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AGENDA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
EL GARCES- 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, 4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL CORRESPONDENCE INTRODUCTIONS

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 Chairman, 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 California Government Code Sec. 54950 prohibits the Commission from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

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

- [1.](#) Selection of All-Star Coaches for our Youth Basketball 2024-25 Season (ACT)
- [2.](#) Reports for Recreation, Aquatics, Jack Smith Park and Golf Stats (INF)

COMMISSION REQUESTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

[Manager's](#) Reports for the weeks of January 31 and February 7, 2025A

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: February 14, 2025

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City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PARKS AND RECREATION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Title: Selection of All-Star Coaches for our youth basketball.

Background: Coaches have submitted letters, per the Youth Sport Handbook, requesting they be selected for All-Star coach position in the division they coached in. Below is the 2025 All-Star Coaches selection. Based on their qualifications and past experience, these coaches are the most suitable representatives for the All-Star teams. Each of these coaches have represented the City of Needles and other cities in tournament play in the past and all coaches complied with SCMAF guidelines and the Coaches Ethics of our Youth Sports Handbook (pgs. 13-16) this season. I have attached a copy of their letters for your review:

C GIRLS COACH: JR RODRIGUEZ
C BOYS COACH: DERRICK HUNT
B GIRLS COACH: ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ
B BOYS COACH: CARLO CASTILLO
A DIVISION GIRLS COACH: ANDRE ARMENDAREZ
A DIVISION BOYS COACH: CHRISTIAN GOULET

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission **approves the selection** of the All-Star coaches as put forth by the Recreation Service Manager.

Submitted By: Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 2/14/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

C Div Girls

02/03/25

To: Recreation Director

Hello my name is J.R. Rodriguez, I am interested in coaching the C Division girls all star team. I have coached basketball for the last 18 years from the recreational level thru the high school varsity level. I also coached a year round travel basketball team for 10 years. My coaching style is to instill confidence in each player to maximize their capabilities. I believe in keeping a positive atmosphere at practices and in games. I enjoy teaching the fundamentals of the game and teaching players to how think the game to develop a strong base for room to grow. With my experience and coaching style I believe I am the best fit for this position. Thank you for your consideration.



J.R. Rodriguez
928-514-3085

B DIV GIRLS

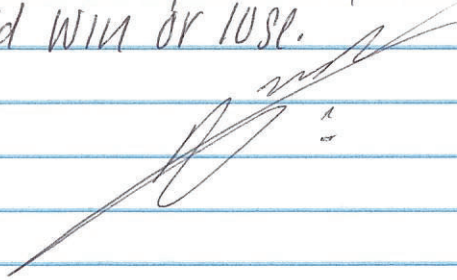
Dear Recreation Department,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Ashleigh rodriguez and I am writing to express my interest in coaching the 5th and 6th grade girls all star basketball team this season. I am excited about helping these athletes grow, both on and off the court and creating a fun and supportive environment where they can develop their skills and teamwork. I am really looking forward to the possibility of working with the team and helping them improve and grow. Feel Free to reach out to me to discuss more. You can reach me at my personal phone number (760)590-3864 or email AshleighRodriguez2025@gmail.com.

Thank You for considering me for this opportunity.

A Div Girls

Coching the 7th-8th grade girls All-star team allows me to guide and inspire these talented young athletes. I will share my knowledge and experience in basketball to help them make the right choices, develop their skills, and reach their full potential. I will also work with each individual, pushing them toward excellence, and the girls would find the experience both challenging and rewarding. I'll be apart of this Journey every step of the way, witnessing their growth and achievements. My goal is to create a positive and motivating environment for these young athletes. Last year I was a State Champion for Needles High School, Winning made me realize that I want these girls to be ready for High School and make the same achievements as I did. Then that would mean I did my job and teaching them the best I could win or lose.



C Div Boys

TO: Needles Parks & Recreation
From: Derrick Hunt

2/10/2023

I am writing this letter to express interest in being selected for coach of the C division all stars. This year I coached team number two of the C division. We did not have a winning record, but the players improved tremendously from day 1. This can be reflected by the numbers the team was able to put up at the end of the year in comparison to the beginning. It is through these results that I hope to be given the opportunity to become a C division all stars coach.

Thank you,
Derrick Hunt

B DIV Boys

Jennifer Valenzuela

From: Carlo Castillo <ccarlo944@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Jennifer Valenzuela
Subject: All star letter of interest

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2/9/25

Needles recreation board,

I wanted to submit my letter of interest to coach the 5&6 boys all star team this 2025 season. I have been coaching Allstars dating back to 2007. I have always taught these kids sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline and fundamentals when it came to basketball on and off the court. So it would be a privilege to coach these kids another year.

Thank you
Carlo Castillo

Letter of Intent to coach 7/8th grade A team All-Stars 2025!

I Christian Goulet would like the opportunity to coach All-stars again this season. This would be my 3rd season to do so and my last All-Stars to do along side my son Logan Goulet with this as his last year of rec basketball. We are grateful for all our All Star season memories over the years, it definitely is our favorite time of year. If selected I will do my best to get the squad selected ready to be their best and make Needles Rec proud! Thank you

A Div Boop



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PARKS AND RECREATION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Title: Golf Stats for August 2024-January 2025 – Financials for June 2024-December 2024

Background: n/a

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Environmental Impact: n/a

Recommended Action: No Action Needed – Information Only

Submitted By: Barbara DiLeo, Finance

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 2/14/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Golf Course Comparisons												
		Sep-23	compared to	Sep-24								
TOTAL DOLLARS COMPARED						TOTAL GOLFERS COMPARED						
Day of Month		Current Yr. Deposit Amount	Prior Yr Deposit Amount	Variance	Mo to date Variance	Regular	Pass	Total	Prior	Variance	Mo to date Variance	
1	Saturday	\$ 870	\$ 743	\$ 127	\$ 127	24	11	35	31	4	4	
2	Sunday	\$ -	\$ 514	\$ (514)	\$ (387)	0	0	0	21	(21)	(17)	
3	Monday	\$ -	\$ 1,546	\$ (1,546)	\$ (1,933)	0	0	0	63	(63)	(80)	
4	Tuesday	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ (38)	\$ (1,971)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
5	Wednesday	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ (43)	\$ (2,014)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
6	Thursday	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ (2,005)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
7	Friday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,005)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
8	Saturday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,005)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
9	Sunday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,005)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
10	Monday	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ (1,996)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
11	Tuesday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,996)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
12	Wednesday	\$ 9		\$ 9	\$ (1,986)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
13	Thursday	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ (12)	\$ (1,998)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
14	Friday	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (1,998)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
15	Saturday	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (1,998)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
16	Sunday	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (1,998)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
17	Monday	\$ 27		\$ 27	\$ (1,971)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
18	Tuesday	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (1,971)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
19	Wednesday	\$ -	\$ 275	\$ (275)	\$ (2,246)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
20	Thursday	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ (9)	\$ (2,256)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
21	Friday	\$ 24	\$ 108	\$ (84)	\$ (2,340)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
22	Saturday	\$ 27	\$ 9	\$ 18	\$ (2,322)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
23	Sunday	\$ 2,266	\$ -	\$ 2,266	\$ (56)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
24	Monday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (56)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
25	Tuesday	\$ 28	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ (28)	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
26	Wednesday	\$ 64		\$ 64	\$ 35	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
27	Thursday	\$ 60	\$ 5	\$ 55	\$ 90	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
28	Friday	\$ 7	\$ 10	\$ (3)	\$ 87	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
29	Saturday	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ (40)	\$ 47	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
30	Sunday	\$ 83	\$ 78	\$ 5	\$ 52	0	0	0	0	-	(80)	
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		\$ 3,482	\$ 3,431	\$ 52		24	11	35	115	(80)		

Golf Course Comparisons											
		Oct-23	compared to	Oct-24							
TOTAL DOLLARS COMPARED						TOTAL GOLFERS COMPARED					
Day of		Current Yr.	Prior Yr		Mo to date						
Month		Deposit	Deposit	Variance	Variance	Regular	Pass	Total	Prior	Variance	Variance
		Amount	Amount								
1	Saturday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0	0	-	-
2	Sunday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0	0	0	-	-
3	Monday	\$ 18	\$ 606	\$ (588)	\$ (588)	0	0	0	112	(112)	(112)
4	Tuesday	\$ 4,660	\$ -	\$ 4,660	\$ 4,072	37	18	55	0	55	(57)
5	Wednesday	\$ 2,719	\$ -	\$ 2,719	\$ 6,791	40	7	47	0	47	(10)
6	Thursday	\$ 1,382	\$ 5,192	\$ (3,810)	\$ 2,981	32	10	42	51	(9)	(19)
7	Friday	\$ 218	\$ 1,279	\$ (1,061)	\$ 1,920	6	12	18	42	(24)	(43)
8	Saturday	\$ 4,034	\$ 2,320	\$ 1,714	\$ 3,634	29	17	46	64	(18)	(61)
9	Sunday	\$ 1,675	\$ 4,402	\$ (2,726)	\$ 908	38	17	55	58	(3)	(64)
10	Monday	\$ 883	\$ 848	\$ 35	\$ 943	18	17	35	34	1	(63)
11	Tuesday	\$ 1,997	\$ 1,375	\$ 622	\$ 1,565	40	26	66	54	12	(51)
12	Wednesday	\$ 2,187	\$ 1,364	\$ 823	\$ 2,388	48	12	60	47	13	(38)
13	Thursday	\$ 2,810	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,424	\$ 3,812	74	22	96	60	36	(2)
14	Friday	\$ 5,326	\$ 3,513	\$ 1,812	\$ 5,624	51	20	71	44	27	25
15	Saturday	\$ 1,603	\$ 605	\$ 997	\$ 6,622	45	25	70	39	31	56
16	Sunday	\$ 1,649	\$ 1,746	\$ (97)	\$ 6,525	33	24	57	24	33	89
17	Monday	\$ 852	\$ 892	\$ (40)	\$ 6,485	23	18	41	39	2	91
18	Tuesday	\$ 679	\$ 1,181	\$ (502)	\$ 5,983	18	12	30	47	(17)	74
19	Wednesday	\$ 2,565	\$ 1,087	\$ 1,478	\$ 7,461	51	10	61	26	35	109
20	Thursday	\$ 3,079	\$ 1,236	\$ 1,843	\$ 9,303	78	17	95	51	44	153
21	Friday	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,542	\$ 35	\$ 9,338	34	25	59	77	(18)	135
22	Saturday	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,913	\$ 148	\$ 9,485	27	18	45	69	(24)	111
23	Sunday	\$ 701	\$ 718	\$ (17)	\$ 9,469	20	25	45	36	9	120
24	Monday	\$ 1,063	\$ 4,110	\$ (3,047)	\$ 6,422	32	24	56	60	(4)	116
25	Tuesday	\$ 3,485	\$ 2,442	\$ 1,043	\$ 7,465	60	23	83	65	18	134
26	Wednesday	\$ 1,884	\$ 1,424	\$ 460	\$ 7,925	49	13	62	38	24	158
27	Thursday	\$ 840	\$ 972	\$ (132)	\$ 7,793	27	24	51	81	(30)	128
28	Friday	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,203	\$ 162	\$ 7,955	33	25	58	49	9	137
29	Saturday	\$ 3,727	\$ 386	\$ 3,342	\$ 11,297	53	28	81	15	66	203
30	Sunday	\$ 2,156	\$ 432	\$ 1,723	\$ 13,020	55	29	84	32	52	255
31	Monday	\$ 933	\$ 965	\$ (33)	\$ 12,987	26	21	47	38	9	264
		\$ 59,126	\$ 46,139	\$ 12,987		1077	539	1616	1352	264	

Golf Course Comparisons											
		Nov-23	compared to	Nov-24							
TOTAL DOLLARS COMPARED						TOTAL GOLFERS COMPARED					
Day of Month		Current Yr. Deposit Amount	Prior Yr Deposit Amount	Variance	Mo to date Variance	Regular	Pass	Total	Prior	Variance	Mo to date Variance
1	Saturday	\$ 5,328	\$ 6,077	\$ (748)	\$ (748)	55	37	92	82	10	10
2	Sunday	\$ 6,750	\$ 5,616	\$ 1,135	\$ 386	74	20	94	95	(1)	9
3	Monday	\$ 3,876	\$ 2,875	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,387	43	25	68	102	(34)	(25)
4	Tuesday	\$ 563	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,437)	\$ (50)	12	18	30	84	(54)	(79)
5	Wednesday	\$ 3,597	\$ 1,457	\$ 2,139	\$ 2,089	27	38	65	52	13	(66)
6	Thursday	\$ -	\$ 1,212	\$ (1,212)	\$ 877	0	0	0	55	(55)	(121)
7	Friday	\$ 577	\$ 2,552	\$ (1,975)	\$ (1,098)	11	23	34	109	(75)	(196)
8	Saturday	\$ 7,605	\$ 922	\$ 6,683	\$ 5,585	76	45	121	42	79	(117)
9	Sunday	\$ 2,943	\$ 366	\$ 2,577	\$ 8,162	73	25	98	18	80	(37)
10	Monday	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,606	\$ 543	\$ 8,705	72	30	102	107	(5)	(42)
11	Tuesday	\$ 1,770	\$ 2,186	\$ (415)	\$ 8,290	42	45	87	82	5	(37)
12	Wednesday	\$ 2,509	\$ 5,052	\$ (2,543)	\$ 5,747	40	33	73	109	(36)	(73)
13	Thursday	\$ 2,305	\$ 2,361	\$ (56)	\$ 5,691	33	42	75	51	24	(49)
14	Friday	\$ 3,017	\$ 3,750	\$ (733)	\$ 4,958	51	40	91	100	(9)	(58)
15	Saturday	\$ 2,298	\$ 3,261	\$ (963)	\$ 3,995	78	43	121	133	(12)	(70)
16	Sunday	\$ 2,376	\$ 871	\$ 1,505	\$ 5,499	51	21	72	50	22	(48)
17	Monday	\$ 577	\$ 2,002	\$ (1,425)	\$ 4,074	15	11	26	103	(77)	(125)
18	Tuesday	\$ 2,696	\$ 1,939	\$ 756	\$ 4,831	68	48	116	69	47	(78)
19	Wednesday	\$ 2,161	\$ 1,577	\$ 584	\$ 5,415	33	28	61	67	(6)	(84)
20	Thursday	\$ 4,720	\$ 268	\$ 4,452	\$ 9,867	121	42	163	21	142	58
21	Friday	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,561	\$ (24)	\$ 9,843	39	35	74	55	19	77
22	Saturday	\$ 2,327	\$ 2,175	\$ 151	\$ 9,995	59	50	109	100	9	86
23	Sunday	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,144	\$ 1,156	\$ 11,150	57	27	84	42	42	128
24	Monday	\$ 2,360	\$ 2,992	\$ (633)	\$ 10,518	53	33	86	154	(68)	60
25	Tuesday	\$ 4,215	\$ 846	\$ 3,369	\$ 13,887	34	43	77	17	60	120
26	Wednesday	\$ 2,855	\$ 2,984	\$ (129)	\$ 13,758	62	30	92	35	57	177
27	Thursday	\$ 1,376	\$ 4,698	\$ (3,322)	\$ 10,436	40	43	83	32	51	228
28	Friday	\$ 1,005	\$ 724	\$ 280	\$ 10,716	23	13	36	51	(15)	213
29	Saturday	\$ 4,560	\$ 2,568	\$ 1,992	\$ 12,708	115	42	157	105	52	265
30	Sunday	\$ 935	\$ 1,326	\$ (391)	\$ 12,317	18	6	24	52	(28)	237
		\$ 82,287	\$ 69,970	\$ 12,317		1475	936	2411	2174	237	

