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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2025 AT 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES

**THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TEAMS OR IN PERSON
AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO NOON ON THE DAY OF THE
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**

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.** Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres into three (3) parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000
 - Staff Report
 - Council questions of staff
 - Chair to open the public hearing
 - Public Comment
 - Chair to close the public hearing
 - Commissioners Discussion / Deliberation
 - Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres into three (3) parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000 (ACT)

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of June 4, 2025

(ACT)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Manager's Reports for the weeks of July 18 and 25, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: August 1, 2025

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Candace Clark, City Clerk, at (760) 326-2113 ext 133. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102-104 ADA Title II)

If a decision is made at this hearing and you later disagree with the decision, only issues raised at the public hearing or in written form at or before the public hearing can be considered.

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 1st day of August, 2025

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



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PLANNING COMMISSION ☒ Regular ☐ Special

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2025

TITLE: Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC Recommending City Council Approval Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to Subdivide 2.54 Gross Acres into three (3) Parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) Land Use Zoning Designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000

APPLICANT: Wade Phillips, 301 Schulz Road, Needles, CA 92363

LOCATION: The project site is located at 193 Morgan Drive, Needles Ca 92363 (APN 0650-318-08-0000).

BACKGROUND: The applicant, Wade Phillips, is requesting approval of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide an existing 2.54-gross-acre vacant property into three (3) individual parcels. The subject property is located at 193 Morgan Drive and is within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation.

The proposed subdivision has been reviewed and found to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the City of Needles General Plan. The proposed lot layout, configuration, and access comply with the applicable development standards of the R-2 zoning district. Specifically, the subdivision meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for parcel area (3,000 square feet), parcel width, and parcel depth for each of the three proposed parcels.

The subdivision design represents a logical and orderly progression of development and will allow for future residential uses consistent with the zoning designation. The subject property is currently vacant, and no physical development is proposed as part of this tentative map. The design and configuration of the lots are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage, and no variances or exceptions are requested.

The proposed subdivision has been reviewed by all applicable City departments, including Engineering, Utilities, Fire, and Building & Safety. No concerns were raised regarding potential impacts to public health, safety, or welfare. The proposed parcel map is not expected to result in serious public health or safety problems and meets all applicable requirements for infrastructure access and service availability.

Staff recommends approval of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 based on the project's consistency with the General Plan, compliance with zoning and subdivision regulations, and exemption from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3). The project represents an orderly and appropriate division of land within an existing residential area and does not raise concerns regarding environmental or public health impacts.

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (TPM) APPROVAL: In accordance with Section 19-8, the Planning Commission must make the following findings to recommend approval of a tentative map:

1. The tentative map may be approved or conditionally approved by the approving body if it finds that the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the general plan, any applicable specific plan, and all applicable provisions of this code.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: A public hearing notice was published in the Needles Desert Star on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, and posted in two conspicuous locations. Notices were sent to property owners within 300' of the proposed project site.

ENVIRONMENTAL: The project qualifies for exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), known as the "common sense" exemption, as it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The subject property is vacant, the subdivision complies with applicable development standards, and no physical development or grading is proposed at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-06-2025-PC recommending City Council approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres into three (3) parcels, in Needles at 193 Morgan Drive, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) land use zoning designation; APN 0650-318-08-0000

SUBMITTED BY: Irene Romero, City Planner

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Project Vicinity Map
- 2. Planning Commission Resolution, Findings, and Conditions of Approval
- 3. Approved Tentative Parcel Map
- 4. Tentative Parcel Map Application

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8/1/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

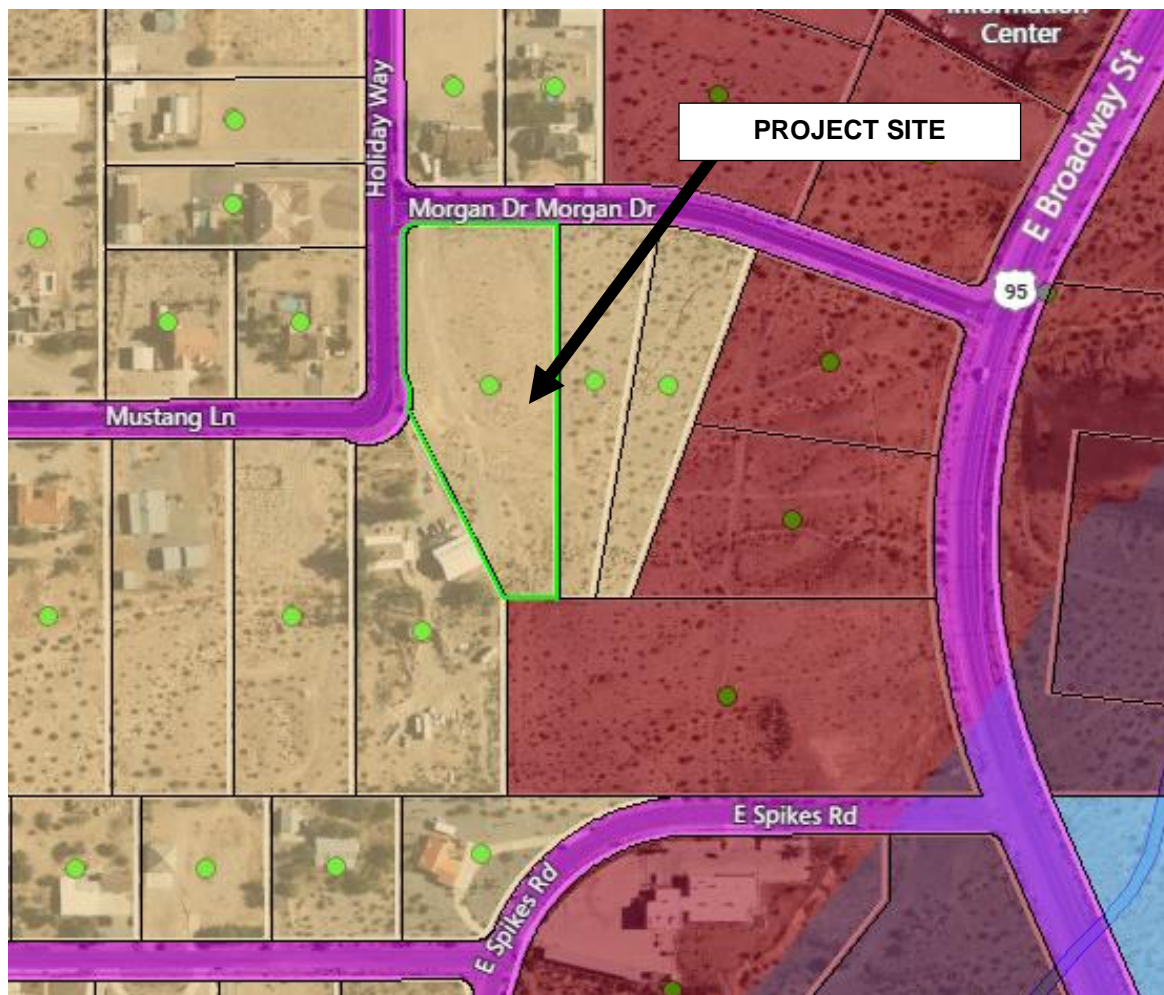
Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐



VICINITY MAP

DATE: August 6, 2025

PROJECT: TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (TPM) 20989 TO SUBDIVIDE 2.54 GROSS ACRES INTO THREE (3) PARCELS, IN NEEDLES AT 193 MORGAN DRIVE, WITHIN THE TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) LAND USE ZONING DESIGNATION; APN 0650-318-08-0000

PC RESOLUTION NO. 08-06-2025-PC

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES APPROVING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (TPM) 20989 TO SUBDIVIDE 2.54 GROSS ACRES INTO THREE (3) PARCELS AT 193 MORGAN DRIVE (APN 0650-318-08-0000), WITHIN THE TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) ZONING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the applicant, Wade Phillips, has submitted an application for Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres of vacant land into three (3) parcels located at 193 Morgan Drive, APN 0650-318-08-0000, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision is consistent with the General Plan and the development standards of the R-2 zoning designation, including minimum parcel size, parcel width, and depth; and

WHEREAS, the project was reviewed by all applicable City departments and no concerns were raised regarding infrastructure availability or public health and safety impacts; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice for the August 6, 2025 Planning Commission meeting was published in the Needles Desert Star on July 23, 2025, at least 10 days prior to said meeting, and notices were sent to property owners within a 300-foot radius of the subject property specifying the date, time and location of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has determined the project to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense” exemption, as it can be seen with certainty that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2025, the Needles Planning Commission held a duly noticed and advertised public hearing to receive oral and written testimony relative to the Tentative Parcel Map; and

WHEREAS, the Needles Planning Commission has sufficiently considered all testimony and any documentary evidence presented to them in order to make the following determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Needles as follows:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that Tentative Parcel Map 20989 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as the subdivision of the vacant land will not result in physical development at this time and does not have the potential to result in significant environmental impacts.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES, with reports and findings, that facts do exist to approve Tentative Parcel Map 20989, subject to conditions, according to the criteria specified in Chapter 19 of the Needles Municipal Code:

A. The proposed subdivision is consistent with the Needles General Plan.

FINDING: The proposed subdivision has been reviewed and found to be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the City of Needles General Plan. The proposed lot layout, configuration, and access comply with the applicable development standards of the R-2 zoning district. Specifically, the subdivision meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for parcel area (3,000 square feet), parcel width, and parcel depth for each of the three proposed parcels.

