



(ACT) ACTION NEEDED
(INF) INFORMATION ONLY
(DIS) DISCRETIONARY

AGENDA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION OF
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 3:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING TELEPHONICALLY

BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER:

1-866-576-7975 - Participant access: 853544

**AND MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO 12:00 NOON THE DAY
OF THE MEETING BY EMAILING csallis@cityofneedles.com**

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(ACT)

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: Persons wishing to address the Commission on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chairwoman, please come to the podium and 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 California Government Code Sec. 54950 prohibits the Commission from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. The Chairwoman or any Member of the Commission may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Prior to Commission action, a member of the public may address the Commission on matters scheduled on the Consent Calendar. A three-minute time limit per person applies. **Recommended Action:** Approve Items 1 through 2 on the Consent Calendar by affirmative vote.

(ACT)

1. Minutes of adjourned regular meeting held January 25, 2024
2. Decoration Day (May 24) / Memorial Day Program (May 27) to be held at the Cemetery (INF)

REGULAR ITEMS (A three minute time limit per person has been established per Municipal Code Section 2-18)

3. Draft 2024-2025 fiscal year budget including the capital improvements plan (ACT)

MANAGER'S REPORT

4. City Manager's Report for 4-26-24 and 5-3-24

COMMISSION REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

Posted: May 9, 2024

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SB 343-DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OPEN SESSION AGENDAS -- Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection at the Administrative Office, 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager, at (760) 326-2113 ext 115. 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).

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 25, 2024

The adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 25th day of January, 2024, was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS WILLIAMS, FORD AND ROCKWOOD

Also Present: COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER/DEPUTY CITY CLERK SALLIS

EX ABSNC COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONER LONG. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS
WILLIAMS, FORD AND ROCKWOOD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LONG

Deputy City Clerk Sallis administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD and welcome was expressed by all.

APPVL OF AGENDA COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS
WILLIAMS, FORD AND ROCKWOOD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LONG

CORRESP None

PBLC APRN None

CONSENT None

REG ITEMS: COMMISSIONER FORD noted one correction to the minutes of May 18, 2023, bottom of page 1, regarding 2023-24 fiscal year budget which should read to approve the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, not 2023-2034.

MINUTES
MAY 18 '23

COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, to approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 18, 2023 as corrected. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS
WILLIAMS AND FORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LONG
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD

CHAIR &
V CHAIR

COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD, to appoint CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN as Chair and VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS as Vice Chair for the ensuing year of 2024. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS
WILLIAMS, FORD AND ROCKWOOD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LONG

PET CMTRY Manager Sallis explained City Attorney John Pinkney's findings regarding establishment of a pet cemetery in Needles Riverview which was: "The applicable state code sections do not provide guidance on whether a city can establish a pet cemetery at a cemetery for humans. The law applicable to "cemetery districts" however only allows animals to be buried at a pet cemetery. While it is our understanding that the Needles cemetery is not a cemetery district, the statutes dealing with cemetery districts provide some indication that the legislature intended that pet cemeteries be established only for pet remains. We did find that the Palm Springs cemetery district was working on setting up a pet cemetery but it may have been on a property or parcel separate and apart from the human cemetery it operates." Manager Sallis noted that there is also an Assembly Bill, No. 528, which would authorize a public or private cemetery to designate a separate, clearly marked section of the cemetery where deceased pets could be buried with their deceased owners. This Bill is processing through the State Legislative processes but has not yet been signed into law. Staff will monitor AB528 and, if and when it becomes law, will resubmit for Commission consideration the required rules and regulations for human and pet burials.

CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN explained that with such a large area within our cemetery, she would like to see a section set aside for pets only.

2024-2025FY
BUDGET

Manager Sallis explained that she is looking for Commission input for consideration during the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget preparation. COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD spoke on the lowering device at the cemetery and either not having one or operational issues with it; and the Pioneer Cemetery which is beautiful but being destroyed. She felt there needs to be no off-road vehicles signs posted around the perimeter. COMMISSIONER FORD pointed out that Toro, El Centro, has a zero turn mower with grass catcher.

Commission items for 2024-2025 fiscal year budget consideration include: leave in tree trimming of the 22 trees onsite; possibility of electric substation lease of cemetery property; and pet and/or human/pet cemetery funding of \$10,000.

January 25, 2024

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COM RQSTS:None

CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN declared the adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 25th day of January, 2024, adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Chairwoman

Community Services Manager



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ CEMETERY BOARD ☒ Adjourned Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 16, 2024

Title: Decoration Day (May 24) / Memorial Day Program (May 27) to be held at Cemetery

Background: The Cemetery Advisory Commission and City Council have declared the Friday before Memorial Day as "Decoration Day" which is scheduled for May 24 - see attached public service announcement. In addition to public participation, city personnel are also encouraged to join in this event and many do come out that Friday morning. Removal of the flags and crosses will take place on Memorial Day at 4:00 p.m.

Our Memorial Day Program will be held on May 27 at 11:00 a.m. Natalie Johnson, long time organizer and MC of this event, is again planning the program and the guest speakers/readers.

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: No action needed - Information only

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 5/7/2024
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

Approved: ☐ Not Approved: ☐ Tabled: ☐ Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DECORATION DAY / MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

TO BE HELD AT NEEDLES RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

The Friday before Memorial Day has been declared "Decoration Day" at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This year the 13th Annual Decoration Day will be held May 24 and will be an opportunity for the community to come out to tend to the gravesites of family members and friends. In addition, Veterans' gravesites will be decorated with the traditional white cross and American flag to honor them for their service to our country.