Golf Course Comparisons												
		Dec-23	compared to	Dec-24								
TOTAL DOLLARS COMPARED						TOTAL GOLFERS COMPARED						
Day of Month		Current Yr. Deposit Amount	Prior Yr Deposit Amount	Variance	Mo to date Variance		Regular	Pass	Total	Prior	Variance	Mo to date Variance
1	Sunday	\$ 4,451	\$ 4,184	\$ 266	\$ 266		40	26	66	82	(16)	(16)
2	Monday	\$ 1,958	\$ 1,348	\$ 610	\$ 876		25	43	68	95	(27)	(43)
3	Tuesday	\$ 2,864	\$ 1,728	\$ 1,136	\$ 2,012		34	40	74	102	(28)	(71)
4	Wednesday	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,029	\$ 1,026	\$ 3,038		58	40	98	84	14	(57)
5	Thursday	\$ 1,846	\$ 1,098	\$ 748	\$ 3,786		48	35	83	52	31	(26)
6	Friday	\$ 2,416	\$ 3,317	\$ (902)	\$ 2,884		57	44	101	55	46	20
7	Saturday	\$ 3,245	\$ 2,916	\$ 329	\$ 3,213		141	2	143	73	70	90
8	Sunday	\$ 1,713	\$ 933	\$ 780	\$ 3,993		34	37	71	81	(10)	80
9	Monday	\$ 1,008	\$ 72	\$ 936	\$ 4,928		20	33	53	4	49	129
10	Tuesday	\$ 771	\$ 630	\$ 141	\$ 5,069		18	13	31	42	(11)	118
11	Wednesday	\$ 4,879	\$ 1,363	\$ 3,516	\$ 8,586		96	51	147	74	73	191
12	Thursday	\$ 1,412	\$ 2,410	\$ (999)	\$ 7,587		33	41	74	109	(35)	156
13	Friday	\$ 1,829	\$ 873	\$ 956	\$ 8,543		59	50	109	49	60	216
14	Saturday	\$ 892	\$ 1,380	\$ (488)	\$ 8,055		26	28	54	74	(20)	196
15	Sunday	\$ 2,520	\$ 1,727	\$ 793	\$ 8,848		59	35	94	78	16	212
16	Monday	\$ 3,026	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,461	\$ 10,309		32	47	79	58	21	233
17	Tuesday	\$ 2,362	\$ 763	\$ 1,599	\$ 11,907		39	32	71	50	21	254
18	Wednesday	\$ 523	\$ 1,251	\$ (727)	\$ 11,180		18	42	60	70	(10)	244
19	Thursday	\$ 1,596	\$ 1,342	\$ 255	\$ 11,434		28	35	63	38	25	269
20	Friday	\$ 5,482	\$ 1,372	\$ 4,110	\$ 15,544		82	49	131	77	54	323
21	Saturday	\$ 1,986	\$ 1,396	\$ 590	\$ 16,135		37	18	55	65	(10)	313
22	Sunday	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,016	\$ 783	\$ 16,918		50	29	79	67	12	325
23	Monday	\$ 2,266	\$ 1,460	\$ 806	\$ 17,724		41	40	81	60	21	346
24	Tuesday	\$ 2,043	\$ 1,373	\$ 670	\$ 18,393		37	35	72	63	9	355
25	Wednesday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,393		0	0	0	0	-	355
26	Thursday	\$ 2,193	\$ 1,920	\$ 273	\$ 18,666		52	40	92	91	1	356
27	Friday	\$ 3,326	\$ 1,843	\$ 1,483	\$ 20,149		81	48	129	65	64	420
28	Saturday	\$ 2,341	\$ 2,189	\$ 152	\$ 20,301		57	40	97	114	(17)	403
29	Sunday	\$ 2,062	\$ 2,803	\$ (741)	\$ 19,560		52	33	85	127	(42)	361
30	Monday	\$ 3,131	\$ 2,809	\$ 322	\$ 19,882		46	57	103	92	11	372
31	Tuesday	\$ 3,143	\$ 2,519	\$ 624	\$ 20,506		79	44	123	93	30	402
		\$ 72,136	\$ 51,630	\$ 20,506			1479	1107	2586	2184	402	

Golf Course Comparisons												
		Jan-24	compared to	Jan-25								
TOTAL DOLLARS COMPARED						TOTAL GOLFERS COMPARED						
Day of		Current Yr.	Prior Yr		Mo to date							
Month		Deposit	Deposit	Variance	Variance		Regular	Pass	Total	Prior	Variance	Variance
		Amount	Amount									
1	Sunday	\$ 2,780	\$ 3,135	\$ (355)	\$ (355)		43	56	99	82	17	17
2	Monday	\$ 4,335	\$ 5,472	\$ (1,137)	\$ (1,492)		54	56	110	95	15	32
3	Tuesday	\$ 5,167	\$ 3,605	\$ 1,562	\$ 71		69	74	143	102	41	73
4	Wednesday	\$ 2,082	\$ 3,579	\$ (1,497)	\$ (1,426)		44	36	80	84	(4)	69
5	Thursday	\$ 2,247	\$ 4,827	\$ (2,580)	\$ (4,006)		49	47	96	52	44	113
6	Friday	\$ 2,872	\$ 3,573	\$ (701)	\$ (4,707)		47	74	121	55	66	179
7	Saturday	\$ 60	\$ 1,338	\$ (1,279)	\$ (5,986)		6	10	16	73	(57)	122
8	Sunday	\$ 832	\$ 491	\$ 341	\$ (5,645)		15	6	21	81	(60)	62
9	Monday	\$ 957	\$ 2,403	\$ (1,446)	\$ (7,091)		20	29	49	4	45	107
10	Tuesday	\$ 7,227	\$ 3,095	\$ 4,132	\$ (2,959)		85	80	165	100	65	172
11	Wednesday	\$ 2,074	\$ 2,088	\$ (14)	\$ (2,973)		26	21	47	23	24	196
12	Thursday	\$ 3,128	\$ 2,512	\$ 616	\$ (2,357)		11	21	32	133	(101)	95
13	Friday	\$ 346	\$ 2,705	\$ (2,359)	\$ (4,716)		8	39	47	65	(18)	77
14	Saturday	\$ 1,590	\$ 2,447	\$ (857)	\$ (5,574)		19	27	46	139	(93)	(16)
15	Sunday	\$ 2,494	\$ 2,058	\$ 436	\$ (5,138)		32	57	89	126	(37)	(53)
16	Monday	\$ 2,393	\$ 7,087	\$ (4,694)	\$ (9,832)		46	67	113	136	(23)	(76)
17	Tuesday	\$ 4,205	\$ 3,595	\$ 610	\$ (9,222)		112	82	194	134	60	(16)
18	Wednesday	\$ 2,578	\$ 3,143	\$ (565)	\$ (9,787)		55	54	109	129	(20)	(36)
19	Thursday	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,027	\$ 517	\$ (9,270)		63	50	113	139	(26)	(62)
20	Friday	\$ 372	\$ 1,941	\$ (1,569)	\$ (10,839)		4	15	19	94	(75)	(137)
21	Saturday	\$ 737	\$ 418	\$ 319	\$ (10,520)		19	39	58	38	20	(117)
22	Sunday	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,054	\$ 358	\$ (10,162)		24	62	86	29	57	(60)
23	Monday	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,973	\$ (660)	\$ (10,822)		15	32	47	103	(56)	(116)
24	Tuesday	\$ 5,587	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,482	\$ (8,341)		96	83	179	151	28	(88)
25	Wednesday	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,941	\$ (588)	\$ (8,929)		28	40	68	129	(61)	(149)
26	Thursday	\$ 2,448	\$ 1,917	\$ 531	\$ (8,398)		66	46	112	118	(6)	(155)
27	Friday	\$ 893	\$ 1,755	\$ (862)	\$ (9,260)		20	36	56	96	(40)	(195)
28	Saturday	\$ 2,054	\$ 1,937	\$ 117	\$ (9,143)		41	65	106	98	8	(187)
29	Sunday	\$ 2,471	\$ 2,065	\$ 406	\$ (8,737)		56	71	127	105	22	(165)
30	Monday	\$ 2,594	\$ 3,775	\$ (1,181)	\$ (9,918)		65	66	131	147	(16)	(181)
31	Tuesday	\$ 4,476	\$ 5,112	\$ (637)	\$ (10,554)		93	74	167	177	(10)	(191)
		\$ 75,621	\$ 86,175	\$ (10,554)			1331	1515	2846	3037	(191)	

Aquatics	UNAUDITED			
<i>FY 2024</i>				
	Fiscal YTD 06/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	15,701	12,330	(3,371)	
Total	15,701	12,330	(3,371)	127%
Expenses				
	220,894	261,913	41,019	
Total	220,894	261,913	41,019	84%
Recreation				
<i>FY 2024</i>	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 06/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	55,498	45,000	(10,498)	
Total	55,498	45,000	(10,498)	123%
Expenses				
	421,020	469,622	48,602	
Total	421,020	469,622	48,602	90%
Jack Smith Park				
<i>FY 2024</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 06/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	250,016	243,000	(7,016)	
Total	250,016	243,000	(7,016)	103%
Expenses				
	95,466	115,646	20,180	
Total	95,466	115,646	20,180	83%
Golf				
<i>FY 2024</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 06/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	666,524	693,805	27,281	
Total	666,524	693,805	27,281	96%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	734,793	762,485	27,692	96%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	395,564	422,685	27,121	94%
Total	1,130,357	1,185,170	54,813	95%

Aquatics				
UNAUDITED				
FY 2025				
	Fiscal YTD 07/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	3,582	10,500	6,918	
Total	3,582	10,500	6,918	34%
Expenses				
	42,369	249,282	206,913	
Total	42,369	249,282	206,913	17%
Recreation				
FY 2025	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 07/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	1,909	45,500	43,591	
Total	1,909	45,500	43,591	4%
Expenses				
	46,017	422,094	376,077	
Total	46,017	422,094	376,077	11%
Jack Smith Park				
FY 2025	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 07/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	40,922	248,700	207,778	
Total	40,922	248,700	207,778	16%
Expenses				
	13,870	115,992	102,122	
Total	13,870	115,992	102,122	12%
Golf				
FY 2025	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 07/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	19,603	715,182	695,579	
Total	19,603	715,182	695,579	3%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	52,692	686,182	633,490	8%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	22,140	426,928	404,788	5%
Total	74,832	1,113,110	1,038,278	7%

UNAUDITED				
Aquatics				
<i>FY 2025</i>				
	Fiscal YTD 08/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	4,167	10,500	6,333	
Total	4,167	10,500	6,333	40%
Expenses				
	70,804	249,282	178,478	
Total	70,804	249,282	178,478	28%
Recreation				
<i>FY 2025</i>	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 08/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	1,909	45,500	43,591	
Total	1,909	45,500	43,591	4%
Expenses				
	77,122	422,094	344,972	
Total	77,122	422,094	344,972	18%
Jack Smith Park				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 08/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	63,275	248,700	185,425	
Total	63,275	248,700	185,425	25%
Expenses				
	20,721	115,992	95,271	
Total	20,721	115,992	95,271	18%
Golf				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 08/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	41,007	715,182	674,175	
Total	41,007	715,182	674,175	6%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	99,357	686,182	586,825	14%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	54,905	426,928	372,023	13%
Total	154,262	1,113,110	958,848	14%

Aquatics				
UNAUDITED				
FY 2025				
	Fiscal YTD 09/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	5,045	10,500	5,455	
Total	5,045	10,500	5,455	48%
Expenses				
	96,309	249,282	152,973	
Total	96,309	249,282	152,973	39%
Recreation				
FY 2025	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 09/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	6,701	45,500	38,799	
Total	6,701	45,500	38,799	15%
Expenses				
	108,069	422,094	314,025	
Total	108,069	422,094	314,025	26%
Jack Smith Park				
FY 2025	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 09/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	87,401	248,700	161,299	
Total	87,401	248,700	161,299	35%
Expenses				
	26,928	115,992	89,064	
Total	26,928	115,992	89,064	23%
Golf				
FY 2025	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 09/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	50,111	715,182	665,071	
Total	50,111	715,182	665,071	7%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	183,530	686,182	502,652	27%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	87,149	426,928	339,779	20%
Total	270,679	1,113,110	842,431	24%

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Aquatics				
<i>FY 2025</i>				
	Fiscal YTD 10/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	5,045	10,500	5,455	
Total	5,045	10,500	5,455	48%
Expenses				
	107,751	249,282	141,531	
Total	107,751	249,282	141,531	43%
Recreation				
<i>FY 2025</i>	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 10/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	14,286	45,500	31,214	
Total	14,286	45,500	31,214	31%
Expenses				
	137,329	422,094	284,765	
Total	137,329	422,094	284,765	33%
Jack Smith Park				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 10/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	92,183	248,700	156,517	
Total	92,183	248,700	156,517	37%
Expenses				
	34,779	115,992	81,213	
Total	34,779	115,992	81,213	30%
Golf				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 10/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	109,736	715,182	605,446	
Total	109,736	715,182	605,446	15%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	250,618	686,182	435,564	37%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	119,135	426,928	307,793	28%
Total	369,753	1,113,110	743,357	33%