B. The site is physically suitable for the development contemplated.

FINDING: The subdivision design represents a logical and orderly progression of development and will allow for future residential uses consistent with the zoning designation. The subject property is currently vacant, and no physical development is proposed as part of this tentative map. The design and configuration of the lots are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage, and no variances or exceptions are requested.

C. The design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements will not cause substantial environmental damages.

FINDING: The subdivision design represents a logical and orderly progression of development and will allow for future residential uses consistent with the zoning designation. The subject property is currently vacant, and no physical development is proposed as part of this tentative map. The design and configuration of the lots are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage, and no variances or exceptions are requested.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project qualifies for an exemption under Section 15061(b)(3), also known as the “common sense” exemption, as it can be seen with certainty that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action involves only the subdivision of land and does not authorize development or grading at this time.

D. The design of the subdivision or type of improvements will not cause serious public health problems.

FINDING: The proposed subdivision has been reviewed by all applicable City departments, including Public Works, Fire, and Building & Safety. No concerns were raised regarding potential impacts to public health, safety, or welfare. The proposed parcel map is not expected to result in serious public health or safety problems and meets all applicable requirements for infrastructure access and service availability.

SECTION 3. Based on the above findings, the Planning Commission hereby approves Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989, subject to Conditions of Approval.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 95.00 of the Needles City Code an appeal from any final order or decision of the Planning Commission may be taken to the City Council by any person aggrieved within ten (10) days of the decision.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of all of the undersigned parties that Planning Commission Resolution 08-06-2025-PC and the conditions, shall constitute a covenant running with the land and the obligations shall be binding upon, and the benefits shall ensure the parties, their heirs, assigns, transferee, and subsequent purchasers.

SECTION 6. The Planning Commission HEREBY APPROVES Resolution 08-06-2025-PC for a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres of vacant land into three (3) parcels located at 193 Morgan Drive, APN 0650-318-08-0000, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, recommending approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 to subdivide 2.54 gross acres of vacant land into three (3) parcels, within the Two-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district also known as APN 0650-318-08-0000, with the conditions stated herein below:

General Conditions:

1. This approval shall expire 36 months from the date of approval unless the final parcel map is recorded or an extension is granted.
2. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Needles, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim or legal action related to this approval.

3. The final parcel map shall conform to the approved tentative map and comply with all provisions of the Subdivision Map Act and Needles Municipal Code.

Engineering and Public Works:

4. All required public utility easements shall be dedicated as determined by the City Engineer.
5. Any future development shall require submittal and approval of a grading and drainage plan.
6. Legal and physical access to each parcel must be provided via public right-of-way; driveway improvements shall be constructed to City standards.
7. A soils or geotechnical report may be required prior to development or grading permit issuance.
8. Compliance with stormwater and Low Impact Development (LID) standards shall be required for future development.
9. Each parcel created by Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 20989 shall be served by an individual, permitted, and functioning onsite wastewater treatment system (septic system), subject to review and approval by the City of Needles.

Planning Department:

10. Future development on the parcels must comply with the Two-Family (R-2) zoning district development standards.
11. Any new construction shall be subject to the City's standard development review and permitting processes.
12. Any proposed change to the approved Tentative Parcel Map and/or the conditions of approval shall require an additional application and submitted to Planning for review and approval.
13. Where circumstances cause delays, which do not permit compliance with the required recordation time limit, the developer may submit for review and approval application requesting an extension of time. Planning may grant such requests for extension of time in compliance with the State Map Act Section 66452.6. An extension of time may be granted upon a successful review of an Extension of Time application, which includes a justification of the delay in recordation, a plan of action for completion and submittal of the appropriate fee, not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date. The granting of an extension request is a discretionary action that may be subject to additional or revised conditions of approval.

San Bernardino County Fire Department:

14. Fire department access and adequate water supply (including hydrants) shall be provided in accordance with San Bernardino County Fire Department requirements.
15. Parcel known as APN 0650-318-08-0000 is under the jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Fire Department herein "Fire Department". Prior to any construction occurring on any parcel, the applicant shall contact the Fire Department for verification of current fire protection requirements. All new construction shall comply with the current California Fire Code requirements and all applicable statutes, codes, ordinances, and standards of the Fire Department.
16. The required fire fees shall be paid to the San Bernardino County Fire Department/Community Safety Division.
17. Fire Condition Letters shall expire on the date determined by the Planning Division or Building and Safety.

18. The project applicant shall submit for review and approval a "Composite Development Plan" (CDP). The following statements shall be placed verbatim on the CDP.

a) Fire Jurisdiction. This project is protected by the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Prior to building permits being issued on any parcel, the applicant shall comply with the adopted California Fire Code requirements and all other applicable codes, ordinances, and standards of San Bernardino County and local Fire Department standards.

b) Fire Requirements. Individual lot owners shall be required to provide their own fire protection measures as determined and approved by the Fire Department prior to any building permit issuance. Fire protection measures may include Fire Department approval of Individual fire protection water systems (e.g. fire flow) for each lot, Automatic fire sprinklers for all structures, Surfacing of access roads and driveways.

19. Any changes to this proposal shall require new Fire Department condition letter.

Miscellaneous:

20. The final parcel map shall be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer and recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder.

21. New addresses and street names (if applicable) shall be coordinated with the City and County departments.

22. This approval does not authorize construction. All development must obtain the appropriate permits and entitlements.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, held on the 6th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

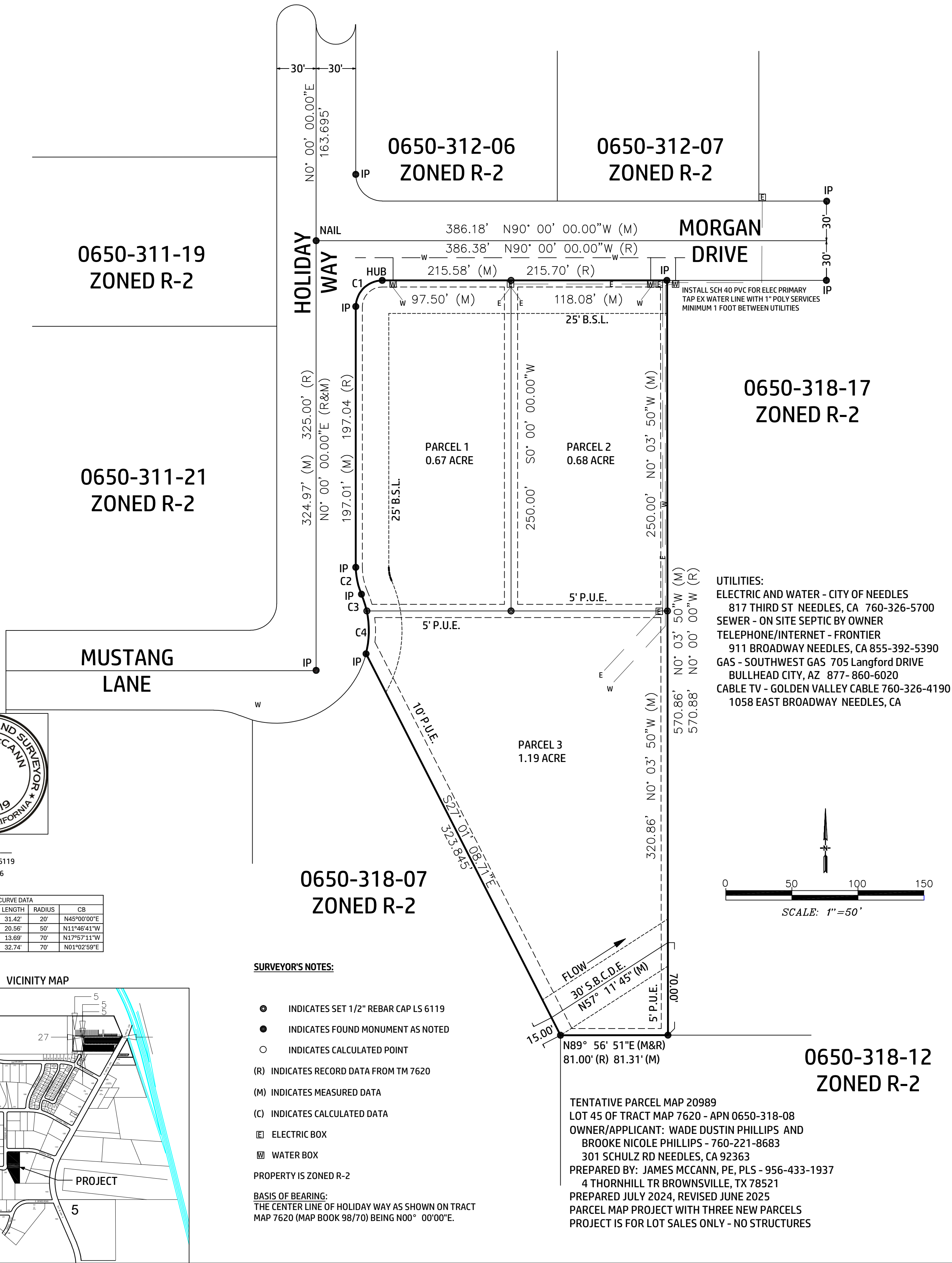
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Chairperson
Chair Needles Planning Commission