Those interested in participating in the 13th Annual Decoration Day are invited to be at the Needles Riverview Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24. Please bring your own hand-tools (i.e. tool to make a hole for the gravesite flag, clippers, gas powered weed eaters, etc.), garbage bags, and of course, don't forget the water to keep you hydrated. Garbage receptacles will be available on-site for disposal of trash.

Memorial Day services are scheduled for Monday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cemetery and all flags and crosses will be removed from the gravesites at 4:00 p.m. that evening. Community help in decoration of and removal from the cemetery grounds would be appreciated. And please don't forget to join us for the service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday!

The Needles Riverview Cemetery welcomes all tax-exempt donations to help support either the Riverview and/or Old Pioneer Cemeteries. Donations are being sought for the replacement of the large American flags that previously lined the cemetery roads and anyone interested in donating is encouraged to contact Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager, at (760) 326-2113 ext 115.

Dated: April 3, 2024

Memorial Day Ceremony

Date: May 27th at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Needles Riverview Cemetery

1101 E Broadway St Needles, California 92363

Come join our community as we remember those
who gave everything for their country.





City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ CEMETERY BOARD ☒ Adjourned Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 16, 2024

Title: Draft 2024-2025 fiscal year budget including the capital improvements plan

Background: Attached is the draft cemetery budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year which, excluding capital, proposes maintaining the cemetery status quo with a half-time employee dedicated to the cemetery and three additional employees at 20% time. While no capital projects have been included in this budget, the City Manager acknowledges the Commission's request for consideration of a pet and/or human/pet burial section which has been included in the Capital Improvement Plan, however, will not be considered until legally allowed and policy/fees have been adopted. Additionally, previous discussions regarding a lease of cemetery property for an electric substation is at least two years out and won't be triggered until new development in the area warrants additional power source. All capital improvement projects estimated costs are best-guess estimates only at this time.

Of note, capital projects budgeted and completed in the 2024 fiscal year include purchase of a new cemetery mower (on order with anticipated delivery in June-July) and repair/replacement of the south side fencing at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: Approve the draft 2024-2025 fiscal year budget including the capital improvements plan as presented.

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/7/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

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CEMETERY			DRAFT	
	FY 2024 ADJ. BUDGET	FY 2025 PROPOSED	difference	
REVENUE				
Cemetery proceeds	25,000	20,000	(5,000)	
Interest earnings	300	300	-	
Cemetery donations	-	-	-	
Cemetery endowment	1,400	1,000	(400)	
Transfer from General Fund	127,748	215,191	87,443	
Miscellaneous	750	375	(375)	
Credit card service charge	-	-	-	
Reserves/prior years rev.	-	-	-	
	155,198	236,866	81,668	
EXPENDITURES				
*Salaries	82,767	85,201	2,434	
*Overtime	2,316	2,478	162	
*FICA Soc Sec/M-Care Ins	6,508	6,707	199	
*Unemployment	0	0	-	
*Group insurance	26,872	29,362	2,490	
*Workers' compensation	2,840	2,920	80	
*PERS/retirement contrib	8,067	8,323	256	
*PERS/unfunded liability	7,220	9,700	2,480	
Electric utilities	720	740	20	
Water utilities	63,350	65,250	1,900	
Sewer utilities	1,092	1,125	33	
Vehicle maint/repair	250	500	250	
Equipment maint/repair	2,500	3,500	1,000	
Facility maint/repair	3,200	3,200	-	
Pioneer Cemetery	10,000	1,000	(9,000)	
Tree trimming	500	2,000	1,500	
Damage claims repairs	0	0	-	
*Liability insurance	5,200	5,200	-	
Blanket bond insurance	30	30	-	
Property insurance	490	530	40	
Advertising	200	200	-	
Office supplies	100	100	-	
Fertilizer	400	400	-	
Chemicals	400	400	-	
Irrigation & drain supplies	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	
Sprinklers	0	1,000	1,000	
New Tools	1,500	1,500	-	
Vehicle fuel	3,500	3,500	-	
Equipment	25,000	0	(25,000)	
	258,022	236,866	(21,156)	decrease

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN		DRAFT	
FY 2025			
		Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Cheryl	<u>CEMETERY</u>		
	1. New irrigation system within Cemetery & future site	400,000	?
	2. Pet and/or human/pet burial section	10,000	?
	3. Solar shade cover at maintenance yard	100,000	?
	4. Automated cemetery records (incl. cost of data input)	15,000	?
	5. Standalone onsite columbarium (cremains only)	25,000	?
	6. Pioneer Cemetery security & hillside stabilization	125,000	?
	7. Install new well on grounds for irrigation	850,000	?
	7. Use of reclaimed water (in lieu of new well)	1,200,000	?
Cemetery Total (estimate)		2,725,000	



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2024

1. **This past weekend**, in honor of Earth Day, the City held a Community Cleanup event. The two cleanup sites included Jack Smith Park (1001 River Road) and J Street/Nikki Bunch Fields. Additionally, a roll-off dumpster was placed at four locations for residents to dispose of their bulky items at no cost. City Staff is happy to report that **12 tons of material** was collected from the cleanup event, making it a very successful event.
2. On **April 24, 2024**, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Painted Butterfly, Needles' newest business. City officials, Chamber members, and community residents gathered to celebrate the vibrant addition to our local economy.
3. Congratulations to the City of Needles and the Needles Public Utility Authority on the successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renamed William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station, a pivotal \$2.3 million project. We thank the State Water Resources Control Board, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and California Climate Investments for their grant funding, which was crucial for these essential water system improvements.

This project was made possible through the dedicated leadership of the Needles City Council, the Board of Public Utilities, and city staff, who attended the ribbon-cutting on **April 25, 2024**, to mark this momentous occasion. Refer to attached images for reference.

