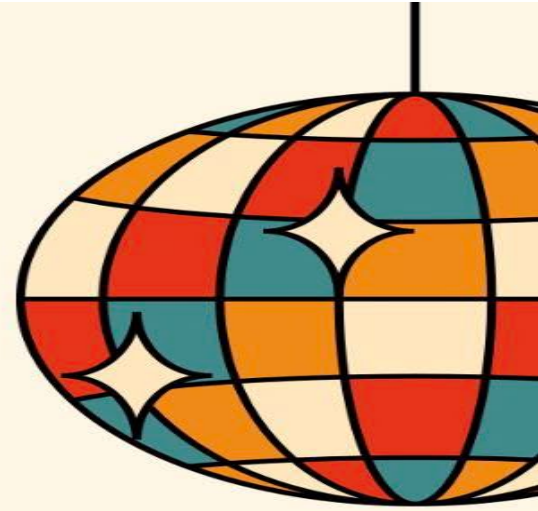
Free to the Public

Opportunity Drawing/Plant Sale

Questions? Call Mary (626) 705-3394

15. DANCE TRAX 51 RECITAL

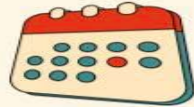
LET'S DANCE!



Dance Trax 51 SPRING RECITAL



Needles High School
Auditorium



May 1st & 2nd
6:00 PM

DON'T MISS IT!



17. PALO VERDE COMMUNITY EVENT

Our Rivers, Our Ocean

*A Sacred Places Institute for
Indigenous People Production*

Our **WATERWAYS** *Screening*

APRIL 11, 2026 @ 1 PM

A California Tribal Story

YOU'RE INVITED to join us at the Palo Verde College Needles Educational Center for a tribal community screening of the film highlighting the tribal communities' deep connection to our precious resource - water.

In conjunction of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, PVC hosts this screening to celebrate and show the voices of the ancestors and leaders who discuss the personal and ancestral relationships with the Colorado River and Pacific Ocean.

Meet Matt Leivas, previous Chemehuevi Heritage Chair and featured in the film.