UNAUDITED				
Aquatics				
<i>FY 2025</i>				
	Fiscal YTD 11/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	5,045	10,500	5,455	
Total	5,045	10,500	5,455	48%
Expenses				
	116,783	249,282	132,499	
Total	116,783	249,282	132,499	47%
Recreation				
<i>FY 2025</i>	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 11/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	14,286	45,500	31,214	
Total	14,286	45,500	31,214	31%
Expenses				
	172,333	422,094	249,761	
Total	172,333	422,094	249,761	41%
Jack Smith Park				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 11/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	92,183	248,700	156,517	
Total	92,183	248,700	156,517	37%
Expenses				
	41,411	115,992	74,581	
Total	41,411	115,992	74,581	36%
Golf				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 11/30/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	188,130	715,182	527,052	
Total	188,130	715,182	527,052	26%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	322,324	686,182	363,858	47%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	154,664	426,928	272,264	36%
Total	476,988	1,113,110	636,122	43%

UNAUDITED				
Aquatics				
<i>FY 2025</i>				
	Fiscal YTD 12/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	5,045	10,500	5,455	
Total	5,045	10,500	5,455	48%
Expenses				
	124,763	249,282	124,519	
Total	124,763	249,282	124,519	50%
Recreation				
<i>FY 2025</i>	\$ -	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 12/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	20,153	45,500	25,347	
Total	20,153	45,500	25,347	44%
Expenses				
	205,066	422,094	217,028	
Total	205,066	422,094	217,028	49%
Jack Smith Park				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 12/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	92,183	248,700	156,517	
Total	92,183	248,700	156,517	37%
Expenses				
	47,154	115,992	68,838	
Total	47,154	115,992	68,838	41%
Golf				
<i>FY 2025</i>	Prelim	\$ -		
	Fiscal YTD 12/31/24	Budget	Balance	%
Revenue				
	268,947	715,182	446,235	
Total	268,947	715,182	446,235	38%
Expenses				
Golf Maintenance	378,983	686,182	307,199	55%
Golf Operations (Pro Shop)	188,428	426,928	238,500	44%
Total	567,411	1,113,110	545,699	51%



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2025

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1. The **Spring Cleaning Community Cleanup Event** was a **huge success**, with residents disposing of trash and bulky items at **four designated locations** throughout the city. This initiative led to the collection of **14 tons (28,000 lbs.)** of material, highlighting our community's commitment to keeping **Needles clean and welcoming**. With support from **Public Works and Code Enforcement**, the event fostered a **sense of pride and collaboration**, bringing the community together to maintain **safe and attractive neighborhoods**. The **Needles Pride Program** continues this mission by promoting **property upkeep, code compliance, and organized cleanups**. Our city's beautification efforts extend beyond residential cleanups. **A special thank you to our city crews** for their hard work in preparing **Jack Smith Park** for spring. Crews **cut weeds and grass, cleaned the playground area, dragged the beaches, painted the canopies, and began improvements on the parking lot**. These enhancements ensure that our public spaces remain **inviting, safe, and enjoyable** for residents and visitors alike. If you missed the cleanup event, you can still participate by scheduling **three free bulky item pick-ups annually**. Simply call **1-800-364-3754** to arrange a pick-up. Let's **build on this success** and continue making Needles a cleaner, more beautiful place! Stay informed about upcoming events by downloading the **Needles Connect app** from the [Google Play Store](#) (for Android) or the [Apple Store](#) (for iOS devices). **Thank you to everyone who participated and to our city crews for their dedication!** *Check out the attached images to see these improvements in action.*
 2. City officials and staff attended the **League of California Cities Mayor and Council Members Academy** from **January 29-31, 2025**. This organization plays a vital role in **supporting local control and advancing our legislative priorities**, serving as a key resource for advocacy efforts in Sacramento. Through the League, we receive **legislative advocacy support, assistance with grant applications, letters of support, and proactive engagement on state-level issues** impacting Needles. As part of the **League's Desert Mountain Region**, Needles benefits from this strong network, a key point of

contact for our advocacy efforts. Attending this academy is essential for **building relationships, exchanging policy ideas, and ensuring our city remains engaged in critical discussions** affecting local governance. ***Refer to the attached photo of our City Council officials with League of Cities President Lin Kennedy and various council members from across California.***

3. The City Council is taking decisive action to meet our community's **housing needs** by adopting a comprehensive **housing demand study**. This pivotal initiative underscores our commitment to **economic growth** and **community development**. The study projects a demand for **55 new housing units** annually over the next decade, spanning both **for-sale and rental** options across multiple income levels. This forward-thinking strategy is in lockstep with our broader goals: enhancing **infrastructure**, stimulating **business development**, and fostering a **family-friendly environment**. With an **expanding workforce, aging housing stock**, and Needles' strategic position in the **tri-state River Region**, our city is exceptionally well-positioned for residential investment. In addition, as a **Prohousing-designated** city within an **Opportunity Zone**, Needles offers attractive incentives such as **state funding** access, **expedited permitting**, and potential **tax benefits** to support development. We are dedicated to partnering with **developers, investors, and builders**, and we are streamlining the permitting process while maintaining proactive engagement with project applicants to ensure Needles remains a **business-friendly destination** for housing development. Now is the ideal time to invest in Needles. With **rising housing demand** and robust **city-backed incentives**, we invite developers to explore the numerous opportunities available. Please contact the City of Needles for more information on our housing initiatives and investment potential. Together, we can shape a thriving future for our **community**. ***Refer to the attached housing study for additional insights.***
4. The **Needles Animal Shelter** is pleased to announce its upcoming **Spay/Neuter Clinics** on **April 24, 2025**, continuing our efforts to promote **animal welfare and responsible pet ownership** in the community. These bi-annual clinics, led by **Dr. Angelina Beeks** of **Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Clinic**, have been a vital resource since our partnership began in **April 2022**. With **limited availability**, residents are encouraged to **RSVP as soon as possible** to secure an appointment before both clinics reach full capacity. The program requires pet owners to **complete an application and provide proof of residency**, while **dogs must have valid rabies vaccinations and a city license**. To make this service more accessible, the **Needles Animal Shelter covers a portion of the cost**, reducing the financial burden on pet owners. Residents seeking more information or wishing to schedule an appointment can call the shelter at **(760) 326-4952**. ***Refer to the attached flyer for more details.***
5. The City of Needles offers a variety of rental opportunities for residents and visitors, including El Garces, the Recreation Center, city parks, and sports fields. These well-maintained facilities support public and private events, ensuring

better utilization of community assets while generating revenue for ongoing improvements. To rent a facility, residents can contact **Jennifer Valenzuela directly at (760) 326-2814 or by email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com**. Additionally, the **Jack Smith Park Boat Launch facility** will reopen in **March** for **weekend use only**, further expanding recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Beyond facility rentals, the City offers a range of **seasonal recreational programs**, including youth sports leagues, as well as **Dance Trax 51**, which provides a variety of dance activities. Signature events such as the **Fall Festival** and the upcoming **18th Annual Spring Classic** continue to promote sports tourism and community engagement. These activities attract visitors, support local businesses, and offer residents diverse recreational experiences. The City's commitment to enhancing parks and recreation strengthens Needles' identity as a **family-friendly destination**, improving the quality of life while fostering a more connected and active community. **5**

6. City staff is excited to share that the **Well No. 11 Treatment Plant Project**, which broke ground on **May 31, 2023**, is now in its **final stages of system calibration for startup**. This **\$8.9 million project** represents a significant milestone in enhancing Needles' water infrastructure, ensuring a **reliable supply of high-quality drinking water** for generations. A **ribbon-cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March**, with representatives from key agencies expected to attend. We sincerely thank the **State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and California Climate Investments** for their crucial grant funding, which made these essential improvements possible. Additionally, this plant will **treat Well No. 11 and support Wells No. 12 and No. 15**, significantly improving water quality by addressing **natural iron and manganese contamination** that has affected our groundwater for decades. This project is one of many, as Needles will see **over \$16 million in water infrastructure improvements in the coming years**, all designed to benefit our community well into the future. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with the community and stakeholders at the upcoming ribbon-cutting event.
7. This week, **Caltrans continued their fire prevention and beautification efforts along Interstate 40**, including tree removal, shrub trimming, and landscaping enhancements. **The Caltrans Tree Crew, specialists in cutting trees along interstate highways, completed multiple tasks at J Street, the pedestrian undercrossing on California, and behind River City Pizza**. We appreciate their ongoing commitment to maintaining **the entire I-40 corridor, including off-ramps within the city, ensuring safety and a welcoming environment for residents and visitors**. Residents can report concerns or maintenance needs for **the California State Highway System directly to Caltrans at <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>**. For issues within the city, please contact (760) 326-2115 or use the Needles Connect app which can be downloaded from the **[Google Play Store](#)** (for Android) or the **[Apple Store](#)** (for iOS devices). Thank you to **Caltrans for their continued support in keeping**

our community clean and safe! —Check out the attached images for a glimpse of their hard work.

8. City staff is pleased to **congratulate the owners of Jolted Coffee Arcade on their new addition to the family!** We're also excited to share that **Jolted Coffee Arcade is back in action**, now open **Monday through Friday from 5 AM to 10 AM at 109 F Street**. Offering a whole coffee shop experience—from **rich espressos and refreshing Frappuccino's to iced coffees and customized energy drinks**—this beloved local spot is back and better than ever! Visit their website for more details, and check out the attached image for a glimpse. Let's continue to **support local businesses** and enjoy some fantastic beverages at **Jolted Coffee Arcade!** Additionally, the intersection of **J Street and Third Street** will soon be revitalized by reopening **two businesses**—the **gas station at 301 J Street** and a **cannabis retail store at 300 J Street**. These reopening's will bring renewed activity to the area, helping to generate **additional sales tax revenue** for our community. The **City Council remains committed to fostering economic growth and supporting business development** by enhancing public relations and positioning Needles as a **business-friendly community**. This includes **streamlining the permitting process** to encourage investment and maintaining **proactive communication with current applicants** to ensure their projects move forward efficiently at the **City and County levels**. These business developments reflect the City's dedication to **supporting local entrepreneurs and cultivating a thriving business environment in Needles**. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with business owners to make Needles a **welcoming and prosperous hub for growth and opportunity**.
9. **Council Member Tona Belt** extends our gratitude on behalf of **Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC)** to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station** and the **California Highway Patrol Needles Station** for their outstanding contributions to the **City of Needles community**. This past **December**, at **Vista Colorado Elementary**, these organizations assisted **Santa** in making a **grand entrance via CareFlight helicopter** for the **third annual event**. Their participation created a **magical experience** for students, bringing joy and excitement while reinforcing the importance of community partnerships. This initiative directly supports the **City Council's goal to develop and improve a family-friendly environment** by fostering **community engagement**, promoting **safety and health**, and strengthening partnerships with **local organizations and first responders**. By working together, we continue to create **safe, welcoming spaces** that enhance the quality of life for residents. These efforts underscore our commitment to building a **thriving, connected, and community-supported Needles**, where **public safety, family-oriented programs, and strong partnerships** remain at the heart of our city's progress. ***Refer to the attached image from the award recognition event celebrating this impactful community partnership.***

10. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **February 8, 2025 – The Women’s Club Golf Tournament**
The tournament is being held on February 8. [Registration is open. Sign up today!](#)
- **March 1, 2025 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**
The event will occur at the **Needles City Public Works Yard** (112 Robuffa Street, Needles, CA 92363) from **7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Residents are encouraged to responsibly dispose of **used motor oil, batteries, paint products, and household cleaners**. If you have any questions, contact the **Household Hazardous Waste Program** at **909-382-5401** or **1-800-OILY-CAT** if you have any questions.
- **March 15, 2025 – Lucky Greens Annual Golf Tournament**
Mark your calendars for this much-anticipated event at **River Edge**! Gather your friends, colleagues, or fellow Chamber members to form a team of four and enjoy a day of **friendly competition, networking, and fun** on the course—all while **supporting the local community**. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just out for a good time, everyone is welcome to join in!
- **March 19, 2025 – 3rd Annual Job and Resource Fair**
San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe will host this event at the **El Garces Historic Train Depot** (950 Front Street, Needles, CA) from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** It’s a valuable opportunity for residents, city staff, and public officials to connect with **agencies and organizations offering essential services**.
- **April 21-27, 2025 – Route 66 Bike Week**
Experience the adventure of a lifetime by riding the historic stretch of **Route 66** from Needles to Seligman. This **weeklong event** celebrates the **freedom of the open road** and the vibrant culture of Route 66.
- **May 14, 2025 – Run for the Wall (RFTW)**
This annual event honoring **Vietnam Veterans** will welcome over **300 motorcyclists** as they journey across the country. This meaningful tribute will take place at the historic **El Garces**, with the riders expected to arrive at **noon**.

1. SPRING CLEANING COMMUNITY CLEANUP



1. JACK SMITH PARK CLEANUP



2. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE



3. HOUSING DEMAND STUDY

Accepted by the Council on 1/28/2025



Summary of Housing Market Demand Assessment for Needles, California

Needles City Council Meeting
January 28, 2025



Background and Objectives

- Responding to a Request for Proposals from the City of Needles, The Concord Group (“TCG”) completed a housing market demand assessment for the City in November 2024
- TCG’s scope of work included an assessment of key housing trends and demand drivers (including employment and demographic trends) for the City as well as for the broader River District region
- Based on the findings of our analyses, we provided an assessment of the current housing market, projected demand for rental and for-sale housing in the City over the next 10 years, and provided a menu of potential product types that would meet the forecasted demand across a range of income levels and housing preferences
- This presentation summarizes our key findings.