4. Each Community Water System (CWS) issues an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers, detailing the drinking water source, monitored contaminants, and compliance with state and federal standards. The CCR serves as a communication tool to educate customers about their water source and empower them to make informed health decisions.

The 2023 CCR for the City of Needles is now available online. It meets California's reporting and sampling standards, ensuring all contaminants are within the state's maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Access the report at City of [Needles Water Department](#) or refer to the attached 2023 CCR.

On **April 17, 2024**, the City of Needles received Citation No. 06-13-24C-011 from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water for failing to collect nitrate samples in 2023. Despite this, city staff completed the required annual sampling for nitrates (NO₃) and disinfection by-products (DBP₂) on **April 25, 2024**, ensuring compliance with state standards. Historical records, including those from 2022, show consistent compliance with state maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), with ongoing adherence expected. Details of the 2024 findings and the 2023 citation will be included in the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Utility customers will be notified of these developments in the May utility bills, and further information can be found in the attached citation.

5. On **April 29 and 30, 2024, from 4 PM to 6 PM**, the Sand Sharks swim team will host tryouts at the Needles Aquatics Center, located at 1101 Civic Center Drive, Needles, CA 92363. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer. The City Council has allocated \$15,000 for immediate enhancements to the facility, including a new pool vacuum. Check the attached images for a preview of the pool improvements. Starting **June 1, 2024**, the Aquatics Center will offer lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, and open swimming. Visit the City of Needles [website](#) for the full pool schedule and pricing.

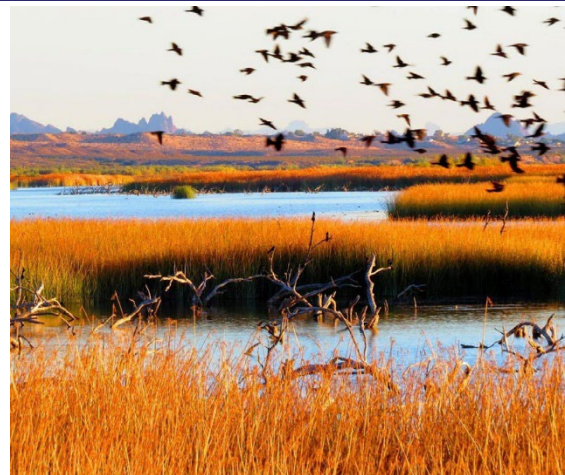
6. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **The JSP dedication ceremony** for the newly named Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail at Jack Smith Park (JSP) is scheduled for **April 30, 2024, at 9:30 AM**. This event will take place at 1000 River Rd, Needles, CA 92363. The City Council has honored Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews by dedicating the new walking trail at JSP in her name. Join us to celebrate this special occasion!
- **Run for the Wall (RFTW)** is scheduled for **May 15, 2024, at noon**. RFTW is an annual procession of motorcyclists to honor Vietnam Veterans and call for an accounting of POW and MIA that starts in LA and crosses the country, gaining motorcyclists along the way, eventually gathering hundreds of thousands of participants as they enter Washington, D.C. City Staff, Chamber of Commerce, and Military Moms are working together to put on this annual event. The group will arrive at Needles around noon for lunch. Military moms will be serving approximately 350 lunches to RFTW participants.
- **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday June 7, 2024**. Full details will be released once finalized in May.

1. CONSUMER REPORT



Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2023



An Overview of Your 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Each year, the City of Needles Water Department prepares our annual Consumer Confidence Report. This report identifies what we test our water for, what was present and provides a snapshot of the water quality requirements set by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

To ensure our water meets all State and Federal regulatory standards, we sample and test our water system regularly and send these samples to an independent lab for processing. We test for a variety of contaminants on a regular basis. Contaminants are things that might be present in the water and could compromise its safety. Many contaminants that we test for are naturally occurring, but depending on the amount, could cause health concerns.

Within this Consumer Confidence Report, we have provided data tables that show what we test for, if there was a detection, and if so, at what level. It's important to remember that if there is a detection, that doesn't mean the water is not safe to drink. Many naturally occurring elements found in water are detected at low levels but are only known to have an adverse health affect at very high levels, over a long period of time. Ensuring water quality is a complex process and the information we provide may seem complicated. We want to make sure to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Needles at 760-326-5700.



Do you know where your water comes from?

*One hundred percent of our water supply in
the City of Needles comes from groundwater!*

Water Saving Tips



Find and Fix Leaks

Check toilets and faucets for leaks, and repair them promptly.



Take Shorter Showers

Shortening your shower by 1-2 mins. can save up to 700 gallons per year!



Wash Full Loads (Clothes & Dishes)

Only run your dishwasher and clothes washer when they're full.



Avoid Watering Mid-Day

Water only in the early mornings or late evenings to minimize evaporation and wind.



Choose the Right Plants

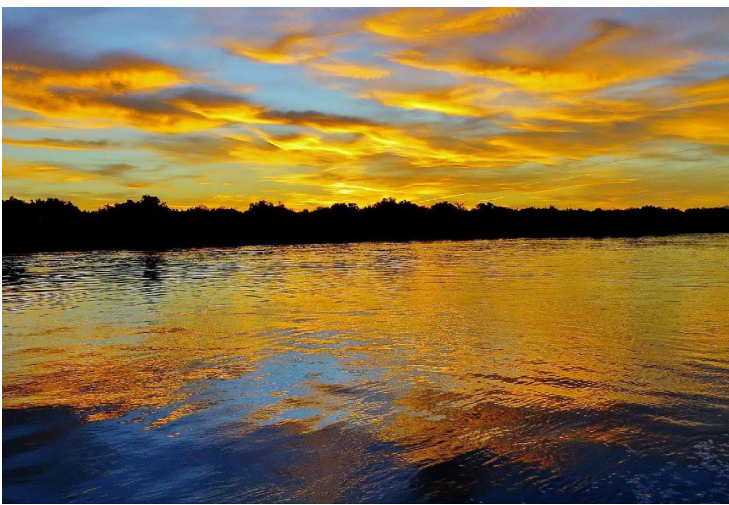
Replace a portion of your lawn with native and CA Friendly plants that use less water.