Patrick Martinez
City Manager

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 20989

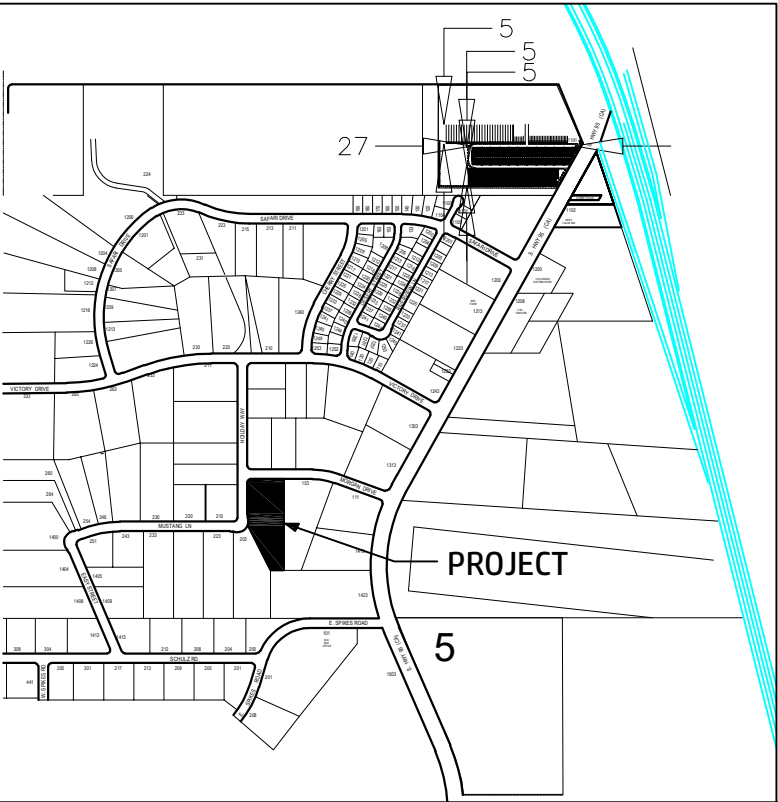
A DIVISION OF THE LOT 45 OF TRACT MAP NO. 7620 RECORDED IN BOOK 98, PAGES 70 - 76
OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
WITHIN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5,
TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 23 EAST, SAN BERNARDINO BASE AND MERIDIAN,
IN THE CITY OF NEEDLES, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
JULY, 2024



JAMES MCCANN PLS 6119
EXP. DATE: 3/31/2026
JUNE 5, 2025

CURVE DATA				
CURVE	ANGLE	LENGTH	RADIUS	CB
C1	90°00'00"	31.42'	20'	N45°00'00"E
C2	23°33'23"	20.56'	50'	N11°46'41"W
C3	11°12'23"	13.69'	70'	N17°57'11"W
C4	26°47'58"	32.74'	70'	N01°02'59"E

VICINITY MAP



SURVEYOR'S NOTES:

- INDICATES SET 1/2" REBAR CAP LS 6119
- INDICATES FOUND MONUMENT AS NOTED
- INDICATES CALCULATED POINT

(R) INDICATES RECORD DATA FROM TM 7620

(M) INDICATES MEASURED DATA

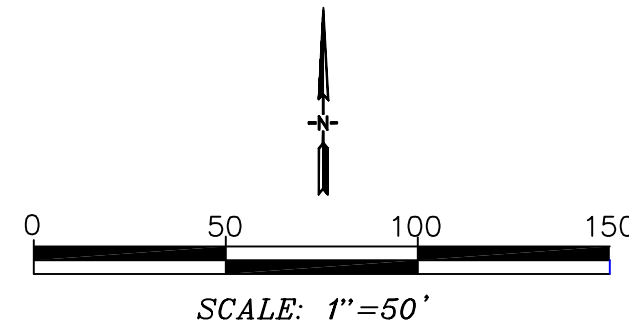
(C) INDICATES CALCULATED DATA

Ⓜ ELECTRIC BOX

Ⓜ WATER BOX

PROPERTY IS ZONED R-2

BASIS OF BEARING:
THE CENTER LINE OF HOLIDAY WAY AS SHOWN ON TRACT
MAP 7620 (MAP BOOK 98/70) BEING N00° 00'00"E.



TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 20989
LOT 45 OF TRACT MAP 7620 - APN 0650-318-08
OWNER/APPLICANT: WADE DUSTIN PHILLIPS AND
BROOKE NICOLE PHILLIPS - 760-221-8683
301 SCHULZ RD NEEDLES, CA 92363
PREPARED BY: JAMES MCCANN, PE, PLS - 956-433-1937
4 THORNHILL TR BROWNSVILLE, TX 78521
PREPARED JULY 2024, REVISED JUNE 2025
PARCEL MAP PROJECT WITH THREE NEW PARCELS
PROJECT IS FOR LOT SALES ONLY - NO STRUCTURES

City of Needles Land Use Application

Application Type	Date Submitted	Date Accepted	Application Type	Date Submitted	Date Accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Concept plan			<input type="checkbox"/> Permitted Use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tentative Tract Map			<input type="checkbox"/> Special Use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Tract Map			<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tentative Parcel Map			<input type="checkbox"/> Zone Change		
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Parcel Map			<input type="checkbox"/> Variance		
<input type="checkbox"/> PUD			<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Map Extension			<input type="checkbox"/> Sign		
<input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment			<input type="checkbox"/> Lot Merge/Adjustment		

Name of Project:	WADE: PHILLIPS PARCEL MAP	Project Engineer:	JAMES MCCANN
Assessors Map No:	0650-318-08-0000	Address:	193 MORGAN DRIVE
Current Use:	VACANT		
Current Zoning:	R2		
Proposed Zoning:	R2	E-mail:	JAMESMCCANN7@HOTMAIL.COM
Total Acres:	2.54	Fax:	
Applicant:	WADE PHILLIPS and Brooke Phillips	Fee Title Owner:	WADE PHILLIPS
Applicant Address:	301 SCHULZ RD	Address:	301 SCHULZ RD
	NEEDLES, CA 92363		NEEDLES, CA 92363
Telephone:	760-221-8683	Telephone:	760-221-8683

Proposed Use: (Be specific about the gross acreage, type of subdivision/condominium, number of lots / units, acreage of public and / or H.O.A. amenities.)

3 Lots

Parcel 1 - .67 Acre

Parcel 2 - .68 Acre

Parcel 3 - 1.19 Acre

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (TPM) 20989 TO SUBDIVIDE 2.54 GROSS ACRES INTO THREE (3) PARCELS, IN NEEDLES AT 193 MORGAN DRIVE, WITHIN THE TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) LAND USE ZONING DESIGNATION; APN 0650-318-08-0000

Single family dwellings on each lot


It is the policy of the City of Needles that land use development fees should be calculated on the basis of actual costs for review. The consolidated fee schedule sets forth the minimum costs associated with professional review of land use development proposals. All land use development projects shall be subject to these minimum fees. Each developer or applicant shall be responsible to reimburse the City of Needles for all charges above the base fees that are incurred by the City of Needles in the review and processing of any development application and in reviewing utility and other infrastructure requirements for the development covered by the application. By signing this application you agree to reimburse the City of Needles as noted above.

City of Needles
Land Use Application

Applicant Affidavit

BROOKE PHILLIPS

I WADE PHILLIPS, do hereby say that I am the owner/agent of the subject property of this application. The statements, information, exhibits, and any and all plans herein or attached or submitted present the intentions of the applicant and are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do hereby agree to pay all adopted and customary fees of the City of Needles relating to this application.

Signed: 
Date: 8-8-2024

PLEASE NOTE: Developer/applicants must remain in good standing with all amounts due and payable to the City as such amounts become due, including fees owed to San Bernardino County Fire Dept. for project review/inspections. Developers or master developers, who are delinquent in payment of reimbursable fees and charges to the City, or other charges to the City, are deemed to be in default. In such cases, the processing of all applications, including building permits, before the City staff, Planning Commission, or City Council shall be tabled until the developer/applicant's default is cured by the payment of all fees and charges. Projects sold to other individuals, that are deemed to be in default, will be the responsibility of the new owner to cure the debt before further processing will occur.

City staff are specifically instructed to verify that each master developer or developer/applicant is in good standing with respect to all fees and charges owed to the City before presenting applications to the Planning Commission agenda or to the City Council agenda, and, specifically prior to recordation of plats or final signing and approval of site-plans, building permits, or other development approval applications. Outstanding debt against any land use project will be the responsibility of the project's owner to cure the debt prior to.