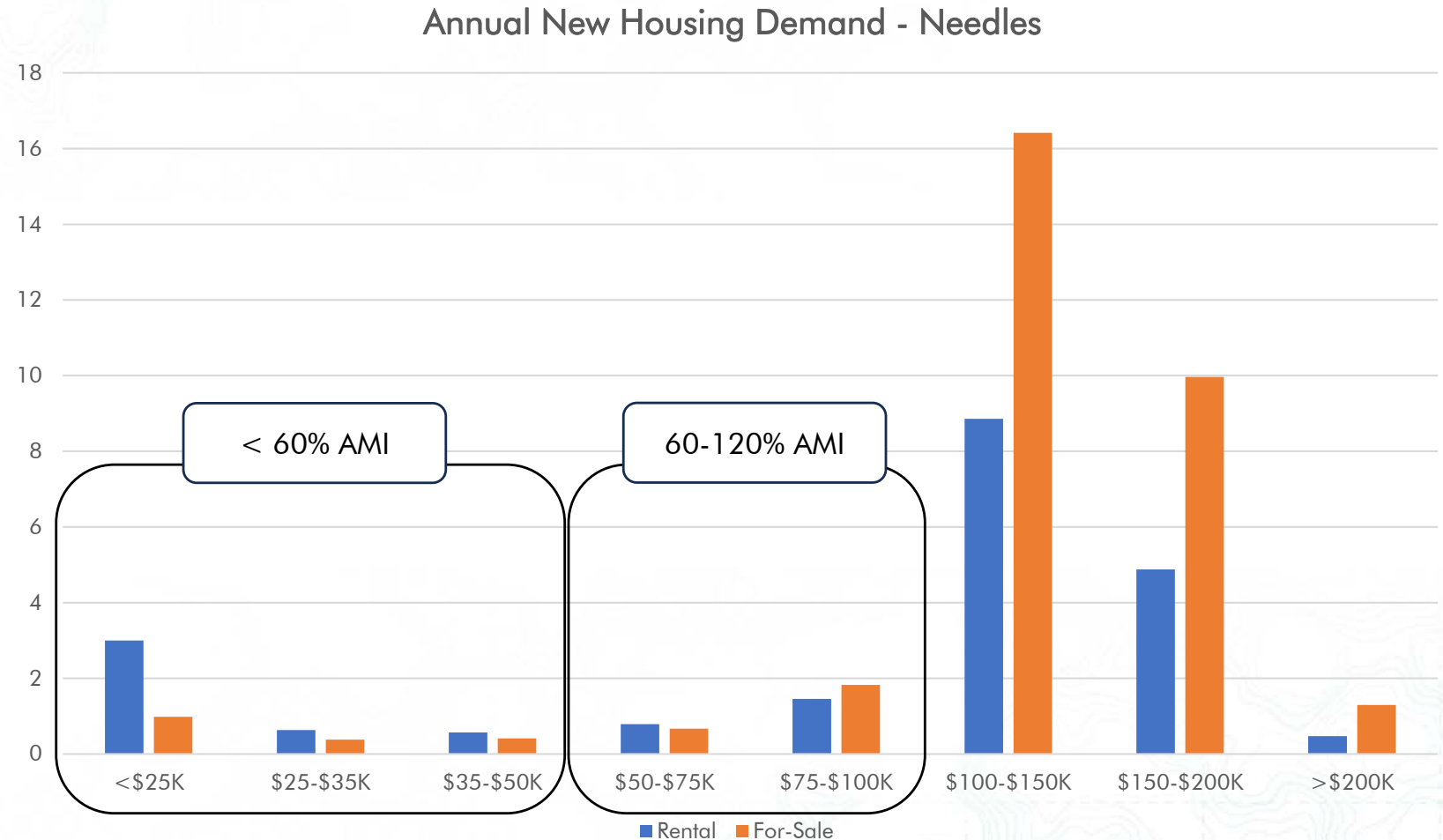
The Concord Group

- Real estate advisory firm founded in 1995 focusing on market, financial and valuation analyses across residential and commercial sectors.
 - Offices in Newport Beach, San Francisco, Portland, Atlanta, Austin, New York
 - Deep experience across U.S. Metro Markets
 - 800+ projects per year
 - Senior team comprised of recognized industry thought leaders
 - 40+ full time staff (Professional + Operations) and access to contract teams nationwide
- Diverse client/relationship base across real estate sectors
 - Developers (Multi-family REITs/Land)
 - Homebuilders (Public/Private)
 - Public Sector
 - Private Equity
 - Financial Institutions

Key Findings

Demand

- The Concord Group projects demand for +/- **55 new housing units per year** in Needles over the next 10 years
 - Based on expected renter/owner splits, this comes out to demand for approximately 15-20 new rental units and 35-40 new for-sale/ownership units per year
- Demand projected across various household income and AMI ranges as seen in graph to the right



Demand Drivers

- Demand for new housing driven primarily by the following factors:
 - **New households.** Mix of new in-migrants to the region as well as new household formation (i.e. kids leaving home). Households new to the market are being driven by a combination of job growth, cost of living/quality of life considerations, and work-from-anywhere trends. Includes those seeking vacation/second homes.
 - **Demand for newer housing product from current households.** Nearly 60% of the City's housing stock was built before 1980, offering few modern/updated floorplans.
 - **Job and wage growth.** The cannabis industry has developed into the City's dominant industry, and wages have seen strong growth the past three years – leading to a mismatch in the housing stock offered and what some residents can afford.
 - **Continued growth of the River District.** As the tri-state area continues to see job growth, Needles has an opportunity to capture its 'fair share' of regional housing demand.

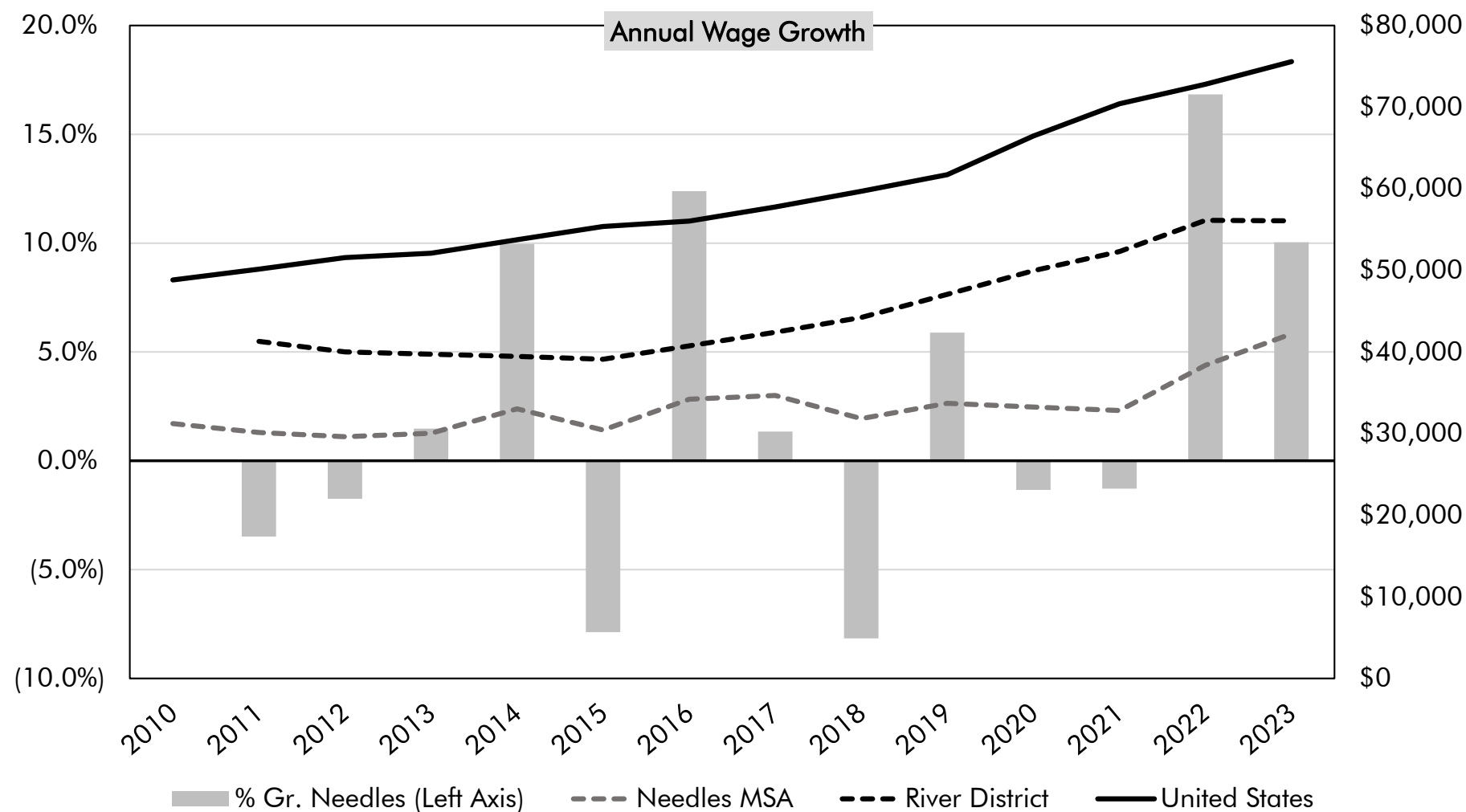
Projected Household Growth

- ESRI projects no household growth for Needles through 2028, and growth of over 2,000 households in the River District in this timeframe.
- Projected growth is notably varied by income range, with losses in lower income ranges and gains in households earning over \$75,000 in annual income:

Household Income Range	Needles				River District			
	Total Households		Projected Change '23-'28		Total Households		Projected Change '23-'28	
	2023	2028			2023	2028		
\$0 - \$25,000	701	629	(72)	-10%	17,191	14,590	(2,601)	-15%
\$25,000 - \$35,000	207	165	(42)	-20%	6,748	6,099	(649)	-10%
\$35,000 - \$50,000	201	179	(22)	-11%	8,579	7,990	(589)	-7%
\$50,000 - \$75,000	342	250	(92)	-27%	11,791	11,616	(175)	-1%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	147	160	13	9%	8,365	9,499	1,134	14%
\$100,000 - \$150,000	200	322	122	61%	8,356	10,833	2,477	30%
\$150,000 - \$200,000	157	228	71	45%	3,295	4,930	1,635	50%
\$200,000 +	43	51	8	19%	2,520	3,368	848	34%
	1,998	1,984	(14)	-1%	66,845	68,925	2,080	3%

Wages

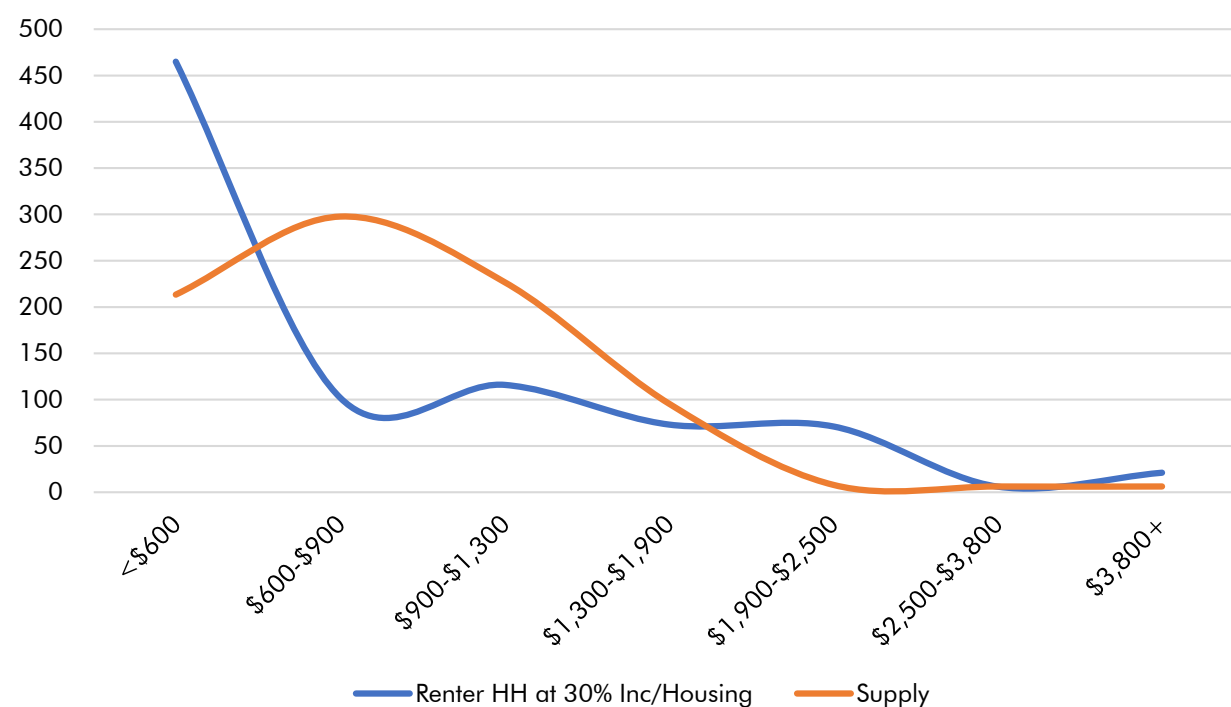
- Nearly 6% annual growth in wages in Needles last 5 years



Housing Costs versus Spending Potential: Rental

- Per Census estimates, there is a mismatch between housing supply and potential demand given household incomes. Broadly speaking, there is a lack of supply at higher rent and sales price points versus what households in the region can theoretically afford.