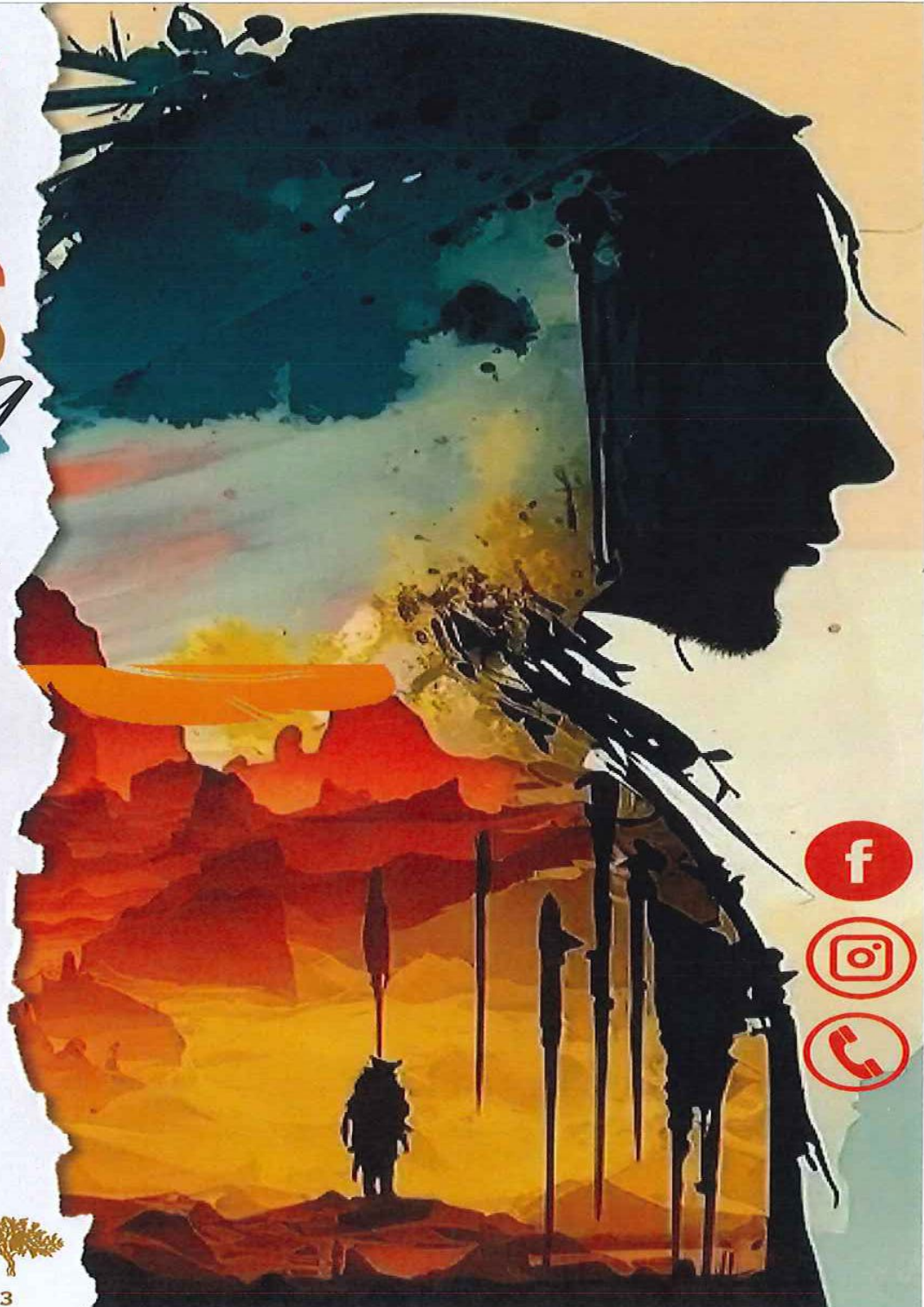
Event starts at 1 p.m. followed by a program, screening, and Q&A.

Presented by

PALO VERDE COLLEGE

Needles Educational Center

725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363



17. PALO VERDE COMMUNITY EVENT



18. HISTORIC FIRE TRUCK RESTORATION EFFORT





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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 2026

1. **CMUA Presidential Visit to Needles**

On **April 24, 2026**, the City hosted Danielle Blacet-Hyden, President of the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), for an official visit to City Hall with participation from Utility Board Members and staff, led by the Utility Manager. CMUA represents public power agencies across California and provides advocacy, regulatory guidance, and technical support on complex energy and utility issues. The visit included a meet and greet followed by a focused working session with Board Members serving on renewable energy, RPS, and GHG ad-hoc committees. Discussions centered on upcoming regulatory requirements, legislative trends, and potential impacts to Needles, along with an open forum to address local priorities. The visit concluded with a tour highlighting recent projects and ongoing initiatives, reinforcing the City's proactive approach to navigating evolving utility and energy regulations.

2. **Cal Cities City Leaders Summit – Panel Participation**

On **April 23, 2026**, the City Manager served as a featured panelist at the Cal Cities City Leaders Summit in Sacramento, presenting on "The New Grants and Economic Development Playbook." Mayor Jernigan and Vice Mayor Campbell were also in attendance, representing the City and engaging in statewide policy discussions, and met with Assemblymember Gonzalez and State Senator Steve Padilla to reinforce legislative relationships and **thank them for their continued support of the Needles community**. The presentation highlighted the City's approach to securing grant funding and delivering infrastructure and economic development outcomes, and participation at the Summit positioned Needles as a strong example among small and rural communities while strengthening key state and regional partnerships, reflecting the leadership of the City Council and the collective efforts of staff and partners in advancing Council priorities.