Install Smart Sprinklers

Use water efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotating sprinkler nozzles, and

Item 4.



Message from the United States Environmental Protection Agency

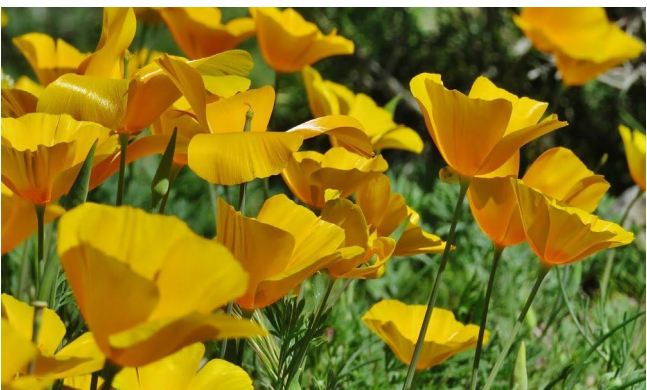
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals (and, in some cases, radioactive material) and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water meets all Federal and State parameters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, please call the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).





2023 Water Quality Test Results

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. EPA and State drinking water health standards. The City of Needles vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again, we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This brochure is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.



DETECTED CONSTITUENTS

YEAR'S TESTED 2022

INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS- 2022-2023

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Hardness	mg/L	NA	NA	290 - 590	413.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Calcium	mg/L	NA	NA	71 - 140	98.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate	mg/L	500	NA	259-570	396.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chloride	mg/L	600	NA	130-310	226.66	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (NO3)	mg/L	10	<10	0.478-1.1	0.859	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrite (NO2)	mg/L	1	<1	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Fluoride	mg/L	2	1	ND-0.622	0.207	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance	Umho/cm	1600	NA	1300 - 2500	1900	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1000	NA	1100-1700	1433.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	0.29 - 2.2	1.04	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Iron	ug/L	300	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits

Metals- Other – 2022-2023

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic	mg/L	10	0.004	0.0036-0.0057	0.0044	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Manganese	mg/L	50	nl=500	0.016 - 0.65	0.066	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	NA	28 - 59	41	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium	mg/L	NA	NA	160 - 310	240	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chromium	mg/L	50	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Bicarbonate	mg/L	NA	NA	180 - 220	200	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH	units	NA	NA	7.63 - 7.73	7.68	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Barium	mg/L	1000	2000	ND - 0.029	0.017	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Selenium	mg/L	50	30	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
MTBE	mg/L	13	13	ND-0	ND	Leaking Underground Tanks

RADIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS – 2022

Radioactive	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Range	Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	PCI/L	15	0	6.84-11.2	9.31	Erosion of Natural Deposits

.. On November 3rd 2020 the City of Needles received a notice from the California water boards to initiate quarterly monitoring on 3 of the city's water wells #8, #11 and #12 due to secondary maximum contaminant level exceedances of Iron and Manganese on well #8, and Manganese on wells #11 and #12. Well #8 and #11 have been offline for several years and are only run for sampling purposes to waste, well #12 is solely used to irrigate the golf course.

LEAD & COPPER-2022

(units)	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	Range of Detection	90 th % Level	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Copper (mg/L)	1.3	0.3	ND - 0.150	0.150	No	2022	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. No samples collected exceeded the action level.
Lead (mg/L)	15	0.2	ND-0.0048	0.0048	No	2022	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits. No samples collected exceeded the action level.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY-2023

Microbiological Contaminants (units)	PRIMARY MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Value	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Total Coliform Bacteria (% of monthly positive samples)	More than 5% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	0	No	2023	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli Bacteria (number of monthly positive samples)	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also Fecal Coliform or E.coli positive	(0)	0	No	2023	Human and animal fecal waste

Water Quality Terms

Inorganic Chemicals Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known/expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the CA Environmental Protection Agency.

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring, reporting, and water treatment requirements.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Regulatory Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



List of Acronyms

DLR: Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting **GWUI:** Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water
mg/L: Milligrams per Liter or Parts Per Million (PPM) - Equivalent to 1 second in 11.5 days
ng/L: Nanograms per liter or Parts Per Trillion (PPT) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000 years
NA: Not Applicable **NC:** Not Collected **ND:** Not Detected
NL: Notification Level **NS:** Not Sampled
NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units (Suspended Material)
pCi/L: Pico Curies per Liter
pg/L: Picograms per liter or Parts Per Quadrillion (PPQ) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000,000 years
Sequestration: Phosphates Used in Water Treatment to Control Metal Releases
uS/cm: MicroSeimen per Centimeter
µg/L: Micrograms per Liter or Parts Per Billion (B) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000 years



City of Needles Water Department
City Utility Services Office
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363
Phone: 760-326-5700

Coupon for \$100 Toilet Rebate

Present this coupon to City of Needles Customer Service Staff to receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase a new WaterSense approved toilet. Residential accounts can apply for up to two rebates, and commercial accounts can receive up to four rebates. To qualify, your proof of purchase must also be submitted.