Current Rental Supply vs HH Affordability - Needles



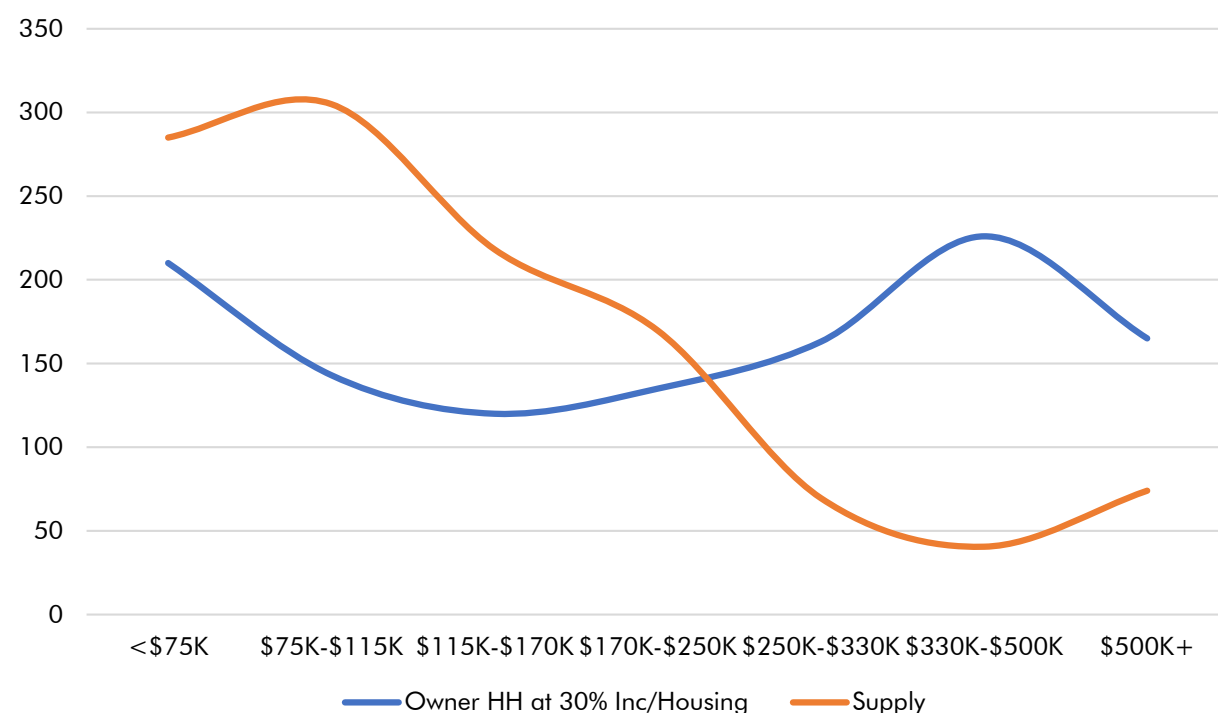
Current Rental Supply vs HH Affordability – River District



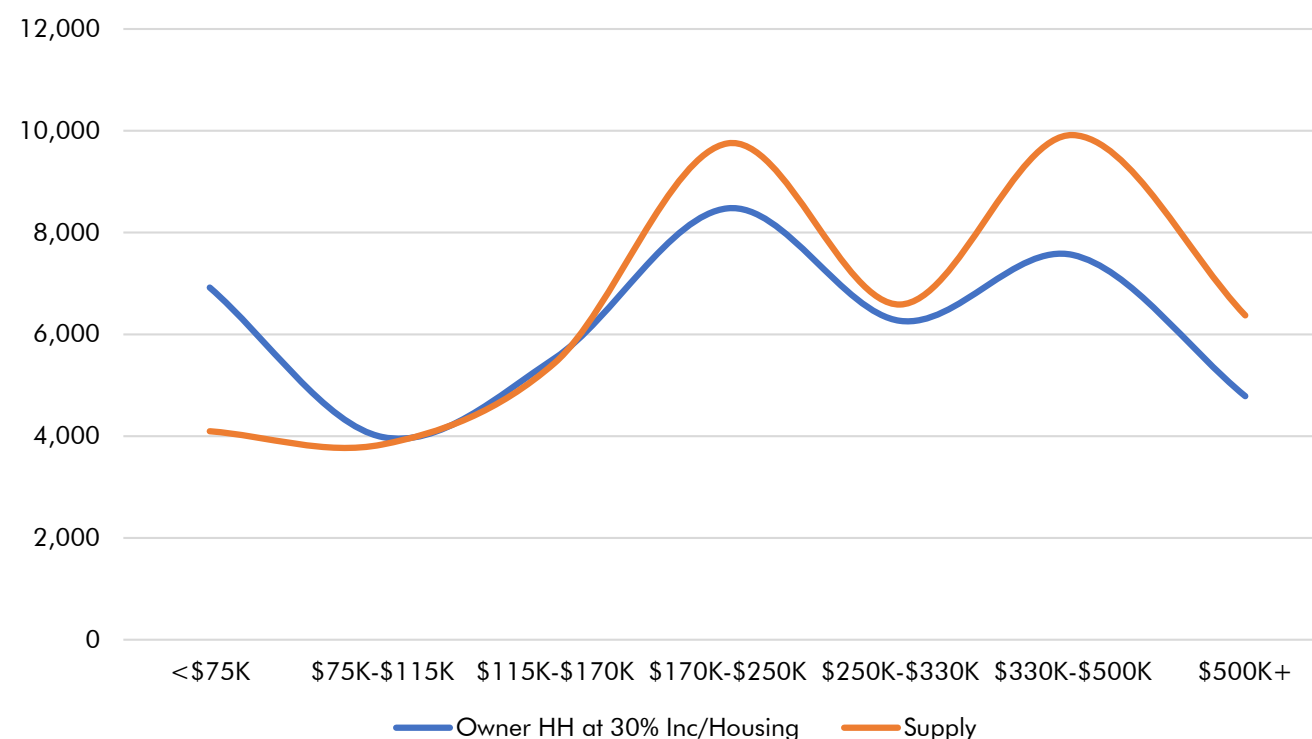
Housing Costs versus Spending Potential: For-Sale

- Per Census estimates, there is a mismatch between housing supply and potential demand given household incomes. Notably in Needles the mismatch is most acute at the upper end of the region's home prices, where there is very limited supply.

Current Ownership Supply vs HH Affordability - Needles



Current Ownership Supply vs HH Affordability – River District



Key Findings

- Newer housing stock should help to free up housing units for households earning under +/- \$50,000 per year.
- Much of the rental and for-sale housing market in the City is priced in a relatively narrow range, and there is a mismatch between prices and household incomes. Many households that could afford to pay more don't have product that meets their needs and "settle" for lower-priced housing.
- Newer housing stock can also help to force rehabilitation and upgrades to the existing housing stock and offerings in order to stay competitive.

Key Findings

- We anticipate demand for future housing to generally follow historic preferences seen in the market, but also see opportunities for product types not commonly seen in the City or region, such as townhomes, micro units, ADUs, and purpose-built single-family rentals.
- However, development cost realities will likely limit certain types of housing development in the near-term. Given construction material and labor costs, we would expect certain building types, especially higher-density typologies (i.e. podium) to be difficult to develop given current rent and price levels.

Key Findings

Pricing Range	Likely Resident Types	Avg. Unit Size Range	Potential Housing Types	10-Year Demand Pool (New)
Rental Residential		SF		
Under \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples • <\$35K 	300 - 1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing (LIHTC) • Micro units (studios, small one-beds, converted hotel rooms) 	35
\$1,000 - \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples, empty nesters, young families • \$35K-\$75K 	600 - 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden style/walk-up • Mobile home/prefab 	60
\$1,500 - \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples, families • \$50K-\$100K • New in-migrants 	750 - 1,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden style/walk-up • Single-family/townhome rentals 	40
Over \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families, empty nesters • \$75K-\$150K+ • New in-migrants 	1,000 - 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large single family • River-adjacent housing 	25
Subtotal Rental Products:				160
For-Sale Residential				
Under \$200K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples, empty nesters, young families • <\$50K 	700 - 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile homes • Low-income ownership programs (if available) • ADU/Micro-units 	20
\$200K-\$250K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families • \$50K-\$75K 	1,200 - 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townhomes/duplexes • Small-lot single family 	50
\$250K-\$300K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families • \$50K-\$100K • New in-migrants 	1,500 - 2,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single family 	100
Over \$300K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families, empty nesters • \$75K-\$150K+ • New in-migrants • Vacation/second home 	2,000 - 3,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-lot single family • River-adjacent housing • SFD with ADU/casitas (that could be rented out) 	200
Subtotal Ownership Products:				370
Total All Products:				530

4. ANIMAL SHELTER CLINIC

SPRING SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

THE NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER IS SPONSORING A SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR NEEDLES RESIDENTS. PET OWNER PAYS DEPOSIT AND NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER PAYS REMAINING COST
MUST FILL OUT APPLICATION AND PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY

APRIL 24TH, 2025

SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

ANGEL'S TOUCH MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC
DR. ANGELINA BEEKS DVM



NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER
1662 FLIP MENDEZ PKWY
(760)326-4952



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE AT SHELTER



LIMITED AVAILABILITY



DOGS MUST HAVE VALID
RABIES AND CITY
LICENSE





5. REC. RENTALS

CITY OF NEEDLES

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT RENTAL APPLICATION

Department: _____

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Recreation

☐

Aquatics

☐

Parks

☐

Animal Control

Facility / Equipment Requested: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Time: _____

Type of Function: _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Requesting Organization: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Will admission be charged? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proceeds go to? _____

List equipment / arrangements needed to facilitate your event: _____

Harmless Clause:

The sponsoring organization, individual member(s) of the sponsoring organization, and any and all participants and attendees for themselves, their spouses, heirs, administrators, executors and assignees, release and hold harmless the Governing Board, City and its officers and employees from any claim or demand, including those based on the negligence of the Governing Board, City and its officers and employees, arising from participation or attendance at this activity or function held on City property or utilizing City equipment.

Damage Clause:

I/We hereby certify that I/we shall be personally responsible on behalf of our organization for any damage sustained to City furniture, or equipment because of the occupancy of said use of equipment by our organization. I/We agree to abide by, and to enforce courtesy while using the City equipment.

Animal Trap Rental:

This is to certify that on the above date, I rented a small / large trap in working condition from the Needles Animal Control Department. I accept all responsibilities to return the trap in the same condition as when it was loaned out. (The trap is to be returned clean and clear of any cans, dishes, strings, etc.)

I further agree to reimburse the City of Needles for said trap if it is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged. See Fee Schedule for trap replacement charge.

Applicants Signature: _____

Dated: _____

----- OFFICIAL USE ONLY -----

Priority Class: _____

Fee: _____

Deposit Amount: _____

CA / CK / MO

Insurance information (if applicable): _____

~~ Include copy of insurance rider for this event with your application ~~

Approved by City Council on: _____

Sec. 15A-6 - "No person shall possess or use any alcoholic beverages on the premises of any recreational area without the express written approval of the city council".

RECREATION & PARKS FEE SCHEDULE

Effective. January 2023

Recreation Center

Facility/Equipment Request	Cost per Hour
Contract Instructor Classes	1-24 students: 12% 25 -50 students: 15% 26-75 students: 18% 76 or more students: 20%
Recreation Facility	\$50 p/hour + Cost of Insurance
Gym Only	\$30 p/hour + Cost of Insurance
Back Class Room	\$20 p/hour
Front Class Room	\$20 p/hour

Parks

Jack Smith Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Duke Watkins Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Manny Morris Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Small Park Rental (Santa Fe)	\$20 hr for 4 hrs or less/\$200 a day
Large Park Rental (JSP)	\$25 hr for 4 hrs or less/\$300 a day
Franz Flower Field	\$10 p/hour
3 Pete's Field	\$10 p/hour
Nikki Bunch Field	\$10 p/hour

Jack Smith Park Boat Launch

Daily	\$20.00
Annual Pass	\$180.00

El Garces

Main Room	\$350 (cleaning dep of \$150)
West End	\$150.00
Amtrak Room	\$75.00

NEEDLES RECREATION

**1705 J STREET
NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760)326-2814**



With several programs offered to Youth from Sports Programs to Summer Camp & Dance. The recreation center hosts Sport Tournaments and has programs though out the year.



After School Program

Open everyday that school is in session.

Monday - Friday 2:30 - 6:00PM

Wednesday 12:30 - 6:00PM

K - 8th Grade

Summer Day Camp

Monday - Thursday

1:00 - 5:00PM

\$4.00 / Day per child

Ages 5-12 yrs. old

Aquatic Center

Opens June 7, 2025

Open Swim

Monday - Thursday 12-4PM & 7-9PM

Sat & Sun (June only) 2-6PM

Swim Lessons & Lap Swim available

Seasonal Sports

Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Peewee Basketball, & Peewee Soccer

Dance Trax 51

Tap, Ballet, Jazz, HipHop, Yoga

Seasonal Activities

Santas Workshop

Route 66 Pee Wee Derby

Lynnes Little Ladies Tea Party

Fall Festival

If you have any questions please contact the recreation center (760)326-2814

Facilities are available for private rentals, call recreation center for prices and available dates.

NEEDLES PARKS AND FIELDS



We believe that attractive public open spaces and well-maintained parks help to make Needles a better place to live, and encourages civic pride. The City has approximately 40 acres of grass and parkland.



If you have any questions please contact the recreation center (760)326-2814

Parks / Facilities

Jack Smith, Santa Fe, Manny Morris,
Duke Watkins, Bob Belt Beach
& El Garces

Fields

Nikki Bunch, Franz Flowers, 3 Petes,
Ed Perry & Phillips Field

Available for private rentals

Jack Smith Boat Launch Facility

March & October

Weekends only

9:00AM - 4:00PM

April / May / September

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Friday - Sunday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

June / July / August

7 Days a week 7:00AM - 6:00PM

*Subject to change due to inclement weather

Boat Launch Area

\$20.00 Day Use

\$180.00 Annual Launch Pass

Additional Parking

\$5.00 Vehicle Day Use

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(760)326-2814**



The Parks & Recreation Services Department manages all of the recreation, parks and services offered by the City of Needles. Recreational Services also provides social, recreational, and cultural opportunities, which stimulate and enhance the quality of life for Needles residents by offering interesting programs and social services that ensure a variety of leisure opportunities accessible to all citizens.

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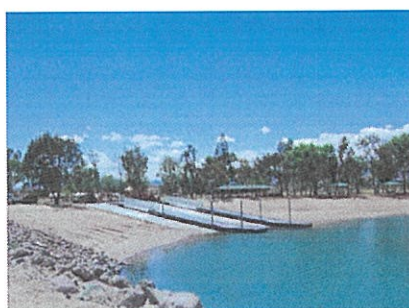
\$180.00 Annual Launch Pass

\$5.00 Vehicle Day Parking Pass

All passes are purchased at the Kiosk
located at Jack Smith Park. We accept
cash, checks, and credit cards.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION CENTER
(760)326-2814

1001 RIVER ROAD
NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760) 326 - 3566



Jack Smith Park Day use fee
Every launch facility user entering Jack
Smith Memorial Park boat launch
facility shall be charged and the City
shall collect a per vehicle day use or
annual pass use fee established by
Resolution of the City Council. Every
Vehicle parking in the attentional
parking area adjacent to the boat
launch shall be charged a per vehicle
day use fee established by resolution of
the city council

(ord. 458-AC; ord #478-AC, Sept 2005; Ord #479-
AC April 2006. Ord # 505-AC, March 2009
Ord#514-AC January 2010 Ord. #554-AC August
2013



ALL vehicles that enter ahead into the Jack Smith
Memorial Park Boat Launch Facility must have a Day
use or Annual Use Launch Pass or will be given a
citation. All vehicles that entered the launch prior to
posted business hours and wish to remain in the
facility must return to kiosk immediately at the
beginning of that days operating hours to purchase
the required pass to avoid citation.