3. **San Bernardino County Court Leadership Visit**

The Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager, and Needles Unified School District Superintendent met with Presiding Judge Rod Cortez and leadership from the San Bernardino County Superior Court during their visit to the Needles Courthouse. The discussion focused on the progress made in reestablishing local court services and identifying opportunities to expand operations in

Needles. Key topics included the potential return of criminal court functions and the development of juvenile-focused programs aimed at early intervention and drug use prevention, similar to services previously offered through the Center for Change program. The meeting reflects continued collaboration between the City and the Court to strengthen local access to justice and expand supportive services for the community.

4. Crime Prevention Partnership – WeTip Hotline Initiative

The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department has launched a crime prevention initiative utilizing the WeTip Hotline, partnering with the City to install signage at public facilities that have experienced ongoing issues. The program provides multiple ways to report crime anonymously, including text and phone reporting, with cash rewards for information fully funded by the Sheriff’s Department. This effort is intended to deter crime and vandalism, hold offenders accountable, and protect public infrastructure. The City appreciates the Sheriff’s Department’s partnership and remains committed to taking a zero-tolerance approach to criminal activity and the destruction of public property.

5. Sports Tourism Update – Middle School Softball Tournament in Needles

Needles will continue to serve as a regional destination for youth athletics as the Colorado River Conference Middle School Softball Tournament is scheduled for **May 2, 2026**, with first games beginning at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will feature the top eight teams in the conference, bringing student-athletes, families, and visitors into the community. This event serves as a lead-in to the upcoming NIAA 2A State Softball and Baseball Tournaments, continuing to build momentum and visibility for Needles as a host community. Ongoing tournament activity supports local businesses, strengthens partnerships with the Needles Unified School District, and reinforces the City’s growing reputation as a reliable destination for competitive youth sports. These efforts align with the City Council’s goal of expanding sports tourism and positioning Needles as a hub for regional athletic events.

6. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements

The City of Needles remains committed to enhancing community cleanliness, safety, and overall quality of life through ongoing beautification and maintenance efforts. This week, Public Works completed significant improvements at key recreational facilities, including the reconstruction of the men’s and women’s restrooms at Duke Watkins Park, which are now open to the public. Improvements to restroom facilities at the Jo Jo Garcia Sports Complex were also completed in preparation for the upcoming NIAA Softball State Tournament. These improvements support upcoming tournament play and reflect the City’s proactive approach to maintaining public spaces and ensuring a high-quality experience for residents and visitors.

7. Summer Recreation Programming – 2026 Season

The City is preparing for the **2026 summer recreation season** with a full lineup of youth and family programming. The **Needles Aquatics Center** will open on **June 6, 2026**, offering lap swim, open swim, swim lessons, and private rentals, with structured lesson sessions running throughout June and July. The “Suns Out, Fun’s Out” **Summer Day Camp will operate June 10 through July 30, Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, providing youth ages

5–12 with supervised activities including sports, arts and crafts, and outdoor recreation in a safe and engaging environment. **Pee-Wee Basketball registration remains open through May 29, 2026**, with the season running **June through July**, supporting early youth sports development. Collectively, these programs expand access to affordable recreation, maximize use of City facilities, and reinforce the City’s ongoing commitment to youth engagement, community wellness, and quality of life, with additional details provided in the attached materials.

8. Memorial Day Ceremony – Upcoming

The City will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This event provides an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance of the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Additional observances include Decoration Day on May 22, 2026, at 6:30 a.m., and flag and cross removal on May 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend and participate in honoring our fallen heroes.

9. Needles Branch Library – Summer Programming

The Needles Branch Library is currently offering Session 3 programming through early June, including weekly internet classes, family game time, and storytime. The **Summer Reading Program will launch in June** with a series of weekly events designed to promote literacy, learning retention, and youth engagement during the summer months. The program served over 140 children and teens last year and is targeting increased participation this year. The Library is **actively seeking community donations and partnerships to support program** incentives, expand participation, and strengthen community involvement. These efforts play a key role in supporting youth development, preventing summer learning loss, and advancing the City’s broader quality of life goals. Additional information is available through the [Needles Branch Library](#).