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1. CONSUMER REPORT



State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water

April 17, 2024

System No. 3610032

Bryan Hickstein, Chief Water Operator
City of Needles
3401 Parker Dam Road
Earp, CA 92242
bhickstein@cityofneedles.com

CITATION NO. 06-13-24C-011 NITRATE MONITORING VIOLATION FOR THE CITY OF NEEDLES (3610032) 2023 OPERATING YEAR

Enclosed is Citation No. 06-13-23C-006 (hereinafter "Citation"), issued to the City of Needles (hereinafter "City"), public water system. Please note there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Citation.

The City will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Water Board") hourly rate for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC") Section 116577 provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Water Board for actual costs incurred by the State Water Board for specified enforcement actions, including preparing, issuing, and monitoring compliance with a citation. The City will receive a bill, sent from the State Water Board, in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any time spent on enforcement activities for the City over the current fiscal year.

A process exists by which a public water system can petition the State Water Board for reconsideration of this citation. Petitions sent to the State Water Board "shall include the name and address of the petitioner, a copy of the order or decision for which the petitioner seeks reconsideration, identification of the reason the petitioner alleges the issuance of the order or decision was inappropriate or improper, the specific action the Citation No. 06-13-24C-011, petitioner requests, and other information as the state board may prescribe. The petition shall be accompanied by a statement of points and authorities of the legal issues raised by the petition." (Health & Saf. Code, § 116701, subd. (b).)

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

464 W. 4th Street, #437, San Bernardino, CA 92401 | www.waterboards.ca.gov

Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of this citation by the State Water Board. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

Drinking Water Petitions for Reconsideration:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/instructions.html.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan Parker of my staff at 909-383-4315 or me at 909-383-4328.

Sincerely,

**Wei H.
Chang**

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Wei H. Chang, P.E.
District Engineer
San Bernardino District

Enclosures:

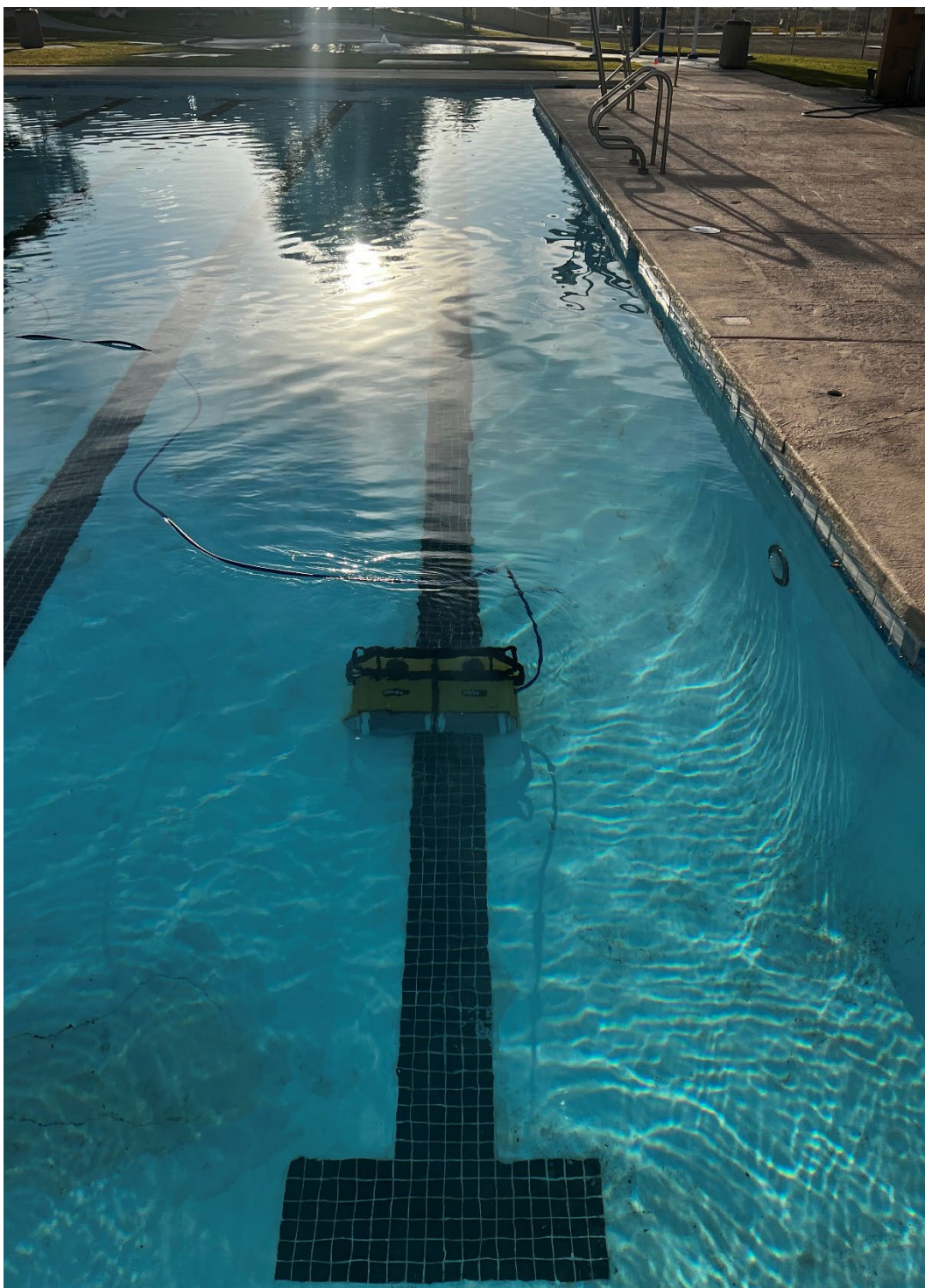
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Citation 06-13-24C-011

CC:

1. Rainie Torrance, Needles Administrative Contact, rtorrance@cityofneedles.com

5. AQUATICS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS



NEEDLES SANDSHARKS Swim Team



Swimmers will be required to swim the length
of the pool unassisted

SWIM TRY OUTS

**MON. APRIL 29 & TUES. APRIL 30
4-6PM**

Swimmers may tryout any Monday-Friday @ 4pm

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

We will see all RETURNING swimmers on Wed. 5/1

Contact us on our facebook or website for more
Information.

www.teamunify.com/team/reonszzoa/page/home



SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

Monday, April 29th & Tuesday, April 30th

4-6pm @ Needles Aquatic Center

All NEW swimmers MUST tryout.