----- For City Use Below -----

Staff Assigned: _____
Copies Distributed: _____
Redline Meeting Date: _____
Plat Returned to Developer: _____
Corrected Plat Received: _____

P.C. Meeting Date: _____
Staff Report: _____
Comments: _____



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES - 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

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

Chair Wright called for a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioners Beard and Ostby.
Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Dressler.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Owen Long
Commissioner Joe Payson
Chair Michael Wright
Commissioner Charles Dressler
Commissioner Will Bosboom

ABSENT

Commissioner Barbara Beard
Commissioner Kevin Ostby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Wright acknowledged Director of Development Services Kathy Raasch in attendance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Workshop: Planning Commission refresher on Municipal Code Section 96.08(b) – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

City Manager Patrick Martinez gave introduction and City Planner Irene Romero hosted a workshop to review Municipal Code Section 96.08(b) – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of May 7, 2025

Commissioner Payson made a motion, second by Commissioner Bosboom, to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2025

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Dressler asked for an update on the 76 station, Denny's and old signs around town. City Manager Martinez responded.

Commissioner Bosboom asked about the status of the property on Bush street that burned. City Manager Martinez responded.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Report for the weeks of May 16 and 23, 2025 given by City Manager Patrick Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM

Chair Michael Wright

City Clerk Candace Clark



City of Needles

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Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
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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: July 18, 2025

1. **Route 66 Broadband – Channel 2 Community Broadcasts**

City staff recently met with representatives from Route 66 Broadband to coordinate the City's use of Channel 2 on their cable TV platform for community programming. The City will utilize this channel to broadcast public bulletins, emergency alerts, community flyers, a calendar of community events, and recordings of City Council meetings on a continuous loop. This initiative supports the Council's goal of enhancing public engagement and promoting transparency by expanding access to timely and relevant information. By leveraging Route 66 Broadband's local cable platform, the City can more effectively inform residents about upcoming events, programs, and important local decisions. Channel 2 programming is expected to be operational within the next few weeks. Thank you to Route 66 Broadband for your collaboration and support in helping the City share its story with the community.

2. **Needles Beautification in Action**

The City of Needles remains committed to infrastructure, safety, and community pride through coordinated, citywide efforts. This week, Public Works and Utility crews addressed priority maintenance across several areas. Temporary asphalt repairs were completed near Chestnut Market and nearby neighborhoods to improve road safety until permanent resurfacing is scheduled. In the downtown area, overgrown vegetation was cleared to enhance visibility and appearance. At Bob Belt Beach Park, crews placed boulders to block access to the peninsula and prevent erosion. On Front Street near El Garces, the Water Department responded to a recurring leak, initiated an emergency Blue Stake, and fully replaced the service line. These improvements reflect the City Council's priorities—investing in infrastructure, enhancing neighborhoods, and promoting beautification. We thank our crews for their continued dedication. Photos from this week's work are attached. Residents can report concerns by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). **Together, we're building a safer, stronger Needles!**

3. **Route 66 Pharmacy – Now Open and Accepting Registrations**
Route 66 Pharmacy is now open at 821 W. Broadway with a fresh new storefront and is actively registering patients. While approval to serve Medi-Cal patients is still pending, they are currently able to serve those with Medicare Part D insurance. Residents are encouraged to stop by and create a patient profile now, ensuring they're ready for full service as soon as Medi-Cal authorization is in place. This new pharmacy helps address the gap in local prescription access created by the closure of Rite Aid earlier this year. This effort aligns with the City Council's commitment to expanding essential services, supporting public health, and fostering economic growth. Take a look at their updated storefront—another positive step for healthcare access in Needles.
4. **Elevating Needles Through Regional Tourism Partnerships**
The City of Needles was recently featured in *Traicy Japan*, highlighting the city as the **Gateway to California's Oasis on the Colorado River** and a key stop along historic **Route 66**. In April, the Mayor welcomed an international delegation from Japan during a Familiarization (FAM) tour organized by **Discover Inland Empire** and tourism leader **Freddy Bi**. The visit showcased local attractions including the **Recreation Center**, **Needles Regional Museum**, and the **Welcome to California sign**—promoting Needles' Route 66 legacy, riverfront amenities, and historic character. The coverage provided valuable international exposure and strengthened the city's appeal to global travelers. This effort supports the **City Council's goals** to attract tourism, foster engagement, promote Needles as a vibrant destination, and drive economic opportunity. Read the article: [Traicy Japan – Discovering Needles](#).
5. **Chamber Business Directional Sign Program – Now Open for Participation**
The Needles Chamber of Commerce is actively managing the Business Directional Sign Program, offering local businesses a low-cost way to increase visibility and attract travelers. Supported by an \$8,700 grant from Supervisor Dawn Rowe, the first of 11 signs is now being renovated, with full installation expected by year's end. Sign slots are available at high-traffic locations throughout the city, including Needles Highway, Broadway, River Road, and K Street. Details on sizing, pricing, and availability are outlined in the attached brochure. This program supports Council's goals of enhancing tourism, supporting small business, and promoting public-private partnerships. Businesses interested in participating can contact the Chamber at info@needleschamber.com or (760) 326-2050.
6. **Electric Yard Building – Construction Progress Update**
As a follow-up to the initial delivery of the Electric Yard Building, construction is now visibly progressing. The structural steel framing has been erected, and the concrete pad and driveway have been completed. Equipment is on-site, and crews are actively advancing work on the next phase of the build. This project continues to reflect the Council's investment in infrastructure stability, asset protection, and operational readiness. By replacing temporary storage with a permanent facility, the City is taking meaningful steps to extend the lifespan of

essential utility equipment and reduce long-term replacement costs. Updated site photos are attached for your reference.

7. Advancing Regional Collaboration

As part of the City Council's ongoing commitment to strategic regional collaboration, City Manager Patrick Martinez recently participated in a leadership roundtable hosted by the ROMEO Breakfast Club, a respected 46-year-old civic group in Boulder City focused on regional dialogue and public service. The meeting brought together local government leaders to address shared challenges, exchange best practices, and explore opportunities to align resources for smart, sustainable growth. It also provided a platform to showcase Needles' rich history, recent economic development efforts, and growing momentum, reinforcing the city's progress and potential. These efforts reflect the City of Needles' dedication to building strong intergovernmental partnerships that advance Council priorities and enhance quality of life throughout the region.

8. Backpack and School Supply Drive – Colorado River Station

The Colorado River Sheriff's Station / Needles Police Department is hosting a Backpack and School Supply Drive to support students in the Needles Unified School District. The drive aims to collect new backpacks and school supplies to assist local families and ensure children are prepared for a successful school year. Because backpacks are often a costly burden for low-income families, this effort helps relieve that pressure while strengthening community support for Needles youth. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase backpacks and supplies. All contributions will be acknowledged publicly, including on social media platforms. Donations should be submitted by August 5, 2025. For more information or to arrange pick-up/drop-off, please contact Community Relations Officer Misti Hunt at (760) 326-9207 or mhunt@sbcasd.org. Checks should be made payable to River Daze, the department's non-profit account.

9. Financial Literacy– “On The Money” by Arrowhead Credit Union

Over the weekend, Arrowhead Credit Union hosted its “On The Money” financial literacy workshop at the Needles Recreation Center. This free, hands-on event gave students the opportunity to navigate real-world financial decisions—including budgeting, managing credit, paying bills, and handling unexpected expenses—through a simulated life experience. Participants engaged with interactive stations, learning about housing costs, transportation, savings, and employment, while working alongside peers and mentors. The atmosphere was energetic, educational, and highly engaging. Lunch was generously provided by Smashed Burgers on 66—thank you for fueling the day. We also extend our sincere thanks to Arrowhead Credit Union for their continued investment in Needles youth and community development. Programs like this build a more financially informed and resilient Needles. Photos from the event are attached for your reference.

10. Palo Verde College Needles Center: Fall 2025 Enrollment

Palo Verde College's Needles Educational Center begins Fall 2025 classes on August 11. Located at 725 W. Broadway St., the Center is a vital resource for local access to higher education and workforce training. This semester includes programs in **phlebotomy, welding, child development, health education**, and general education courses such as **economics** and **statistics**. Students can register at www.paloverde.edu, with on-site support for orientation, counseling, and financial aid. The Center plays a **key role** in advancing **City Council goals**—expanding educational access, developing a skilled workforce, and supporting a **family-friendly, opportunity-rich community**. Promoting these programs strengthens local capacity and long-term economic health.

11. Community Events Calendar Now Live on City Website

As part of the City's newly launched website, we're excited to introduce a [comprehensive Community Events Calendar](#) designed to keep residents informed about the many activities and happenings across Needles. We invite **local organizations and event organizers** to collaborate with the **City Clerk's Office** to add or update events—helping ensure the calendar remains vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of our community's diverse offerings. To contribute or request modifications, please contact **Candace Clark** at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your participation helps strengthen community spirit and enrich the local experience for residents and visitors alike.