10. Route 66 Centennial Fall Festival – Vendor & Sponsorship Outreach

Staff continues advancing planning for the Third Annual Community Fall Festival on **November 7, 2026**, as part of the Route 66 Centennial. Current efforts are focused on vendor recruitment and sponsorship outreach, with limited vendor space available and active promotion underway to build a strong and diverse event lineup. Interested vendors can [register using the provided link](#). In addition, the City is pursuing sponsorship opportunities, including an exclusive Presenting Fireworks Sponsor to support the signature evening event. Councilmembers are encouraged to share this information within their networks and assist in identifying potential sponsors. Refer to the attached sponsorship letter. These efforts are critical to maximizing participation, visibility, and the overall success of this once-in-a-generation Centennial event.

11. 4th Annual Resource & Job Fair – Staff Recognition

Following the successful Resource & Job Fair, Public Works staff—Jesse Fragoso, Zerik Phillips, Ken Mann, Jose Sanchez, and Daniel Wallace—were recognized by Supervisor Dawn Rowe and received commendations for their efforts in supporting the event. The City also extends its appreciation to Supervisor Rowe for her continued support in helping make this event a

success. This recognition highlights the behind-the-scenes work that contributes to strong partnerships and effective service delivery.

12. **Community Events Calendar Now Live**

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

1. CPUC NEEDLES VISIT



2. CAL CITIES PARTICIPATION

The New Grants and Economic Development Playbook



DALE SUMERSILLE
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
CAL CONSULTING
MODERATOR



LARRY KOSMONT
CHAIRMAN & CEO
KOSMONT COMPANIES



PATRICK MARTINEZ
CITY MANAGER
CITY OF NEEDLES



MICHAEL ANTWINE
CITY MANAGER
CITY OF BELL

This panel will explore effective strategies for pursuing grants and collaborative financing options, especially for cities working to rebuild their economies. The panel will discuss the Building a Better America initiative, as well as how special financing districts can support capital improvements, climate action, housing, and ongoing maintenance. Learn how combining tax increment financing with grants can help revitalize your community and drive sustainable growth.

****Please check program for room****



3. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COURT LEADERSHIP



4. WE-TIP HOTLINE



REPORT CRIME ANONYMOUSLY

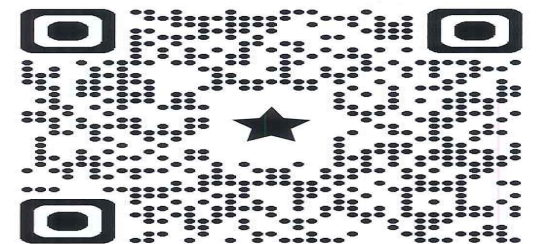
3 EASY WAYS TO REPORT
ANONYMOUSLY



Text **REPORT** to **844.909.3096**



Call **844.909.3096**



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5. SPORTS TOURISM

COLORADO RIVER CONFERENCE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT

MAY 2, 2026 - NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

9AM FIRST GAMES!

TOP 8 TEAMS IN CONFERENCE

ON THE COLORADO RIVER!

6. CITYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION- DUKE WATKINS



7. AQUATICS CENTER SUMMER PROGRAM

NEEDLES MUNICIPAL AQUATICS CENTER

Opening Day - Saturday, June 6, 2026

1661 J Street Needles, California 760 326-3866 (FUNN)

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30- 8:00 am	LAP SWIM						
8:00- 9:15 am	MORNING EXERCISE						
9:00-10:00 am	STAFF INSERVICE						
10:00-10:30 am	SWIM LESSONS						
10:30-11:00 am	PRIVATE LESSONS						
11:00-11:30 am	SWIM LESSONS						
11:30-12:00 pm	PRIVATE LESSONS						
12:00-4:00 pm	OPEN SWIM	Sat/Sun Open Swim is 2pm-6pm for the month of June					
4:00-6:30 pm	NEEDLES SANDSHARKS SWIM TEAM PRACTICE						
6:30-7:00 pm	SWIM LESSONS						
7:00-9:00 pm	OPEN SWIM						
9:00- 10:00 pm	LAP SWIM						