City of Needles
Rules and Regulations Governing City-Owned El Garces Facilities and Rooms
Application for Use

Contact: Jennifer Valenzuela

Phone: 760-326-2814 Email: jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com

3% surcharge will be added when processing payment with a credit card

Facility or Room Requested: _____ Today's Date/Time: _____

Date Requested: _____ Time Reserved: Begin: _____ End: _____
(set-up and take down time must be included)

Event Contact Person: _____ Group/Organization: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City/State: _____

Name(s) and Telephone Number(s) of Chaperone(s) if applicable (adult must be present at all times): _____

Type of Activity: _____ Number of People Expected: _____

Name of Band or DJ: _____ Name of Caterer: _____

Beer: _____ Wine: _____ Champagne: _____ Spirituous Liquor: _____ Permit# _____
(include copy of permit with application)

Set up Configuration: _____

List of Equipment being used for event: _____

Security Deposit: _____ Room Rental Fee: _____ Rent Total: _____

Rent Paid: _____ Balance Due: _____ (14 days before use): _____

Smoking anywhere inside the building is prohibited.

I hereby certify that I am the authorized and responsible representative of the petitioning group. The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge. I have read a copy of the policies governing the use of the facility, and agree that our group will comply with the rules and regulations, policies and fee schedule governing the use of the facility. I also agree that all rent and fees shall be paid by the above due date (14 days before scheduled event) or confirmed reservation shall become void.

Date: _____ Name (Print): _____

Signed _____ (Identification Required)

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Phone: _____

Approval of City Staff/Management: _____

Date: Security Deposit Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

Date: Room Rental Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

Date: Security Deposit Refunded: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

EL GARCES

HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT

**EL GARCES TOURS ARE
AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY
CONTACT (760) 333-5255 FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

The historic El Garces Transportation Depot has recently completed a substantial restoration/rehabilitation. One of the key features of the building itself is a Community Room (historically known as the Luggage Room) that is now available for special events. The main room can hold a maximum of 140 persons and is envisioned to be used for meetings, parties, membership gatherings and other special events. The room is available on a first-come first serve basis.

**950 FRONT STREET
NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760) 326 - 3566**



The El Garces Harvey House was part of the Fred Harvey Company's chain of hotels, restaurants, and hospitality services designed to serve passengers on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe Railway). Named after Father Francisco Garces, an 18th-century Franciscan missionary and explorer, El Garces was envisioned as a luxury stop for travelers.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
RENTAL INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT THE RECREATION CENTER
(760)326-2814**

CITY OF NEEDLES 18TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

GRADES
3RD-8TH

MARCH
1ST & 2ND

ENTRY FEE
\$175



THE CITY OF NEEDLES INVITES TEAMS FROM CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA AND NEVADA. INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES, MVP & ALL-TOURNEYS WILL BE AWARDED TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE IN ALL DIVISIONS. ALL TEAMS ARE GUARANTEED THREE GAMES.

For registration and tournament details please call the Needles
Recreation Center 760-326-2814 or email
parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com



7. CALTRANS CLEANUP EFFORTS



8. SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



9. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS





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Councilmember Henry Longbrake
Councilmember Zachery Longacre

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: February 7, 2025

1. This week, the **City Manager** attended the **League of California Cities City Managers Conference**, a key event bringing together **municipal leaders** to address critical issues impacting **local governance**. The conference featured sessions on **leadership, council transitions, economic development, homelessness solutions**, and the evolving role of **city managers**. Discussions covered **infrastructure funding, emergency preparedness**, and best practices for enhancing **city operations**. This event provided an opportunity to connect with **industry experts, exchange ideas** with fellow city managers, and gain insights into **strategies** supporting **Needles' long-term growth and resilience**. While at the conference, the **City Manager** met with **Tripepi Smith**, the city's **marketing consultant**, and brainstormed for the future. With extensive experience in **municipal marketing**, the firm provides **branding, digital outreach, and strategic communication** support to enhance the city's **visibility**. Their **presence at the conference**, including a **dedicated booth**, highlighted their **expertise** and ongoing **efforts to support Needles**. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the conference and **Tripepi Smith's participation**.
2. City staff is pleased to announce the **ribbon-cutting ceremony** for the **Well No. 11 Treatment Plant Project**, scheduled for **March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** This **\$8.9 million project** is a significant milestone in strengthening Needles' **water infrastructure**, ensuring a **reliable supply of high-quality drinking water** for years. With final system calibration underway, the project is nearly complete. Representatives from key agencies will attend, and we **invite the community to celebrate** this **significant investment in Needles' future**.
3. The **Needles Pride Program** continues to thrive, encouraging **community-driven activism** among residents dedicated to **enhancing neighborhoods, fostering pride, improving property upkeep, and ensuring compliance with city codes**. A key success of the program has been multiple **community clean-up efforts**, with the next **pop-up clean-up event scheduled for tomorrow, February 8, 2025, at 8 AM**. Hosted by the **Military Moms**, this event invites the

community to help clean **Broadway Street**. Those interested are encouraged to **meet at the corner of Broadway Street and G Street (The Needles Sign)** and bring **gloves and enthusiasm** to support the beautification of our city. **Fire prevention** has been a **top priority** for the city and its residents, with numerous property owners cleaning up their properties. This week, **Public Works** has been actively addressing fire risks by **trimming trees and removing dead vegetation** in key areas, including **Jack Smith Park, Duke Watkins Park, the Aquatic Center, and Nikki Bunch Park**. Next week, crews will begin **trimming all palm trees at the cemetery**, followed by tree maintenance **throughout the city and other parks**. **Eighty palm trees** will be cut as part of these proactive fire prevention and maintenance efforts in the coming weeks.

4. **Rivers Edge Golf Course** is experiencing a **remarkable year**, featuring some of the **best greens in the Tri-State region**. We are excited to host several **upcoming tournaments**, offering a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the game while supporting local causes. Tomorrow, the **Women's Club** will host its **inaugural Scholarship and Operations Fundraiser**, bringing the community together for a meaningful cause. Then, on **March 15, 2025**, the **Needles Chamber of Commerce** will present its **second annual Lucky Greens Golf Tournament**, promising a **fun and competitive** day on the course. We encourage golfers to **book a tee time or host their tournament at Rivers Edge**. As we grow into a **championship-caliber golf destination**, we remain committed to making **Rivers Edge Golf Course** a valued asset for the community. **Book your tee time today or RSVP for these tournaments** by calling **760-326-3931** or visiting our website to explore upcoming events.
5. City staff is pleased to share that **Needles has been prominently featured in the newly rebranded South Valley Media Guide**, formerly the **Needles Relocation and Visitors Guide**. This **comprehensive publication** by **News West Publishing, Inc.** highlights Needles alongside neighboring communities, reinforcing our city's **economic growth, public infrastructure improvements, and expanding recreational opportunities**. This feature aligns with the **City Council's goals of fostering economic development, promoting tourism, and enhancing community engagement**. By showcasing in a well-regarded regional publication, Needles strengthens its visibility to **prospective businesses, new residents, and visitors**, positioning our city as a **thriving destination along the Colorado River**. We extend our **gratitude to News West Publishing, Inc.** for including Needles in this year's guide and their efforts to promote our community. **Refer to the attached South Valley Media Guide for more details on how Needles is highlighted, or click [here](#) to view it online.**
6. Simon Sewer **mobilized this week** to begin **hydro-vac cleaning of 30,000 linear feet of sewer main lines** across several key areas, including **Desnok, Cibola Street, Bazoobuth, Acoma, Palm Way, Quivera, Downey, D, E, 4th Street, and the mainline from Bailey Avenue to E Broadway**. The **hydro-vac process** uses **pressurized water** to break down and remove built-up solids in the sewer mains, helping to **extend the life of the pipes, improve system**

efficiency, and reduce odors. This ongoing maintenance is a **critical investment** in the city's sewer infrastructure, aimed at **preventing blockages, minimizing future repairs, and ensuring long-term system reliability.** The work is progressing efficiently, and city staff will continue to monitor the project to ensure timely completion. **Refer to the attached map for a detailed view of the areas currently being cleaned and images for a glimpse of their hard work.**

7. On **January 28, 2025**, the **City Council allocated funds** for immediate enhancements to improve **ADA accessibility** at the **City of Needles Rodeo Grounds**. These upgrades aim to provide a **safe and accessible path of travel** for individuals with disabilities, ensuring compliance with ADA regulations and enhancing the overall experience for attendees. The improvements include **two van-accessible parking spaces** and **132 linear feet of an accessible walking path** leading to seating and restrooms. These upgrades are **scheduled for completion next week** in preparation for the **47th Colorado River Round-Up on April 4-5, 2025**. Celebrated as **the oldest local rodeo**, this event is **endorsed by the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association**, ensuring a **showcase of skill, courage, and cowboy tradition**. Last year, the event drew **4,000 attendees over two nights**, reinforcing its significance as a significant community gathering. The city would like to **thank Western Construction Specialists, Inc.** for their efforts in **mobilizing quickly** to complete the project on time. **Refer to the attached photos for a project status update and the flyer for more information on the event.**
8. City staff is making **steady progress** on the **Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map**, a key component of the **OHMV Pilot Program** aimed at **designating city streets for off-highway vehicles** to enhance **recreation and tourism**. In **December 2024**, staff submitted **proposed route maps** to the **BLM Needles Field Office**, developed in partnership with **stakeholders and the city's traffic engineer** to ensure **safe and efficient connections**. This week, BLM informed staff that, due to **new administrative priorities**, they have been aligning their work with updated directives, and their **review of the maps is expected to conclude soon**. Once finalized, the map will move forward for **review by the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office**, followed by engagement with the **OHMV Subcommittee, Sheriff's Department, Planning Commission, and City Council** for **public hearings and community input** for adoption of an Ordinance. These efforts mark an **essential step toward establishing a well-connected OHMV network**, reinforcing Needles as a **destination for outdoor recreation**. Staff will continue working closely with **BLM and regional partners** and provide updates as the process advances.
9. Last week, City staff was aware that four burros had been roaming between **Jack Smith Park** and the **Needles Golf Course**. In response, staff has communicated with the **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**, responsible for managing and protecting wild burro populations. A **Burro Extraction Team** will arrive early next week to relocate them safely. It is believed that the burros may have traveled from the **Chemehuevi Herd Area** or the **Dead Mountain Herd**

Area, both located near Needles. A team from **Ridgecrest** will conduct the relocation process to return them to their herd. **BLM is actively addressing the situation and working quickly to ensure a safe and humane resolution per federal protections for wild burros.** In the meantime, drivers in the area are advised to use caution. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. **Refer to the attached images for a glimpse of the burros.**

10. Last weekend, the **BHHS Legacy Foundation** and **Legacy Connection** hosted their annual event recognizing **inspiring educators** from the **Tri-State area**. This year, over **100 nominations** were submitted, with **39 educators** selected as winners. Among those honored, **Needles was proudly represented by Needles High School's Matt Fromelt and Vista Colorado Elementary's Nicolle Wilson.** Both educators received a **\$500 prize** to support their respective classrooms, recognizing their dedication to student success. Their achievement highlights the outstanding efforts of educators in the **Needles Unified School District**, and we extend our gratitude to all teachers who continue to make a difference in our community. We **thank the BHHS Legacy Foundation and Legacy Connection** for recognizing our **Needles Unified School District educators** and for all the work they do to support teachers and students across the region.

11. City staff has developed a **detailed events calendar** to keep residents informed about upcoming activities in **Needles**. This calendar aligns with the **City Council's goals of enhancing community engagement, fostering economic growth, and promoting recreational opportunities.** Below are some key upcoming events:

- **February 20, 2025 – Needles Chamber "Good Morning Needles"**
Hosted by **TriState WiFi**, this networking event will take place at **7:30 a.m.** at **950 Front St., Needles**. It provides an opportunity for local businesses and community members to connect and discuss ongoing initiatives. **RSVP by calling 760-326-2020.**
- **March 1, 2025 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**
The event will take place at the **Needles City Public Works Yard (112 Robuffa Street)** from **7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Residents are encouraged to properly dispose of **used motor oil, batteries, paint products, and household cleaners.** For inquiries, contact the **Household Hazardous Waste Program at 909-382-5401 or 1-800-OILY-CAT.**
- **March 19, 2025 – 3rd Annual Job and Resource Fair**
Hosted by **San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe**, this event at the **El Garces Historic Train Depot (950 Front Street, Needles, CA)** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** will provide **networking opportunities** for residents, city staff, and public officials to connect with agencies and organizations offering **job placement and essential services.**
- **April 10-12, 2025 – Art in the Park**
Save the date! The **second annual Art in the Park** will showcase **art pieces from across the Tri-State region** in partnership with the **River**

Valley Artist Guild. This event celebrates local creativity and community engagement. **More information to come.**

- **April 19, 2025 – Needles’ 1st Annual World-Famous Chili Cookoff**
Hosted by **The River Community Coalition & Firehouse Ministries**, this exciting new event will take place at **10:00 a.m.** (Location TBD). Attendees can expect **delicious chili, friendly competition, and a celebration of community spirit.** Stay tuned for more details on participation and judging.
- **April 21-27, 2025 – Route 66 Bike Week**
This **weeklong event** celebrates the **historic Route 66** with a **scenic ride from Needles to Seligman**, highlighting the spirit of the **open road and motorcycle culture.**
- **April 24, 2025 – Needles Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic**
The **Needles Animal Shelter** will host a **spay/neuter clinic** to promote **responsible pet ownership.** Space is **limited**, and residents must **RSVP** by completing an application and providing proof of residency. A portion of the cost is **subsidized** to make the service more accessible. For more details or to schedule an appointment, call **(760) 326-4952.**
- **May 14, 2025 – Run for the Wall (RFTW)**
This **annual tribute honoring Vietnam Veterans** will welcome over **300 motorcyclists** passing through Needles. The riders will **arrive at the historic El Garces at noon**, offering a meaningful opportunity to **honor their service.**

Local organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk’s Office** to add or update events, ensuring the calendar remains **current and valuable** for the community. To submit an event or make changes, **contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com.** Refer to the attached **2025 Community Events Calendar** for more details.