(If you can't make this tryout you can come @ 3:45 before any Mon-Fri practice)

Tryout consists of: swimming across the pool unassisted.

Our experienced coaches will teach technique & strokes during the season.

Monthly Fee: \$40 plus one time insurance fee of \$5

Season runs May, June, July

full season & multiple sibling discounts available



Returning Sandsharks: Practice will begin Wednesday, May 1st @ your designated practice time (4pm or 5pm)

If you have any questions, please contact: Head Coach Ashley DeLeon

or visit our website <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnszzca>

Coaches

Head Coach: Ashley DeLeon (760)672-0039

Asst. Coach: Caela Tsosie

2024 Board Members

President: Manuela Harris
Treasurer: Meagan Goetz (760)217-1661

Vice President: Amy Seraboli
Media Coordinator: Tim Hoyt (928)551-3623

Secretary: Krystal Pallotto
Meet Director: Marisha Castillo (760)412-0624



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2024

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1. **This week**, City crews completed rigorous Cal/OSHA 10-hour Construction Safety Training, focusing on crucial topics such as Hazardous (Chemical Safety) Communications, Stairways and Ladders, Fire Protection, Electrical Safety, Lockout/Tagout, Excavations/Trenching, Scaffold Awareness, and Fall Protection. They also delved into OSHA regulations from the Code of Cal-OSHA Regulations and received guidance on managing Heat Stress.

Backhoe/Loader Operator Safety Training also provided comprehensive instruction on Backhoe dynamics and Operating Techniques, including classroom sessions, written assessments, and hands-on demonstrations. City Management continues its commitment to ongoing training to uphold crew safety standards. The attached photo's highlight the educational experience.

2. From **May 1st to 3rd, 2024**, Mayor Jan Jernigan and the City Manager participated in the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert. This gathering provided an invaluable platform for city representatives to collaborate with local and regional leaders, exchanging insights on pivotal topics such as mobility, housing, environmental sustainability, and economic development. Additionally, city representatives engaged with homebuilders on Thursday evening during the Building Industry Association of Southern California May Board Meeting and Leadership Summit.
3. On **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, Supervisor Dawn Rowe, alongside City Officials, City Staff, and community members, convened for a significant occasion: the ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews walking trail. With immense pride, we dedicate this 1600-foot walking trail, adorned with seven workout stations, in honor of Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews. More than just a mere pathway within Jack Smith Park, this trail is a testament to Marilyn's lasting influence on our community. Look at the attached photo to catch a glimpse of the jubilant festivities. Click on this [link](#) for a video of the trail.

4. On **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, Supervisor Rowe convened a roundtable discussion with a diverse array of participants, including City Officials and community stakeholders such as the Needles Unified School District, Congressman Raul Ruiz's Office, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Inland Empire Health Plan, Palo Verde College, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Colorado River Medical Center, and the Needles Desert Star. Supervisor Rowe delivered an update on County affairs, highlighting the success of the San Bernardino County 2nd Annual Job and Resource Fair held at El Garces (refer to attached photo of recognition). The roundtable's purpose was to facilitate an exchange of updates between Supervisor Rowe and the community stakeholders.

Additionally, Congressman Ruiz's office awarded the City Council of the City of Needles a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in celebration of the San Bernardino County and the City of Needles Behavioral Health Clinic expansion, which received \$1 million in funding from Congressman Ruiz's Office.

5. This **Saturday May 4, 2024 (tomorrow)**, Rivers Edge Golf Course is proud to host the 25th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament. With a full roster of 48 teams totaling 144 golfers, this year's tournament promises to be an exceptional event. All proceeds will directly benefit the youth in Needles and the Tri-State area.

Thanks to the expert efforts of the Touchstone staff, Rivers Edge has been transformed into a championship-caliber, par-71, 18-hole golf course. To experience our stunningly revamped course yourself, book your tee time today by calling 760-326-3931 or by visiting our [website](#). Don't miss the attached photo showcasing the course's dramatic transformation.

Interested in hosting your own golf tournament at the esteemed Rivers Edge Golf Course? Please contact JJ DeLeon at 760-326-3931 for more information. See attached information for additional information.

6. The City Staff of Needles is thrilled to welcome Tri-State Community Healthcare's newest addition! Come celebrate with us at the grand opening of their new Dental Clinic, located at 820 W. Broadway, Needles, CA, this **Saturday, May 4, 2024 (tomorrow)**.

This family-friendly event is packed with fun activities for all ages, including a bouncy house, water slide, and live music by Tyler Hasley. You can also indulge in complimentary pizza and take part in a food bag giveaway/raffle. Get ready for an exciting community celebration that you won't want to miss! For more details, please call 760-326-0222 or see the attached flyer.

7. **Next week, from May 9-11**, Needles Unified School District is proud to host the 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League baseball and softball championships. Please find the tournament brackets attached for more details. The City of Needles takes pride in its status as a sports tourism

destination, consistently hosting various sporting events throughout the year. Join us in celebrating the spirit of sports in our vibrant community! Refer to the attached brackets for additional information.

The 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A State baseball and softball championship is scheduled for **May 16-18** at Durango High School. Located at 7100 West Dewey Drive in Las Vegas.