Aquatic Center is available for Private Rentals Fri - Sun after 6pm

ADMISSION PRICES

DAYTIME: \$3.00 (3 & Under is free)
NIGHT: Child \$1.75 Adult \$2.25

PASS SALES

Adult/Child/Senior - Open Swim
10 Visit Pass \$20.00 (Save 25%)
30 Visit Pass \$50.00 (Save 33%)
Season \$80.00 (Save 50%)

*Family of Four \$125.00
*Plus \$15.00 for each additional

Life Jacket & Mat Rentals:
\$1.00 per day

Exercise & Lap Swim
10 Visit Pass \$15.00
30 Visit Pass \$40.00
Season \$60.00

(Daily rate without a pass: \$2.00)

Exercise & Lap Swim runs thru end of September

SWIM LESSONS

Session 1 June 9 - June 19
Session 2 June 23 - July 3
Session 3 July 7 - July 17
Session 4 July 21- July 31

Group Rates: \$30.00 for eight 1/2 hour sessions
Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks

Private Rates: \$11.00 for each 1/2 hour session

Minimum of 4 lessons. Dates & times to be arranged with instructor

* Evening Lessons are taught during Session 1 - 3
** Parent-Tot Lessons are taught during Session 2

Pool Parties \$90.00

Up to 4 hours of swim fun for 14 children and 2 adults:
~PLUS~

2 Large Pizzas
24 Cupcakes
2 Gallons Lemonade
Cups, plates, forks & napkins

Private Rental Rates

\$80.00 per Hour

Groups renting the facility must provide proof of insurance, or purchase insurance from the City of Needles for an additional minimal charge of \$207.05

July 4th

Celebrate Freedom

Join us for great family fun.
Lots of games and prizes! We have once again partnered with the Needles Elks Lodge to make this event
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL AGES!!

We will also crown:
Miss Freedom & Mr. Firecracker
(4-5 yr. olds eligible)



CITY OF NEEDLES

Recreation & Parks

Aquatic Center

1661 J STREET, NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760) 326-3866 • FAX (760) 326-2815
PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM

Patrick Martinez, City Manager
Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager

Recreation & Parks Commission:
Chair Manuel Calderon
Vice Chair Suzanne Torres
Commissioner Cynthia Melvin
Commissioner Lorie Long
Commissioner Casey Pletcher
Commissioner JR Rodriguez
Commissioner Maria McAndrews

2026 SWIM LESSON RELEASE FORM

\$30 for 8 - 1/2 hour lessons

(Circle all sessions & times being requested)

Name: _____ SESSION 1 - June 8 - June 18 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 or 6-30 - 7:00
Age: _____ D.O.B. _____ SESSION 2 - June 22 - July 2 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 or 6-30 - 7:00
Street Address: _____ SESSION 3 - July 6 - July 16 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 or 6-30 - 7:00
City: _____ State: _____ SESSION 4 - July 20 - July 30 10:00 - 10:30 or 11:00 - 11:30
Phone: _____ PARENT-TOT Session 2 - June 22 - July 02 11 - 11:30 ONLY
Parent/Guardian's name (Printed): _____

If the participant has any physical or medical problems or is required to take any medication or has any allergies, please explain.

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, death or property damage which my son/daughter may have, as a result of participation in the SWIM LESSONS. This release is intended to discharge in advance the City of Needles Recreation Department (its officers, employees, and agents), from any and all liability arising out of, or connected in any way with participation in said activity. It is understood that this activity involves an element of risk and danger of accidents, and knowing those risks I hereby assume those risks. I agree to indemnify and to hold the above persons or entities free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which they may incur as the result of the death or injury of my son/daughter, or property damage that he/she may sustain while participating in said activity.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE CITY OF NEEDLES RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

THIS ALSO CERTIFIES THAT IN MY ABSENCE, I AUTHORIZE AND INSTRUCT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEEDLES RECREATION STAFF, TO TAKE MY SON/DAUGHTER TO THE NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY AND OBTAIN MEDICAL SERVICES FROM A STATE-LICENSED MEDICAL CARE PRACTITIONER.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Date Paid:	Ck. #	Cash	Receipt #
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8. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MEMORIAL DAY ★ CEREMONY ★