2. NEEDLES BEAUTIFICATION



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3. ROUTE 66 PHARMACY UPDATE



4. INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

アメリカ・カリフォルニアの「ルート66」を旅する（後編）

2025年7月1日

旅人ITライターさとる



カリフォルニアといえばメジャーリーグでの大谷選手の活躍もあり、ロサンゼルス周辺が注目されがち。とはいえカリフォルニア自体は約42万4千平方キロメートルと日本全体の約1.1倍の大きさ。それだけにせっかくカリフォルニアへ行くなら、ロサンゼルスだけを見て回るのはもったいない。そんなカリフォルニアの魅力を伝えるFAMトリップに参加した。（[前編はこちら](#)）

4. INTERNATIONAL TOURISM



コロラド川に隣接するニードルス市は、州東部からの重要な玄関口のひとつ。歴史的な建造物やルート66に関連するスポットが多く現存する。「ルート66」は2026年に100周年を迎えるため、「アメリカの母なる道」とも呼ばれるルート66が現在再注目されているのだ。



ニードルス市内には、ルート66に関連する記念撮影を楽しむための場所が複数存在する。特に高速道路沿いに設置された「CALIFORNIA」の巨大なサインや、歴史的なボラックスワゴンもルート66の雰囲気を伝えるスポットとして親しまれている。



ニードルスの主要な施設の一つであるNeedles駅（El Garces Train Depot）は、歴史的な鉄道駅で、かつてはフレッド・ハーベイが経営したホテルとしても利用されていた。この建物は現在、鉄道博物館として運営されており、鉄道遺物やルート66に関連する品々などを収蔵。第二次世界大戦前には、クラーク・ゲーブルやアルバート・アインシュタインといった著名人も鉄道旅行中にここに宿



ニードルスではハンプトン・イン・ニードルス宿泊。コロラド川の近くに立地し、周囲にはマリナー、ゴルフコースなどもあり、ルート66の玄関口だけでなく、リゾートとしての利用にも最適なホテルだ。

5. CHAMBER DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

REF. # 1

Location: Needles Hwy & Pashard Street

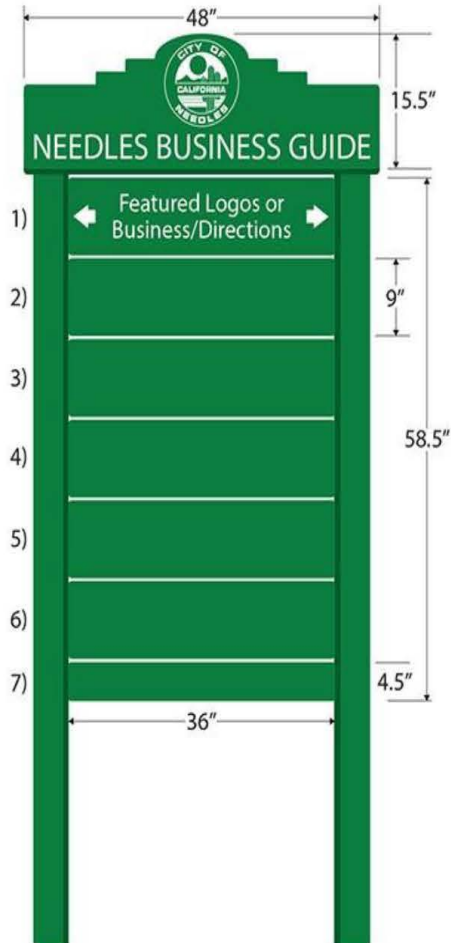
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 4.5" x 36" (1 slot available) \$166.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (6 slots available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



REF. # 1A

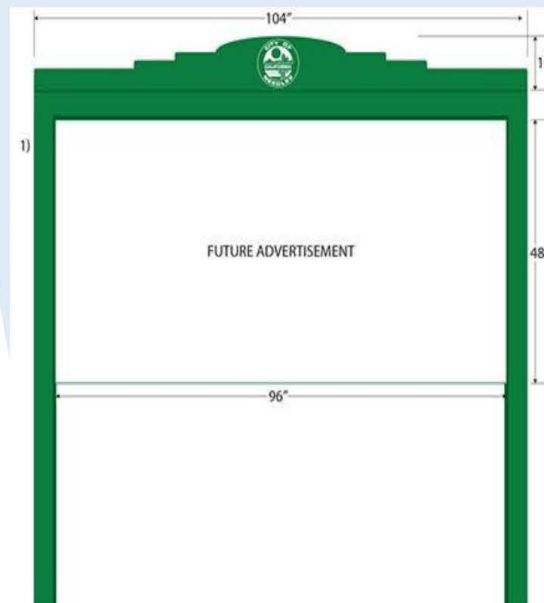
Location: Needles Hwy & Pashard Street

Close to Carl's Jr.

Price (s): Per Year

Size: 48" x 96" (1 slot available) \$1,657.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$6,184.00



REF. # 3

Location: Needles Hwy & Broadway

Close To Old Outside Carwash

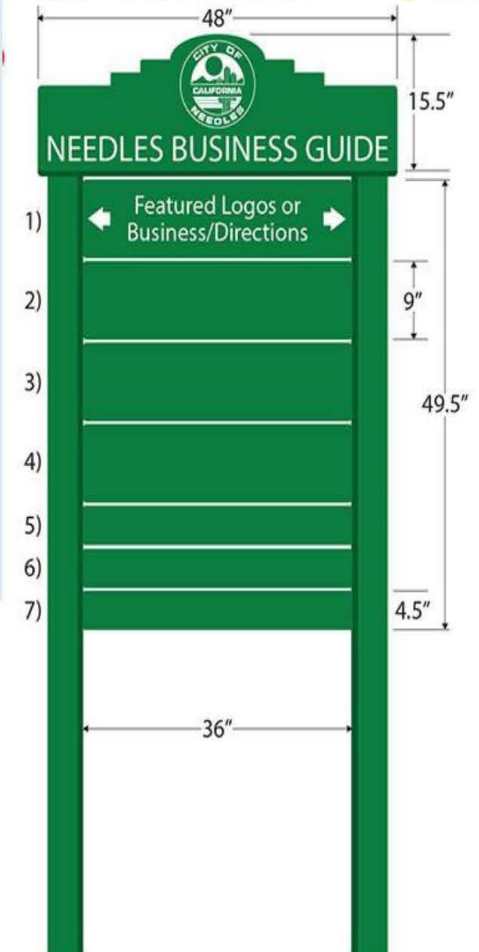
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 4.5" x 36" (3 slots available) \$166.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (4 slots available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



5. CHAMBER DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

REF. # 4

Location: Town Center North On Broadway

Close To Auto Zone

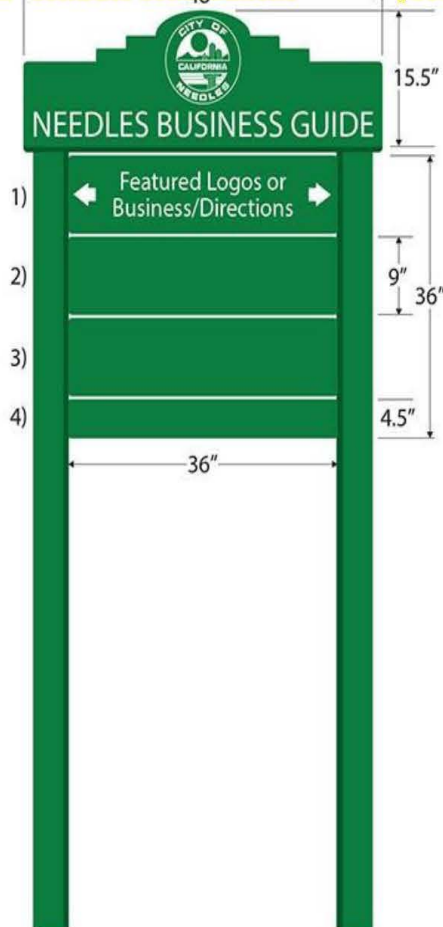
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 4.5" x 36" (1 slot available) \$166.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (3 slots available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



REF. # 5

Location: River Road I-40 West

Close To Storewise I-40 Offramp

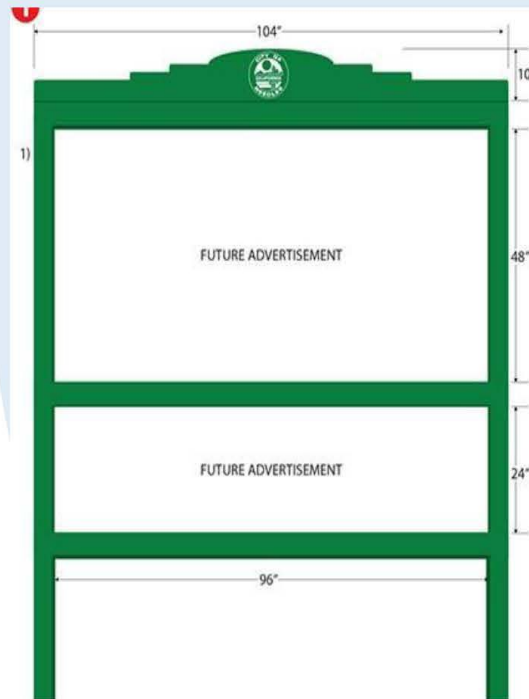
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 24" x 96" (1 slot available) \$969.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$3,555.00

Size: 48" x 96" (1 slot available) \$1,657.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$6,184.00