8. The **Friday before Memorial Day** has been declared “Decoration Day” at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This year the 13th Annual Decoration Day will be held **May 24** and will be an opportunity for the community to come out to tend to the gravesites of family members and friends. In addition, Veterans’ gravesites will be decorated with the traditional white cross and American flag to honor them for their service to our country.

Those interested in participating in the 13th Annual Decoration Day are invited to be at the Needles Riverview Cemetery at **7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24**. Please bring your own hand-tools (i.e. tool to make a hole for the gravesite flag, clippers, gas powered weed eaters, etc.), garbage bags, and of course, don’t forget the water to keep you hydrated. Garbage receptacles will be available on-site for disposal of trash.

Memorial Day services are scheduled for **Monday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cemetery and all flags and crosses will be removed from the gravesites at 4:00 p.m. that evening. Community help in decoration of and removal from the cemetery grounds would be appreciated. And please don’t forget to join us for the service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday!

The Needles Riverview Cemetery welcomes all tax-exempt donations to help support either the Riverview and/or Old Pioneer Cemeteries. Donations are being sought for the replacement of the large American flags that previously lined the cemetery roads and anyone interested in donating is encouraged to contact Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager, at (760) 326-2113 Ext. 115.

9. On **Thursday May 30, 2024**, Palo Verde College (PVC) is hosting the 2024 Palo Verde College Graduation Ceremony on **at 3 p.m.** at the Needles Education Center, located at 725 W. Broadway (previously Claypool's). The Pinning Ceremony honoring the phlebotomy students is at 1 p.m. This will be PVC's inaugural phlebotomy graduating class, an extraordinary moment.

PVC has been catering to the educational needs of Needles residents since 1998. From its Needles Center, located at, it offers a comprehensive range of classes. These are designed to facilitate student transfers to four-year institutions, provide essential entry-level job skills, enhance vocational competencies, and offer diverse non-credit courses suitable for community learning and development. Refer to the attached flyer for additional information.

10. City Staff has thoughtfully curated an extensive community events calendar to keep residents well-informed about Needles's diverse array of happenings. The city invites all organizations to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or modify events on the community calendar. For contributions and updates, kindly contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your active participation contributes to the vitality of our community experiences. Refer to the attached May 2024 events for further information.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Run for the Wall (RFTW)** is scheduled for **May 15, 2024, at noon.**
- **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday June 7, 2024.**

1. CITY CREW TRAINING



3. MARILYN HOHSTADT MATHEWS WALKING TRAIL



4. SUPERVISOR ROWE ROUNDTABLE



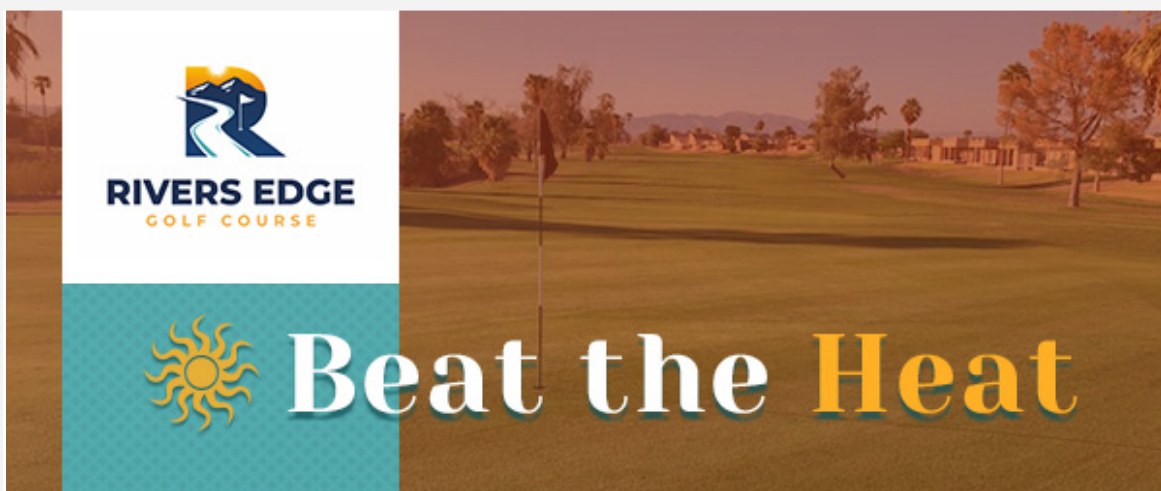
4. CONGRESSMAN RUIZ'S OFFICE CERTIFICATE



5. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



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Beat the Heat at Rivers Edge!

Summer is almost upon us here in the Tri-Sate Area so make sure to take advantage of the cool desert mornings. Book your favorite early morning tee time by calling (760) 326-3931 or visit us at www.golfneedlesca.com.

Rivers Edge opens daily at Dawn

FOLLOW US

ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK



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@RIVERSEEDGEOLFCOURSECA

FOLLOW AND STAY UP TO DATE!