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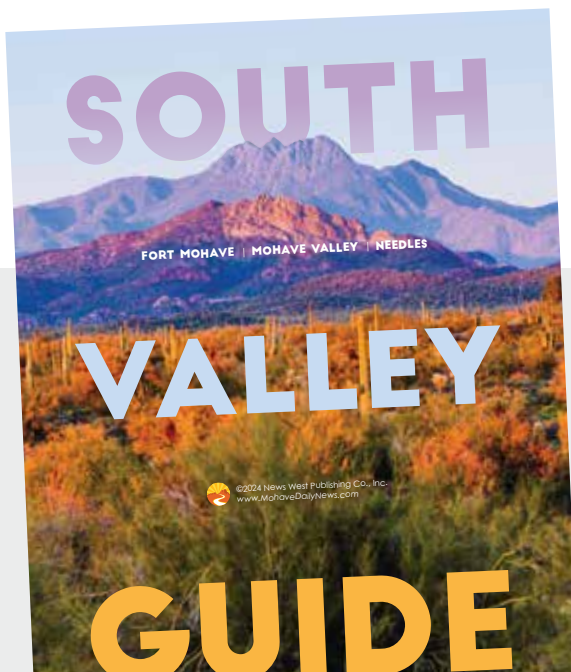
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CHURCHES

Amazing Grace Fellowship

Amazing Grace is a Full Gospel Pentecostal Church with relevant worship, dynamic preaching and individual prayer. Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is Monday at 7 p.m. Men of Impact Bible Study is the third Tuesday of each month with the Ladies of Grace Bible Study on the fourth Tuesday. Kids Church and ELEV8 Teens Ministry are at 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is at 4195 S. Lynn Drive in Fort Mohave. For information, call 928-758-6059 or go to www.MYAGF.com.

Calvary Chapel Mohave Valley

Sunday morning services are at 10 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. The Pregnancy Care Center is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The church is at 1620 Plantation Road. The pastor is Craig Burroughs. For information, call the church office at 928-788-3337.

Christian Growth Fellowship

Christian Growth Fellowship meets at 1863 E. Panadero Road in Fort Mohave. Meetings are held Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. The pastor is Jerry Duke. For more information, call 928-201-7088.

Christian Joy Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by Sunday worship service with a message brought by pastor Josh Wood. Children's church begins at 10:45 a.m. Mid-week studies are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The church is at 1746 Joy Lane in Fort Mohave. For information, call 928-768-3070 or go to www.christianjoychurch.com.

Come As You Are Church

Come As You Are Christian Ministries of Fort Mohave meets for Sunday service at 9:45 a.m. with Pastor Miguel Penaloza. The church is at 5902 Highway 95, Suite 102, in Fort Mohave. Phone is 928-788-3361, fax is 928-788-2775 and email is cmasurmin@aol.com.

Desert Bloom Ministries

Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. The church is at 1470 Hammer Road in Fort Mohave, across from Valley View Medical Center. Dr. Anna Rich is the pastor. James H. Rich is associate pastor. For more information, call 928-768-8882.

Family of God Lutheran Church

Regular worship services are at 10:15 a.m. Sunday with communion on the second and fourth Sundays. The church

is at 1863 Panadero Road in Fort Mohave. For information, contact Pastor Richard Fyffe at 928-763-5303.

First Baptist Church of Fort Mojave

First Baptist Church of Fort Mojave is open for worship service at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Evening worship and youth grades 7-12 at 6 p.m. Bible study for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Weekday adult prayer is at 11 a.m. Tae kwon do is at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Griefshare is at 1 p.m. Thursday. The church is at 5360 Calle Valle Vista. Tristan Beloit is the new pastor. For more information, call 928-768-9797 or go to www.fbcfm.church.

First Southern Baptist Church of Mohave Valley

The church is at 1421 Commercial St. in Mohave Valley. Service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. The pastor is Lionel Grant. For more information, call 928-519-2977.

Harvest Bible Church

Harvest Bible Church, 6870 Highway 95, meets for Sunday worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with children's church at both services and junior high/high school at the 11 a.m. service. Bible study is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, women's Bible study is at 10 a.m. Saturday and men's Bible study is at 6 p.m. Monday. The church pastor is Randy Castillo. For more information, go to www.hbcvaz.org or call 928-788-2225.

Mohave Valley Assembly of God

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. with children's church at 11 a.m. Sunday evening praise and Bible study begin at 6 p.m. Thursday potluck is at 5:30 p.m., followed by Bible study. The church is at Mountain View & Regents. For more information, call 928-768-3000.

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Mohave Valley United Methodist Church

Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. is being streamed on the church Facebook page. The church is at 1593 Lipan Blvd. The phone number is 928-768-3092. Pastor is Gene Stouffer. Church website is www.mohavevalleyumc.org.

New Life Church

Non-denominational services are at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at 2214 Laguna Road, Mohave Valley. Celebrate Recovery is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Pastor Mike Cardello 928-788-1772.

Unity Spiritual Center of the Mohave Valley

Sunday in-person and online (Facebook) access to services led by the Revs. Natalie Lehman and Barry Terwilliger at Unity Spiritual Center of the Mohave Valley are at 10 a.m. for meditation and 10:30 a.m. for the Sunday Morning Experience. Saturday early bird bingo is at 11 a.m. and regular bingo is at 1 p.m. Contact the ministry at 928-763-6605 or email unityofmohavevalley@gmail.com for information. The center is at 967 Hancock Road, Suite 93.

HEALTH & SUPPORT

AA meetings

AA meetings are held at Chaparral Golf Course, 1260 Mohave Drive, at 6 p.m. Saturdays (Sober On the Mount) and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays (women's group).

AA meetings are held at the Mohave Valley United Methodist Church, 1593 Lipan Blvd. in Fort Mohave, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays (Fort Mohave group), 7 p.m. Wednesdays (Cone Mountain Newcomers groups) and 7 p.m. Thursdays (Top of the Hill group).

The Golden Valley-Mohave Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at Golden Paradise Landowners Building, 5055 Verde Road, at the corner of Verde Road and Highway 68. The Mohave Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays with a potluck at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. The Mohave Group also meets Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 800-864-1606.

Al-Anon

Four Al-Anon meetings are held weekly in the Bullhead City area. Valley Christian Church is the site of a meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and from 9-10 a.m. on Saturdays. An Al-Anon meeting is held at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Mohave Valley United Methodist Church, 1593 Lipan Blvd., Fort Mohave. Al-Anon meets from 2-3 p.m. Arizona time on Sundays in the food court at the Laughlin Outlet Center. For more information, call 702-509-0580.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at New Life Church, 2214 Laguna Road, Mohave Valley. For more information, call 928-788-1772.

First Baptist Church Grief Share

Grief Share support group meetings are held from 3-5 p.m. on Fridays at First Baptist Church, 5360 Calle Valle Vista in Fort Mohave, behind Valley View Hospital. For more information, call 928-768-9797.

Tops Club

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Mohave Valley United Methodist Church, 1593 Lipan Blvd. The first meeting is free. For more information, visit www.tops.org.

CLUBS

Colorado River Corvette Club

The Colorado River Corvette Club is looking for new members from the Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Mohave Valley, Kingman, Lake Havasu City and Laughlin areas. For more information, go to www.coloradorivercorvetteclub.net or call Steve at 928-278-7528.

Colorado River Treasure Seekers

If you are interested in metal detecting, Colorado

River Valley Treasure Seekers might be the club for you.

The Seekers meet from October to April on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Mohave Valley United Methodist Church, 1593 Lipan Blvd. in Fort Mohave. For more information, call Sheryl at 402-750-3601.

Craps Flyers Club

The Colorado River Aircraft Pilots Society, AMA Local Chapter 656, invites RC flyers to join the club in Fort Mohave. For more information on the club, go to www.crapsflyingclub.com.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution is a volunteer service organization whose members are dedicated to historical preservation, education and patriotism. For more information, contact our chapter at fortmohavedar@gmail.com.

Fort Mohave EAA

The Experimental Aircraft Association Local Chapter 1558 meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Sun Valley Airport, 5050 Bison Ave. The airport is 1.8 miles off of Highway 95 on El Rodeo Road. For more information, call 310-871-3708.

Los Lagos Golfers

The Los Lagos Golfers is a coed golf club that meets every Wednesday morning year-round at Los Lagos Golf Club, 6365 S. Entrada Via Verdes in Fort Mohave. For information, call Phil Robinson at 661-435-1144, Rod Tower at 562-716-5577 or email loslagosgolfers@gmail.com.

PEO Chapter EX

PEO Chapter EX, Mohave Valley, is a local member of PEO International. PEO is a Philanthropic Educational

Organization focusing on education of women beyond high school. For more information, contact Karen Barns 928-279-4000.

Red Hat Society

The Red Hat Society meets at 5 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Casa Serrano, 5230 Highway 95, Fort Mohave. For more information, contact Queen Mum Norma Thornton at 907-598-7099.

River Cruizers

The River Cruizers Car Club is seeking new members for the purpose of encouraging restoration and preservation of special-interest autos and trucks and to raise funds for distribution in the Tri-state. The River Cruizers meet at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Chaparral Golf & Country Club, 1260 Mohave Drive, Bullhead City. For more information, go to www.rivercruizers.com.

Rotary Club

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Fort Mohave meets at 7 a.m. Wednesdays at Los Lagos Golf Club in Fort Mohave. For more information, call 620-343-0182 or visit the Sunrise Rotary Club's Facebook page.

Tri-State Shooting Park

Tri-State Shooting Park meetings are at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the shooting park. For more information, call 928-704-0274 or 702-371-1532 or go to www.tristateshootingpark.com.

VETERANS

American Legion Post 127

The Mohave Valley Post 127 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at 7968 King Place in Mohave Valley. For more information, email sharon-mathies@frontiernet.net.

AMVETS Post 19

The AMVETS Post 19 is a member's only club. General and post meetings are at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the post, 4310 S. Highway 95 in Fort Mohave. The phone number is 928-299-5041. The canteen opens at noon Monday through Saturday and at 11 a.m. Sunday. It is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is allowed on the back patio and in the front. Weekly events include 8-ball pool tournament, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday; 3-ball pool tournament, noon Wednesday; bunco, 6 p.m. Wednesday; Queen of Hearts (members only) 50/50, 5 p.m. Friday; karaoke, 6 p.m. Friday; 9-ball pool tournament, 6 p.m. Saturday; karaoke, 7 p.m. Saturday; karaoke, 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Post Commander Jimmy Reyes.

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NEEDLES CITY MANAGER LETTER

It is with great pride and deep gratitude that I continue to serve as City Manager for the remarkable community of Needles. Over the past six years, I've had the honor of witnessing our city's extraordinary growth, fueled by the resilience and potential of its people.

Often referred to as the "East Coast" of California, Needles is on an upward trajectory, driven by economic expansion and infrastructure development. Our commitment to fostering a pro-business environment has attracted \$100 million in new investments across various sectors, including hospitality, retail, and industrial development. Key examples of this progress include the nearly one million square feet of cannabis production facilities, which have generated over 605 jobs and contribute 36% of our city's annual budget.



Our dedication to economic growth is also reflected in the opening of the Hampton Inn & Suites, our first interior-entrance hotel. Tourism continues to play a pivotal role in Needles' prosperity, with increased hotel revenues and a growing visitor base at key attractions like the Jack Smith Boat Launch, which welcomed over 500,000 visitors last year.

In addition to economic growth, we are investing heavily in infrastructure improvements. Over the past two years, we have allocated millions of dollars to upgrade streets, water systems, and public spaces. A prime example is the \$20 million commitment to vital projects such as water treatment, electricity, and park enhancements. Notable projects include the modernization of our water system, with key initiatives like the Well 11 Treatment Plant nearing completion.

One of our proudest achievements is the recognition of Needles as the first rural city to receive the California Department of Housing and Community Development Prohousing Designation, positioning us as a leader in housing development. This honor, along with substantial grants, will allow us to continue building a sustainable and resilient future for all.

Beyond economic opportunities, the natural beauty of Needles is one of our greatest assets. With its expansive off-highway vehicle trails and easy access to the Colorado River, Needles offers countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. These outdoor attractions, combined with ongoing efforts to enhance our parks and public spaces, make Needles a vibrant and attractive place to live.

As we continue to reinvest in our city's future, I remain committed to building on the foundation of progress we've achieved. Together, we will unlock the full potential of Needles and ensure a brighter, more prosperous future for everyone.

CITY OF NEEDLES COMMITTS TO ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACES

Needles, CA - The City of Needles has set an ambitious goal to improve its infrastructure and public spaces, enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors. As part of the City Council's 2024-2025 goals, a range of initiatives focused on sustainable development, clean-up efforts, and the revitalization of key community spaces, including parks and the Rodeo Grounds, are already underway.

The Needles City Council emphasized the critical importance of these projects in their recent public statements. "We are committed to creating a sustainable, attractive, and functional environment," the council noted. "Our goal is to make Needles a welcoming gateway to California, where families, businesses, and tourists can thrive."

KEY ASPECTS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

Infrastructure Development: The City has allocated millions of dollars for road and water infrastructure improvements, with a significant portion already invested through the 15-year Pavement Management Plan. This plan has completed 39% of the city's road network, with \$8.5 million spent since 2020. These investments aim to improve transportation and access throughout Needles.

Beautification and Clean-up Initiatives: In line with the council's vision, Needles is working hard to maintain the city's charm by launching clean-up initiatives that focus on both public and private spaces. These efforts include collaborations with state programs, such as Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative, which recognizes Needles as the first city to earn the Clean California Community Designation. This milestone highlights the city's commitment to creating a safer and more vibrant community.

Maximizing Community Spaces: Community engagement is at the heart of Needles' growth strategy. Public spaces, such as the Rodeo Grounds, parks, and local swimming pools, are being revitalized to better serve the public. A prime example is the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Walking Trail, a 1,600-foot path in Jack Smith Park that now features seven fitness stations. This addition not only improves health and wellness but also honors a beloved local educator. In addition, Duke Watkins Park is receiving a \$3.96 million upgrade that includes a Route 66-themed splash pad and a bicycle pump track, which will offer exciting new recreational activities for residents and visitors alike.