Join us as we come together as a community to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

 **Needles Riverview Cemetery, Needles, CA**



**May 25, 2026
11:00 AM**

This special program will include a heartfelt tribute to our fallen heroes, patriotic observances, and a time of remembrance.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Let us stand together in gratitude and reflection. ★

 *We remember. We honor. We never forget.* 

9. SUMMER READING DONATION OPPORTUNITY

268 W. Hospitality Lane, 3rd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 | Phone: 909.387.2220

www.SBCounty.gov



Library

Melanie Oroasco
County Librarian

April 16, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

The San Bernardino County Library is excited to present our fun and educational Summer Reading Program! Each year, we present an informative yet entertaining program where kids are encouraged to read for rewards. In doing this, children will retain the reading skills gained during the school year and be more prepared to start school in the Fall.

When children read for pleasure, cultivating knowledge and skills learned during the school year, the benefits to the community are innumerable. The Summer Reading Program is a gateway for family participation in the library, which in turn builds community throughout the county. In addition, the program reinforces the library's position in the community as a place where children can enjoy themselves and gain a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Last year, the Needles branch library served over 140 children and teens. Our goal this year is to increase that number by 5 percent. With your generous donation, our customers will identify you as a sponsor and will be encouraged by our staff to support your business.

I hope that your organization and the San Bernardino County Library can partner for the Summer Reading Program this year. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adela Covarrubias
Branch Manager
1111 Bailey Avenue
760-326-9255
adela.covarrubias@lib.sbcounty.gov

THIS SUMMER, JOIN THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

LIBRARY AS WE REAWARD YOU FOR READING!

How does it work? Sign up for our Summer Reading Program, check out books from the library and read! Log your progress on Beanstack and take a trip to the Library to pick up your reward. Don't forget to visit us weekly to receive your rewards and enjoy our special programs throughout the summer.

Participating in this year's summer program is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register on Beanstack using your account or create one, and decide if you will be logging books, pages, or minutes read.
2. Check out books from the Library and READ! Log your progress online, on Beanstack, by entering the book title, number of pages or minutes read, depending on what you chose.
3. Earn a reward badge each week by reading at least the weekly minimum and logging the books, pages or minutes read. Come into the library to collect your rewards throughout the summer.

Don't Stop There! Take the County Library Challenge and earn tickets for a grand prize opportunity drawing. How do you do this? It's easy!

- Children and Teens: Earn a ticket and spin the prize wheel for a chance to win when you reach our countywide goal.
 - Children's Challenge: Log 45 books, 450 pages or 6 hours of reading
 - Teen Challenge: Log 8 books, 800 pages or 8 hours of reading
- Each branch will have an in-branch drawing for those who meet the challenge, in addition to the countywide grand prize drawings.
- ALL AGES: Receive a ticket for every 30 books you check out during the summer. Your tickets will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win once of many awesome prizes.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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9. SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

NEEDLES BRANCH LIBRARY

1111 Bailey Ave., Needles, 92363
760-326-9255 | library.sbcounty.gov



Session 3: April 26-June 6

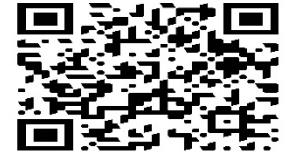
Kids Zone (6-11 years)

Storytime • Wednesdays • 1:30pm
Stories, songs, and crafts for all ages.