REF. # 6

Location: Near Balboa I-40 On Ramp

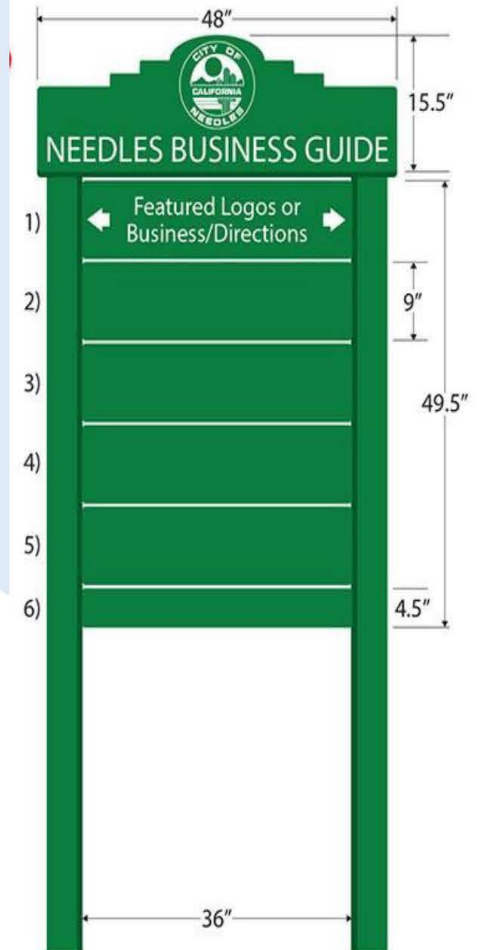
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 4.5" x 36" (1 slot available) \$166.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (5 slots available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



5. CHAMBER DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

REF. # 7

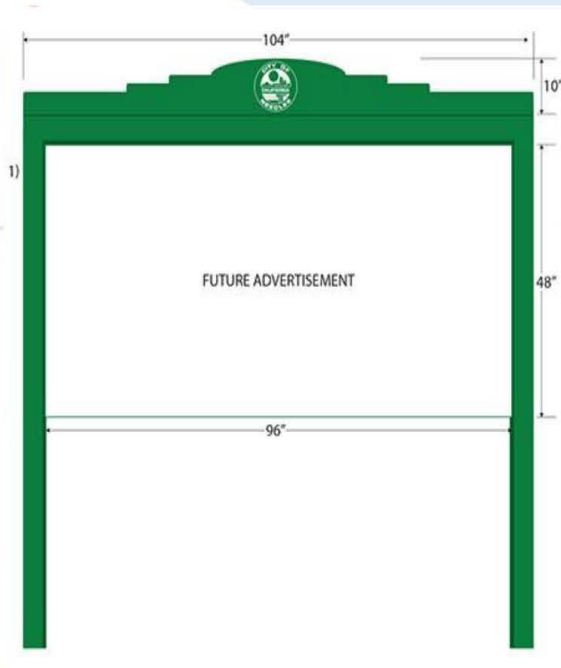
Location: Broadway Near California Street

Close to Fidel Chevron

Price (s): Per Year

Size: 48" x 96" (1 slot available) \$1,657.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$6,184.00



REF. # 8

Location: Broadway and J Street West

Downtown Across The Street From Premier Boats

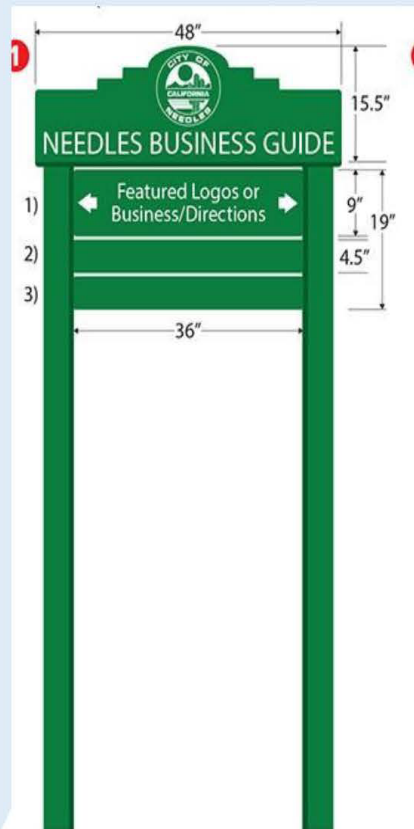
Price (s): Per Year

Size: 4.5" x 36" (2 slots available) \$166.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (1 slot available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



REF. # 9

Location: Broadway and J Street West

Downtown Across The Street From Premier Boats

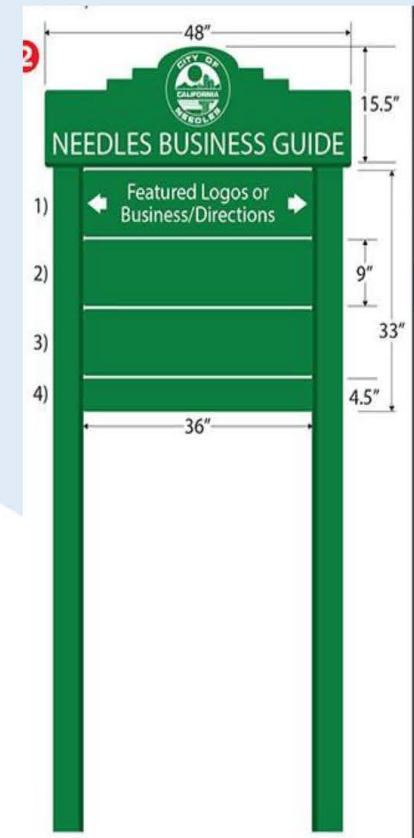
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3 Year Contract Commitment \$368.00

Size: 9" x 36" (3 slots available) \$271.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$802.00



5. CHAMBER DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

REF. # 10

Location: K Street & Needles Highway
Over Bridge, First Left on Right

Price (s): Per Year

Size: 48" x 96" (1 slot available) \$1,657.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$6,184.00

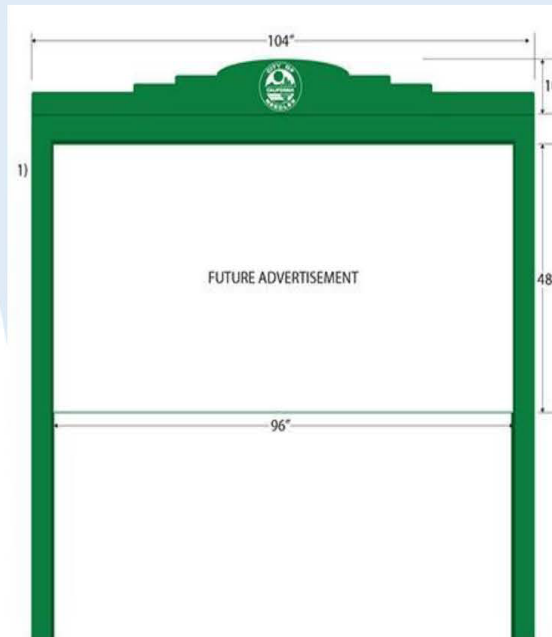
REF. # 11

Location: River Road Toward Marina
Close to Golf Course

Price (s): Per Year

Size: 48" x 96" (1 slot available) \$1,657.00

3 Year Contract Commitment \$6,184.00



Trailblazer
Directional Signs
Needles California



Needles Business Owners:

The purpose of this message is to highlight the opportunity to enhance a business's visibility and accessibility to customers in the Needles California Community.

Directional signage is a crucial tool to help people find the location, which can lead to increased foot traffic and sales.

Custom directional signs are offered to guide visitors directly to an establishment.

These signs are a cost-effective way to:

- Improve discoverability: Simplify the process for potential customers to locate a business, even in areas with complex layouts or limited direct visibility.
- Enhance customer experience: Reduce frustration and confusion for visitors trying to find entrances or specific departments.
- Boost brand awareness: Display a business name and logo, reinforcing the brand in the minds of passersby.
- Various options are available, including customizable text and design options.

A discussion on how directional signage can benefit specific business goals is welcomed. A meeting can be arranged at your convenience to provide more details about services and offer a personalized consultation.

Please reply to this email / Letter by calling **760.326.2050** to schedule a meeting or if there are any questions.

Thank You, Tena McGee, Membership Director

Chamber: 760.326.2050

Cell: 760.985.4050

Email: chamberofneedles@gmail.com

6. ELECTRIC YARD BUILDING UPDATE



8. BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Back to School



Backpack & School Supply Drive

The Colorado River Station is hosting a backpack and school supply drive to help children in our community get ready for the new school year.

PLEASE BRING YOUR
NEW DONATED ITEMS TO
THE NEEDLES SHERIFF'S
STATION BY
AUGUST 5, 2025



Contact Community Officer M. Hunt at (760)326-9200 or mhunt@sbcasd.org with any questions.