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR POSTS
OF THE COURSE**

- 1 Dress Appropriately**
Stay cooler and feel more comfortable by wearing synthetic fabrics designed to wick away sweat. Wear a hat or visor to shield your face from the sun's damaging rays.
- 2 Hydrate**
Avoid drinking beverages containing alcohol, caffeine, and lots of sugar during your round. Opt for water or a sports drink on the course to replenish your energy.
- 3 Eat Light**
Choosing light, healthy snacks every 3 to 4 holes will keep your blood sugar levels consistent. Stabilize your energy and maintain focus by eating snacks such as protein bars, beef jerky, nuts, and fruit.
- 4 Early Morning Tee Time**
Cooler morning temperatures are prime for golfing in the summer heat.
- 5 Short, Light Warm-Ups**
Limit your time spent hitting range balls and on the practice green before your tee time in order to save energy before you tee off.
- 6 Adjust Your Club Choice**
Since your body is working hard to keep you cool, your energy levels aren't as high as they normally are. Opt for a 6 iron over a 7 iron to compensate for the energy that is being drained by the heat.
- 7 Sunblock**
Apply sunblock to all exposed skin to avoid the skin damage and sunburns. Use a high SPF such as SPF 50.
- 8 Cool Off**
Apply a cold compress or wet towel to your neck when on the cart to cool down between strokes.
- 9 Park in Shaded Areas**
Park your cart in shaded areas in between strokes. On extremely hot days, opt for a cart instead of walking to save energy for your swing.
- 10 Build Up Endurance**
Log miles on the treadmill, elliptical, or bike to build up endurance to play in challenging conditions.

[Book a Tee Time](#)

Rivers Edge Golf Course

144 Marina Drive

(760) 326-3931 www.golfneedlesca.com

[unsubscribe](#)

6. TRI-STATE gRAND OPENING



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

tri-state
COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

DENTAL CLINIC

Grand Opening

BOUNCY HOUSE

WATER SLIDES

FREE PIZZA

LIVE Music (Tyler Halsey)

Food Bag Giveaway

For more information:

760-326-0222

FREE








**Saturday
May 4**

10:00-2:00

**820 W. Broadway
NEEDLES, CA**



Take Control of
your Dental Health

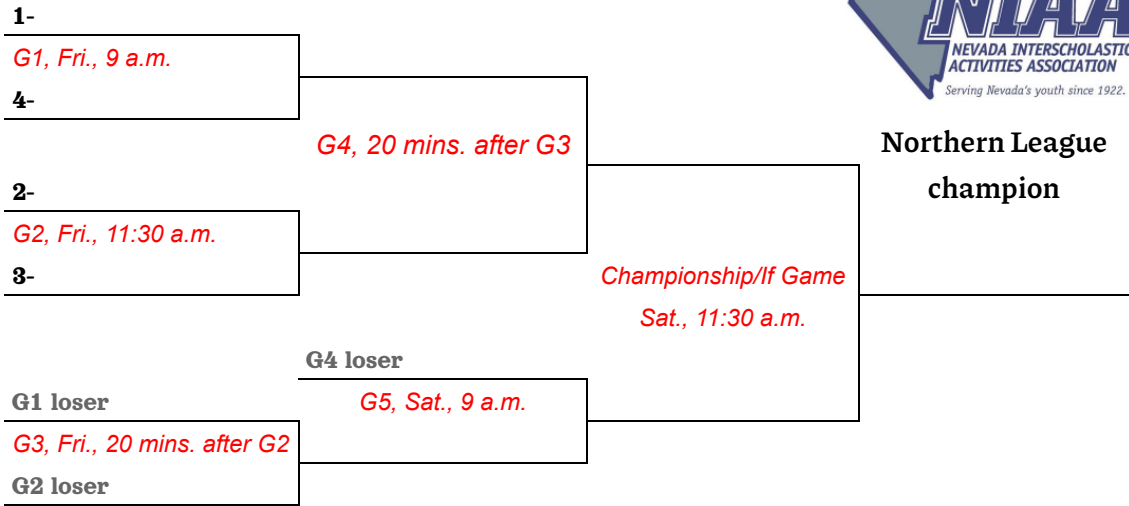
-  **Cleanings**
-  **Exams**
-  **Digital X-rays**
-  **Sealants**
-  **Fillings**
-  **Dental Emergencies**
-  **Education**

Medi-Cal and uninsured patients are welcomed.

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7. NIAA 2024 2A SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
Class 2A Northern League Baseball Playoffs
(May 10-11, 2024)
at Pershing County High School



7. NIAA 2024 2A SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Baseball Playoffs

(May 9-11, 2024)
at Needles High School



1-

G1, Thu, 1 p.m.

4-

G4, Fri, 1 p.m.

2-

G2, Thu, 4 p.m.

3-

Champ and if game
Sat., 10 a.m.

Southern League
champion

G4 loser

G1 loser

G3, Fri., 10 a.m.

G2 loser

G5, Fri, 4 p.m.

9. PALO VERDE COLLEGE
Needles Educational Center



GRADUATION
Ceremony

THURSDAY, May 30, 2024

Pinning 1:00PM

Graduation 3:00PM

Needles Educational Center

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 760.326.5033

May 2024

10. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN	2 SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE DESERT SPRINGS MAY 2-3 MAYOR JERNIGAN TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	3	4
5	6	7 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	8	9 Mojave Desert & Mountain Recycling Authority JPA Board Meeting 10:30-12:30 Victorville City Hall	10	11
12	13	14 CITY COUNCIL	15 RUN FOR THE WALL EL GARCES SANTA FE PARK	16 CITY COUNTY CONFERENCE LAKE ARROWHEAD MAY 16-17 MAYOR JERNIGAN & CAMPBELL TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	17 CITY COUNTY CONFERENCE LAKE ARROWHEAD MAY 16-17 MAYOR JERNIGAN & CAMPBELL	18
19 ICSC LAS VEGAS MAY 19-21 MCCORKLE, LONGBRAKE, POGUE	20 PARKS & RECREATION 4pm	21 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	22 HOUSING COMMISSION 4pm	23 Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning Needles" Business Breakfast 7:30 AM Elks Lodge Patrick Roskam - CaliCoders Cyber Security	24 Decoration Day Riverview Cemetery 7am	25
26	27 Memorial Day Services Riverview Cemetery 11am	28 CITY COUNCIL	29	30 Palo Verde College Graduation 3pm 725 W. Broadway	31	