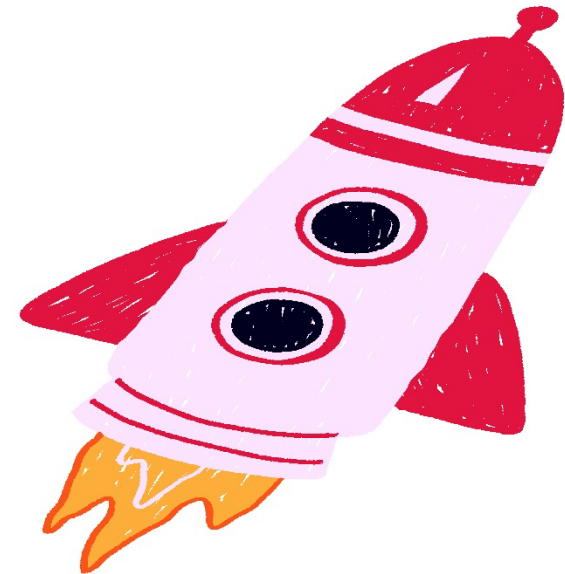
Family Game Time • Tuesdays • 3:00pm
Board games for families.

Adult Programs (18+ years)

Basic Internet Class • Mondays • 1:00pm
Search, complete forms, and stay safe online.



Scan the QR Code or visit:
library.sbcounty.gov/session



Library

**All County Library branches
will be closed on May 25**

MON 11am-7pm • TUE 11am-7pm
WED 11am-7pm • THURS 10am-6pm
FRI closed • SAT 9am-5pm • SUN closed

10. FALL FESTIVAL CENTENNIAL SPONSORSHIPS



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ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL FIREWORKS SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL

Date: April 13, 2026

Subject: Presenting Sponsorship Opportunity – Route 66 Centennial Fireworks Celebration | November 7, 2026

Dear {{Contact Name}},

In 1926, Route 66 transformed the American landscape. In 2026, we celebrate its 100th Anniversary—and the City of Needles proudly stands as the gateway to California on the Mother Road.

This Centennial happens once in a lifetime. The organizations that step forward now will be permanently associated with one of the most iconic milestones in American history.

As part of the national Route 66 Centennial, the City anticipates strong regional attendance and increased visibility, positioning Needles as a key California destination for this historic celebration.

While the City Council has approved initial funding to launch the event, we are seeking **one exclusive Presenting Fireworks Sponsor** to deliver a signature experience worthy of this moment.

Why This Matters:

- Route 66 attracts international tourism and heritage travelers
- Needles is one of the original California Route 66 communities
- The Centennial year is expected to generate increased visitation and media attention
- The fireworks show will serve as the **headline finale and defining moment** of the celebration

This is more than sponsorship—it is alignment with a nationally recognized historic event.

Presenting Fireworks Sponsorship Includes:

- Exclusive recognition as “**Route 66 Centennial Fireworks Presented by [Your Organization]**”
- Prominent logo placement across event banners, marketing materials, and digital promotions
- On-stage recognition during the concert and fireworks countdown
- Inclusion in press releases and coordinated social media campaigns
- VIP seating and on-site hospitality recognition
- Acknowledgment in post-event materials and historical documentation
- Additional banner recognition at the historic El Garcés for sponsors contributing \$2,500+

Sponsorship Level

- Presenting Fireworks Sponsor – **\$25,000 (Exclusive)**
- Route 66 Major Sponsor – **\$5,000**
- Supporting Centennial Sponsor – **\$2,500**
- Community Sponsor – \$1,500
- Community Sponsor – \$500
- Community Sponsor – \$250
- Other Contribution: \$ _____

Note: Sponsors contributing \$2,500 or more receive banner recognition at the historic El Garcés.

Recognition Name (as it should appear):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Payment Instructions

Please make checks payable to:

City of Needles (Route 66 Centennial – Fireworks Sponsorship)

Mail to:
City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

Electronic payment options available upon request.

For questions, contact:
Patrick Martinez
760-326-2115 ext. 113
pmartinez@cityofneedles.com

11. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION SUPERVISOR ROWE



T Mobile DATE March 26th, 2026

PAY TO THE ORDER OF NEEDLES, CA \$ 50,000

Fifty thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS

MEMO Hometown Grant **mobile**

CITY OF NEEDLES MAYOR'S PICK

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
Presented to
ZORAN FILIPOVIC
For his dedication and hard work
on the job.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
Presented to
BEN MACK
For his dedication and hard work
on the job.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
Presented to
DANIEL WALLACE
For his dedication and hard work
on the job.

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