9. ARROWHEAD CREDIT UNION



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9. SMASHED BURGERS ON 66



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9. SMASHED BURGERS ON 66

SMASH BURGERS

SERVED WITH CRISPY, GOLDEN SHOESTRING FRIES & 20 OZ FOUNTAIN SODA

Grilled Cheese Smash 14.99

Two Sesame Buns, Melted American cheese, Double Smash Patty, Grilled Onions, and Pickles

Jalapeno Popper 13.99

Sesame Bun, Single Smash Patty, Jalapeno Popper Cheese Blend, BBQ Sauce, bacon

Old Fashioned 11.99

Sesame Bun, Single Smash Patty, Two Slices of Cheese, Grilled Onions, and Smash Sauce

Mac N Smash 14.99

Single Patty, Mac N Cheese, and Smash Sauce

PBJ Smash 13.99

Sesame Bun, Single Smash Patty, Bacon Habanero Jam, Peanut Butter, and Two Pieces of Bacon

Tomy's Chili 13.99

Sesame Bun, Single Smash Patty, Two Slices of American Cheese, Chili, Mustard, Pickles, and Grilled Onions

CHICKEN

SERVED WITH CRISPY, GOLDEN SHOESTRING FRIES & 20 OZ FOUNTAIN SODA

Chicken Mac Smash 12.99

2 Chicken Strips, Mac N Cheese, and Smash Sauce

Chicken Strips 11.99

Four Chicken Strips with French Fries and Dipping Sauce

HOT DOGS

SERVED WITH CRISPY, GOLDEN SHOESTRING FRIES & 20 OZ FOUNTAIN SODA

El Juan 7.99

Bacon Wrapped Frank, Grilled Onions, Hot Sauce, Jalapenos, and Cheese Sauce

The Frank 7.99

1/4 Pound All Beef Kosher Hot Dog, Chili, Cheese, and Diced Onions, Mustard

WRAPS

CBR 12.99

Crispy Chicken, Bacon, Ranch, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes

GCW 12.99

Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Ranch, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes

Smash Wrap 10.99

Smash Burger, Cheese, Smash Sauce, Pickles, Grilled Onions, and Fries

SALADS

Garden Salad 6.99

Salad Mix, Tomatoes and Dressing

Chicken Salad 9.99

Salad Mix, Tomatoes, Crispy or Grilled Chicken, and Dressing

Sriracha Chicken Salad 10.99

Salad Mix, Crispy or Grilled Chicken, Sriracha Sauce, Cucumbers, Onions, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Jalapenos, Ranch and Smash Sauce

FRIES

Animal Fries 7.99

Grilled Onions, Bacon, Cheese Sauce, and Smash Sauce

Tomy's Chili Fries 6.99

Chili, Cheese, and Diced Onions

Buffalo Mac Fries 9.99

Mac N Cheese, Buffalo Chicken, Buffalo Sauce, and Ranch

Cheese Fries 6.99

Cheese and Fries

Regular Fries 3.99

Fresh Shoestring Fries

KID'S MENU

SERVED WITH CRISPY, GOLDEN SHOESTRING FRIES & 12 OZ FOUNTAIN SODA

Little Smash Burger 7.99

Single Patty, Ketchup, American Cheese, Pickles

Chicken Strips 7.99

Two Chicken Strips with French Fries and Dipping Sauce

ADD ONS

Double - \$3.00 | Triple - \$6.00 | 4X4 - \$9.00

Sub Beef with Crispy Chicken \$2.00

Bacon - \$2.00

Chili - \$2.00

Avocado - \$2.00

Extra Cheese, Grilled Onions,

Tomatoes, and Lettuce \$1.00 Each

Lettuce Wrap Protein Style Available

SIDES

Chili 4.99

Mac 4.99

DRINKS

Fountain Sodas 12oz \$2 | 16oz \$2.50 | 32oz \$3
Specialty Sodas \$3



10. PALO VERDE COLLEGE

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COLLEGE
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**REGISTER
FOR CLASSES!**

FALL 2025

Fall classes begin August 11, 2025

Empower your future with
excellence and growth in
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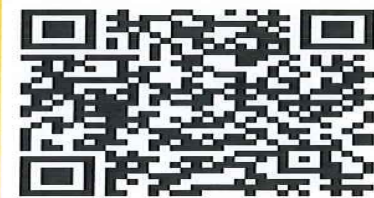


For More Information
www.paloverde.edu

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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 25, 2025

1. **Peanuts Foundation Highlights Needles' Role in National Celebration**

Attached is the official press release from Peanuts Worldwide and the Foundation for Hospital Art announcing a community celebration in Needles on August 12, 2025, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Peanuts comic strip and the 50th anniversary of Spike's debut. The event honors Needles' unique connection to Charles Schulz—who spent part of his childhood in the city and later used it as inspiration for the character Spike. As part of the celebration, the Colorado River Medical Center will receive two large-scale, paint-by-number murals donated by the Foundation for Hospital Art, featuring classic Peanuts characters and a special desert-themed design showcasing Spike. Community members will be invited to participate in the painting during the event. The press release also outlines the broader "Take Care With Peanuts" initiative and includes remarks from Schulz's granddaughter Stephanie Revelli, Peanuts leadership, and local officials. This national recognition shines a spotlight on Needles as a meaningful part of the Peanuts legacy and reflects how community, art, and storytelling can come together to support healing and civic pride.

2. **Citywide Maintenance and Beautification Efforts Continue**

The City of Needles continues to prioritize infrastructure, safety, and community pride through ongoing, visible improvements across the city. This week, Public Works crews completed targeted sidewalk repairs in areas affected by heat-related buckling. Damaged concrete sections were removed and replaced in the neighborhoods of Lillyhill, D Street, and F Street. These improvements enhance safety, walkability, and the appearance of our residential areas. Photos showing the completed concrete work are attached. In addition, crews addressed extensive weed growth caused by recent rains, with a focus on highly visible locations including Train Park. These cleanup efforts improve both aesthetics and public visibility. We also extend a special thank you to the property owner on Walnut Street for initiating the demolition of a partially burned structure. The City continues to work closely with property owners to address blight and

encourage property upkeep. These actions reflect the City Council's commitment to maintaining clean, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9) or using the Needles Connect app on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). Together, we're building a safer, stronger Needles!

3. Route 66 Centennial Promotion – Visit California Content Coordination

City staff continues to coordinate with Visit California to ensure the City of Needles is featured in upcoming statewide marketing efforts tied to the Route 66 Centennial in 2026. As one of California's most historic Route 66 communities, Needles serves as a gateway to the state and holds a unique place in the story of America's most iconic highway. This work supports the City Council's strategic goal to promote tourism, celebrate our history, and strengthen Needles' identity as a destination rooted in culture and community pride.

Visit California is currently accepting submissions through its online Content Submission Tool. Staff is aligning local stories and visuals with Visit California's 2025 editorial calendar to maximize exposure. With July already underway, upcoming themes offer several strong opportunities: August (accommodations, camping, glamping), September (wine/beer/surf), October (fall events and Halloween), and December (holidays and Route 66 Centennial previews). To submit content for editorial consideration, [click here](#). These themes provide timely ways to showcase our OHV access, outdoor recreation, events, lodging, and our lead role in the 2026 Centennial celebration. Through this partnership, Needles has the opportunity to be featured across Visit California's digital and print platforms, reinforcing our presence as a key stop along the Mother Road. Staff will continue to submit targeted content and collaborate with local partners to elevate Needles' visibility in the months leading up to the Centennial.

4. Upcoming Community Event: Night Pool Party – August 2

On Saturday, August 2, Tri-State Community Healthcare will sponsor a free Night Pool Party at the Needles Aquatic Center, located at 1661 J Street, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event will feature complimentary hot dogs, chips, and drinks, along with water bounce house slides, a water balloon toss competition, and open pool activities for all ages. This fun, family-friendly event is designed to offer Needles residents a safe and festive environment to beat the summer heat, enjoy outdoor recreation, and connect with one another. Entry is free, and everyone is welcome. We appreciate Tri-State's continued support of community health and engagement and encourage all residents to join us for this special evening. See attached flyer for more information.

5. Camp Gauntlet: Top Chef Jr. Week – July 21–24, 2025

Camp Gauntlet continued its successful programming with "Top Chef Jr. Week," held July 21–24, 2025. This themed week provided youth participants with a hands-on culinary experience, allowing them to engage in every step of the cooking process—from selecting a country and building a menu to prepping ingredients, cooking meals, and plating the final dishes. Each child received a chef's hat and apron, which they wore proudly throughout the program and were able to take home as a keepsake. Throughout the week, participants prepared a

variety of meals, including spaghetti and meatballs with bread, orange chicken with rice and egg rolls, hamburgers with tater tots, and tacos with rice. The camp fostered creativity, teamwork, and life skills in a fun and engaging environment. We appreciate the efforts of our staff and volunteers who helped make this week a memorable and educational experience for the youth of Needles.

6. City of Needles Resources Guide – Support Services for Residents

In light of recent public concern following the City Council's advancement of the illegal camping ordinance, the City of Needles is reminding residents about the "City of Needles Resources" guide developed by staff. This comprehensive directory connects residents with essential services, including low-income housing, shelters, food distribution, employment support, utility assistance, medical supply providers, and public transportation options. It also includes contacts for veterans' services, legal aid, health care, educational resources, local churches, and emergency hotlines. The guide is designed to help individuals and families access the support they need to improve quality of life. A digital copy is available online, and printed versions can be requested through City Hall.

7. Youth Golf Camp Building Future Champions in Needles

The Annual Summer Youth Golf Camp is nearing completion, with just a few weeks left in the 12-week program. Hosted at Rivers Edge Golf Course, the Touchstone-operated camp has brought dozens of local youth together for a summer of hands-on learning, sportsmanship, and fun. Touchstone, the City's golf course operator, continues to be a strong partner in delivering high-quality recreation programs for our community. Beyond golf fundamentals, the camp builds discipline, confidence, and teamwork—laying a foundation for the next generation of Needles High School golfers and future state champions. Next week, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will host its annual Putting Contest with camp participants, reinforcing community connections and encouraging youth engagement. Attached photos capture the energy, focus, and growth of our campers—underscoring how City partnerships and recreational programming are investing in our youth and shaping future leaders.

8. Eagles Aerie 2599 Fundraiser to Support Local Family

The Needles Eagles Aerie 2599 is holding a raffle fundraiser to benefit the Amstutz Family, with all proceeds going directly to their support. The top prize is a one-year golf membership at River's Edge Golf Course valued at \$1,600, followed by cash prizes of \$100 for second place and \$50 for third. Tickets are \$50 each, with only 100 available. Those interested in purchasing a ticket can contact the Eagles directly at 729 Front St, Needles, CA 92363 or by phone at (760) 326-2599.

9. Submit Your Nomination – 28th Annual Community Achievement Awards

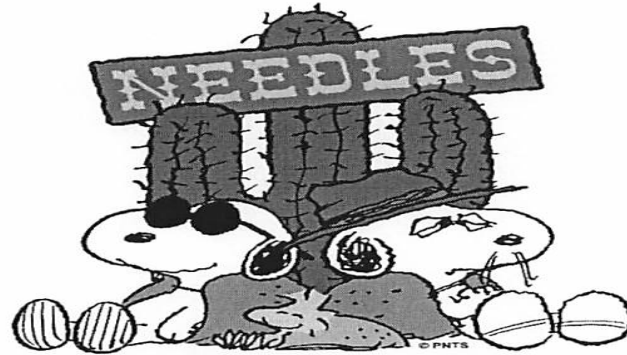
The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 28th Annual Community Achievement Awards, recognizing individuals, businesses, clubs, and organizations that make a meaningful impact throughout the

Colorado River Region. Needles is encouraged to participate—our city has not had an award recipient since 2023, when George DeLeon, Scotty Leonard, and Nicolle Wilson were honored. Let's make sure Needles is represented again this year. Please nominate a person, business, club, or organization that has made significant contributions in Needles. Eligible nominees must work, reside, do business, and/or provide services in the Colorado River Region. Nominations are due by **August 18, 2025**. Submit your nomination by [clicking here](#).

10. Community Events Calendar Now Live on City Website

As part of the City's newly launched website, we're excited to introduce a [comprehensive Community Events Calendar](#) designed to keep residents informed about the many activities and happenings across Needles. We invite local organizations and event organizers to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or update events—helping ensure the calendar remains vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of our community's diverse offerings. To contribute or request modifications, please contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your participation helps strengthen community spirit and enrich the local experience for residents and visitors alike.

1. PEANUTS PRESS RELEASE



**NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA—ONE-TIME HOME OF CHARLES SCHULZ AND INSPIRATION FOR SNOOPY’S
DESERT-DWELLING BROTHER SPIKE—TO HOST SIMULTANEOUS
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ON AUGUST 12, 2025:
75 YEARS OF PEANUTS AND 50 YEARS SINCE SPIKE’S COMIC-STRIP DEBUT**

*Following a Video Greeting from Schulz Granddaughter Stephanie Revelli,
Peanuts and the Foundation for Hospital Art Will Present the Colorado River Medical Center
with Two Six-Panel Murals, One Featuring Spike, Snoopy, and Woodstock
and the Other Depicting the Peanuts Gang;
Both Murals Will Be Painted By the Community in a Peanuts PaintFest*

Needles, California, well known to Peanuts fans as the desert home of Snoopy’s brother Spike, is perhaps less well-known for another famous resident: Charles “Sparky” Schulz, who lived in the California desert town for a year during his childhood. Decades later, Schulz found inspiration in Needles to create Spike (named after his own boyhood dog), who joined the Peanuts comic strip on August 13, 1975.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, Needles will celebrate two important anniversaries: the 75th anniversary year of the Peanuts comic strip (which launched in October 1950) and the 50th anniversary of Spike’s debut.

Starting at 10:00 a.m., Peanuts and local organizations are planning a variety of activities at the Colorado River Medical Center, located at 1401 Bailey Avenue, Needles, CA 92363. The event is open to the public.

Festivities include:

Sweet Greetings

Stephanie Revelli, a granddaughter of Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz, will greet Needles citizens and visitors via video, celebrating the two anniversaries and the longtime connection between Peanuts and Needles. Revelli, a baker and the creator of Sugar Cookies By Steph, will provide Peanuts, Spike, and Needles-themed cookies for the event.

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“Like so many people around the world, I grew up with Peanuts—though in my case, I *literally* grew up with Peanuts, since I was lucky enough to have Charles Schulz for a grandfather!” says Revelli. “I know that Grandpa had a special feeling for Needles, having lived there during a significant time in his young life, and I’m so happy to be able to share the joy of these anniversaries with our friends in Needles!”

Hospital Art Donation and Peanuts PaintFest

A partnership between Peanuts Worldwide and the nonprofit Foundation for Hospital Art will bring the healing power of art to the local Colorado River Medical Center via two six-panel murals, in a celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on August 12.

A community PaintFest will bring to life the two 56” x 49” paint-by-numbers style murals, which feature joyful Peanuts images: one of dancing Charlie Brown, Snoopy and Woodstock, Linus, Lucy, Sally, and Franklin, and a second mural—unique to Needles—featuring Spike, Snoopy, and Woodstock relaxing in the desert.

“We at the Colorado River Medical Center are delighted to receive these gifts from Peanuts and the Foundation for Hospital Art,” says Bing Lum, Executive Vice President of Colorado River Medical Center. “We’re proud to call Charles Schulz a former resident of Needles, and his humanity is as well known here as his humor, both of which will be appreciated by every patient, staff member, and visitor who experiences the joy of these murals.”

The Hospital Art Program is a central feature of the “Take Care With Peanuts” initiative promoting good global citizenship, which was launched in 2020.

Following the PaintFest, Mayor Janet Jernigan of the City of Needles, County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, and a representative from California Senator Alex Padilla’s office will each give brief remarks.

Artful Kids

In the days leading up to the PaintFest, children will have the opportunity to draw themselves as a Peanuts character on special coloring sheets created by Peanuts Worldwide and sponsored by the River Valley Artist Guild. The sheets can be found in various participating Needles restaurants through August 10. The finished artwork will be displayed on the walls of the Colorado River Medical Center during the PaintFest.

Selfies with Spike

Visitors can also take photographs with the famous larger-than-life Spike statue, on loan from the Needles Regional Museum and long-time Spike fan and Needles resident Joe Jones.

Snoopy’s Root Beer Floats

Snoopy’s favorite drink—root beer plus vanilla ice cream—will be available courtesy of the River Community Coalition, which will also be hosting a CakeWalk.

“Our nonprofit is dedicated to making healthcare visits a friendlier, more hope-filled experience for patients through the power of art—and who can do that more effectively than Peanuts?” says Scott Feight, Executive Director, for Foundation for Hospital Art. “Charles Schulz created indelible characters who bring joy to all who see them, which is why Peanuts is such a perfectly aligned partner for the Foundation for Hospital Art.”

“We are so delighted that Charles Schulz’s iconic characters will be bringing joy to the patients at the Colorado River Medical Center, in the town that Sparky once called home!” says Melissa Menta, Senior Vice President, Global Brand and Communications for Peanuts Worldwide and co-host of the ‘You Don’t Know Peanuts’ podcast. “We believe he would be thrilled to know that his work is meaningful to adults and children in Needles, where he derived such inspiration for his life’s work.”

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3. ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL PROMOTION

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NIGHT POOL PARTY

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6:00-9:00 PM
SATURDAY - AUGUST 2
1661 J STREET, NEEDLES CA

Free hot dogs, drink & chips
Water Bouncy House Slides

5. CAMP GAUNTLET TOP CHEF



6. RESOURCE GUIDE

Low Income Housing

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760) 326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

Employment Resources

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800) 640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800) 300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

Shelters

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

Food Distribution/Meal Program

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866) 327-3074

Utility Assistance Programs

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

Local Utility Companies

- Needles Public Utility Association (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

Transportation

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Medical Transport (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Shopper Shuttle (760) 326-4789

Medical Supply

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928) 704-9033

City Of Needles Resources



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(760) 326-2113

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Educational Resources

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch 760-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

Homeless/ Low Income Veterans

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

Legal

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

Health Services

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

Safety

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

Hotlines

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673

Domestic Violence

- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233
- Faith and Grace (928) 302-9028
- WestCare (928) 763-1945
- Haven Family Rescue Center (928) 505-3153

Churches

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

Support Services

- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000
- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212

7. GOLF SUMMER CAMP



8. EAGLES FUNDRAISER

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