Public works have also focused on maintaining parks and




city infrastructure, ensuring facilities are in excellent condition. These projects contribute to the long-term sustainability of Needles, driving economic growth by attracting more visitors and new residents to the area.

As part of the city's broader goals, community spaces like the Rodeo Grounds will be better utilized for events, such as the popular annual rodeo, which continues to grow in attendance and community spirit.


With these enhancements in place, the City of Needles is taking concrete steps toward becoming a more attractive, family-friendly destination along the Colorado River. As the Needles City Council expressed, "Together, we are building a vibrant future, one project at a time."




For more updates on the city's ongoing infrastructure improvements and events, visit the official City of Needles website or follow the city on its "Needles Connect" mobile app.

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MUSIC ACADEMY AIMS TO REINVIGORATE INTEREST IN ARTS



By Fred Mayson, Mohave Valley Daily News

Bullhead City, AZ - Junior high school students have the opportunity to explore musical education at the high school level through a new program offered by the Colorado River Union High School District.

Dubbed the Music Academy, Fox Creek Junior High School and Mohave Valley Junior High School seventh and eighth graders are able to participate in music electives connected to either Mohave High School or River Valley High School respectively.

In Bullhead City, students are able to attend classes at MHS in either a choir or band track, with the possibility of earning high school credits. The classes are held in addition to existing musical offerings at FCJHS.

"We're very excited to work with Fox Creek administration and music teacher Jodi Crowley to build music in our community and make music seen, hopefully, as more important and one of the essential course studies for the students," band director Michelle Ribelin said.

Transportation and "everything the students require" is provided by the high school district, Ribelin said.

MHS music director Cameron Pruitt said the Music Academy aimed to generate interest in the fine arts, which has been lagging locally since the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"We've seen a little bit of a decline in the kids' ability and in the overall fine arts. We wanted, as a professional learning

community between the high school and the junior high, find a way to enrich them so that when they get to the high school, they're ready for the level that is expected of them," Pruitt said.

MHS currently has a marching band and multiple choir programs, many of which participate in competitions throughout the year.

"Ultimately, the goal is to have a six-year 'program,' where the first two years are at the Music Academy in seventh and eighth grade. Once they get to the high school, they're ready to go and can compete in regional competitions and maybe even at state," Pruitt said.

For students at MVJHS, the Music Academy is coming to them - which may be their first exposure to music in an educational setting, as the school has been without a musical program for many years.

Mohave Valley Elementary School District Superintendent Cole Young said he was excited to bring back music to his students.

"Band is a huge component when it comes to kids and the left brain thinkers that are out there. We want to be able to offer that piece," Young said. "By working with (CRUHSD superintendent) Dr. Richard, we were able to come up with an idea where he had some sections that were available at River Valley with his music teacher. They cooperatively came (to) talk to me in relation to how could we do some sharing when it

comes to some of the talents that we have within the area. "

Music teacher Jackie Woodson came to MVJHS to teach two music sections at the junior high school, Ribelin said. "Jackie is really excited about it, because she can build what she needs for the high school at the junior high level," Ribelin said.

"At one time long ago, before me, there was a band program. We're going and digging out instruments that we do have available ... Working with (CRUHSD) will give us an idea of what the baseline is and then we'll kind of build from there," Young said.

Regardless of whether it's at RVHS or MHS, musical programs are beneficial for students in many ways, Pruitt and Ribelin agreed.

Even if a student doesn't want to pursue a career in music, those involved in the fine arts are statistically more likely to succeed academically both in high school and college.

"High schools with really good music programs can boast 95% graduation rates," Pruitt said. "People who participate in middle school and high school music are 30% more likely to get into college ... It does so much for school culture, it does a lot for students and I think to get our area on track academically and culturally, we need to have a stronger music program."



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NEEDLES CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIZES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Needles, CA - The Needles City Council is taking bold steps to enhance the quality of life for residents by prioritizing community engagement and family support. As part of its 2024-2025 goals, the council aims to foster stronger community connections, promote family-friendly amenities, and position Needles as a vibrant and welcoming destination for both residents and visitors.

Community Engagement: Strengthening Local Identity and Connections

The City of Needles is committed to fostering a connected and vibrant community by organizing a diverse array of cultural events, public celebrations, and activities that strengthen local identity. The council has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for residents to come together and engage with one another, helping to cultivate a strong sense of belonging and pride in Needles' unique heritage.

Notable events such as Farmer's Markets, food truck gatherings, and scavenger hunts are just a few examples of how the council is making local activities more accessible and enjoyable for the community. The city's signature event, the Needles Rodeo, recently set a new attendance record with over 3,000 attendees, celebrating the rich history and spirit of the Tri-State region. Other notable events like the Run for the Wall, which honors Vietnam veterans, continue to highlight the city's dedication to community engagement and cultural heritage.

These initiatives are designed to strengthen Needles' identity as a close-knit, active community. By bringing people together, the council aims to promote trust in local government and build lasting connections among residents.

Family Support: Enhancing Amenities and Promoting Recreation

A major focus of the Needles City Council is to create a family-friendly environment that attracts and retains families by enhancing local amenities and promoting sports and recreational activities. Through investments in public spaces like Duke Watkins Park, the council is ensuring that Needles offers high-quality recreational opportunities for families.

Recent upgrades to the park include a Route 66-themed splash pad, a bicycle pump track, and modernized play-



ground equipment with shaded picnic areas. These improvements create a safe and welcoming space where families can enjoy outdoor activities, further enhancing the city's appeal to both residents and visitors.

To support youth development, the city has implemented recreation programs for children as young as three years old. Programs such as summer basketball camps, fall flag football, and after-school activities provide children with opportunities to grow and succeed, fostering both athletic and community involvement. These efforts contribute to the council's broader strategy of promoting athletic tourism, which has the potential to draw more visitors to the area while supporting local economic growth.

Removing Barriers to Engagement and Supporting Inclusivity

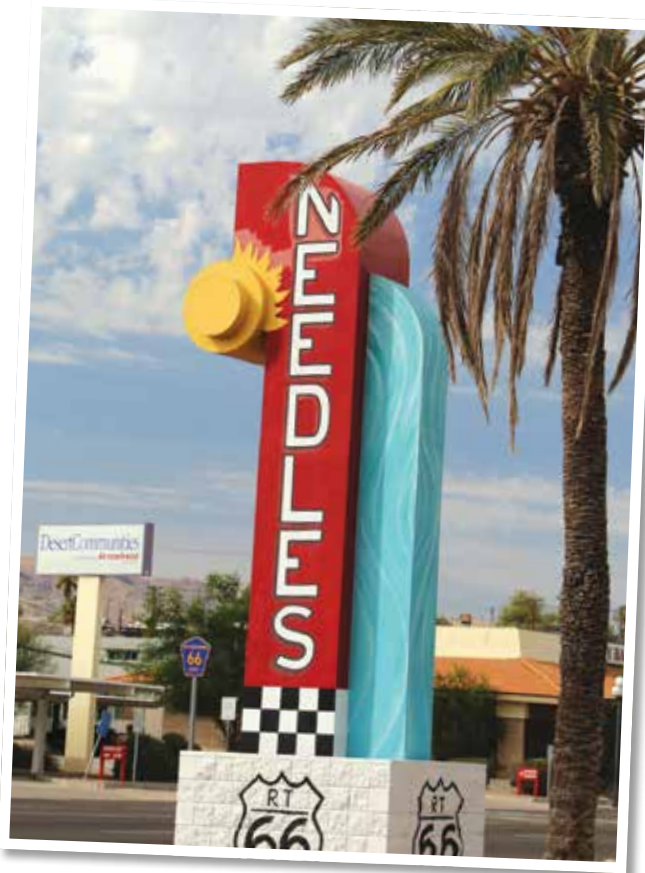
In addition to promoting sports and recreation, the council has made it a priority to remove barriers to engagement by identifying obstacles that may prevent residents from participating in local events and activities. By addressing these challenges, Needles is becoming a more inclusive and welcoming city for all.

The council has also strengthened its partnership with the Needles Unified School District, a key player in enhancing family life in the community. The school district's excellent academic and athletic programs, including a 100% graduation rate, have made it an attractive option for families considering moving to the area.

Creating a Thriving, Connected Community

By focusing on community engagement and family support, the Needles City Council is building a brighter future for its residents. Through the promotion of cultural and recreational activities, the enhancement of public spaces, and the removal of engagement barriers, Needles is becoming an ideal place to live, work, visit, and raise a family. These initiatives not only strengthen the local identity but also contribute to the city's broader goals of fostering economic growth and enhancing the overall quality of life for its residents.

For more information on the city's upcoming events and programs, visit the official City of Needles website or stay connected via the "Needles Connect" mobile app.



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VALLEY VIEW MEDICAL CENTER AND FORT MOJAVE MESA FIRE HOST FLAG CEREMONY FOR NOAH WELCH



Fort Mohave, AZ - Firefighters and medical staff gathered to honor Noah Scott Jentri Welch with a flag ceremony at Valley View Medical Center.

"He will be greatly missed," said Fort Mojave Mesa Fire Chief Chris Pardi.

The 23-year-old man, known for his broad smile and passion for teaching others lifesaving skills, died Sept. 1, after a lifetime of health challenges.

"He had a very positive attitude and the fighting spirit of a warrior," said his mother, Maureen Welch. "When he was born, they said he would never survive, let alone grow â€" he became an amazing young man, everyone loved him."

Noah was born on Nov. 13, 2000, with many health conditions that required lifelong intervention from healthcare providers.

"He came into our care as a foster child and was our adopted son for 23 years," Maureen Welch said. "He experienced surgeries of his brain, his abdomen, his spinal cord and more."

When it became obvious Noah wasn't coming home this time, Fort Mojave Mesa Fire Department dispatched an honor crew to stand watch in his room at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital in Las Vegas.

"Noah and his mother are part of our firefighting family, they've been an integral part of our annual CPR and Basic Life Support/Advanced Life Support annual certification and other specialized training," said John Clark, FMMFD Fire Marshal. "He'll be missed; our folks enjoyed his being a part of our training and having him present."

The Welch family worked together in their own company, Specialty Life Support, an American heart training center.

Noah became an instructor and also graduated from an emergency medical technician program. A student at Mohave Community College, Welch carried a 4.0 GPA and was three classes away from earning his associates degree in IT technology.

"Noah had to work harder to get satisfactory grades and he was never satisfied with a grade that was just okay," Maureen Welch said. "We planned on traveling the country and teaching people CPR in the under-served communities of Arizona."

Noah's spirit lives on through his decision to be an organ donor, his mother said. The family was informed nearly immediately that his decision had already given the gifts of a lung, two kidneys and a liver.

"At Saint Rose, organ donors are announced hospital-wide before disconnecting life support," Clark said. "FMMFD, hospital staff and volunteers, Air Methods crews and others lined the hallways to pay their respects as Noah was taken on an honor walk through the hospital. It was very solemn, but very neat that they did that."

Afterward, Noah and his family were escorted home to Valley View Medical Center, where Maureen Welch has worked for many years. They were greeted by Welch's Valley View family and their firefighting family.

"He was the loveliest thing I had in my life," Maureen Welch said after the ceremony. "My heart is so full; we appreciate that our lives were touched by him and now without him here, we'll try to figure out how to go on."



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NEEDLES CITY COUNCIL ACCELERATES ECONOMIC GROWTH AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Needles, CA - The Needles City Council continues to lead a dynamic effort to foster economic growth and create a business-friendly environment that attracts a wide range of industries. In the past five years, the city has experienced an economic renaissance, with over \$100 million in new investments across sectors such as retail, hotels, industrial, and housing.

This transformation has been driven by the City Council's focus on streamlining permitting processes and forming key partnerships with regional, state, and federal government entities. These efforts have resulted in the construction of over 20 new industrial buildings, primarily focused on the production and purification of CBD and cannabis-related products. This surge in industrial development has led to the creation of more than 600 permanent jobs, significantly boosting local employment.

In addition to industrial growth, Needles has witnessed an

increase in hospitality and tourism, highlighted by the opening of the Hampton Inn & Suites. This new 80-room hotel, part of the Hilton Hotels family, is the first interior-entrance hotel in the city's history and contributes to the ongoing influx of visitors. As tourism plays an increasingly important role in Needles' economy, the city has seen record numbers of visitors, driving economic activity across local businesses.

One of the key pillars of Needles' economic growth is the cannabis industry, which has generated over \$4 million in tax revenue for the city each year for the last four years. These revenues have been reinvested in critical infrastructure projects, helping to modernize roads, water, and wastewater systems.

The City Council is also keen on addressing the growing demand for housing. Significant investments are being made in both remodeling existing homes and constructing new properties, including custom homes along the Colorado River. With available land for development, the city is well-positioned to accommodate new residents while attracting further investment in housing.

To support sustainable growth, the Needles City Council has allocated funds for infrastructure improvements, including the enhancement of public spaces like Bob Belt Park and the ongoing repaving of roads. The city has also committed to upgrading water and wastewater infrastructure, ensuring that the foundation for future growth is both modern and resilient.

In recognition of its efforts, Needles was recently awarded the California Department of Housing and Community Development Prohousing Designation, making it the first rural city in San Bernardino County to receive this honor. The city continues to encourage new development, with streamlined permitting processes that simplify business operations.

As Needles continues its upward trajectory, the City Council remains dedicated to fostering a diverse economy, supporting small businesses, and improving the quality of life for all residents. With a bright future ahead, Needles is fast becoming a vibrant hub of economic activity and a prime destination for businesses, families, and tourists alike.

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DEVILS YOUTH PROGRAM MAKES 2024 HOME DEBUT AGAINST WICKENBURG

By Bill McMillen, Mohave Valley Daily News



River valley devils football (left): The River Valley Devils take the field.

River valley devils cheerleading (above): The River Valley Devils cheerleaders perform at halftime. The squad, a component of the Devils K-8 youth program, has 25 members this year.

Mohave Valley, AZ - The River Valley Devils made the first of four home appearances in September, hosting the Wickenburg Wranglers in a youth football tripleheader at River Valley High School's stadium.

Playing for the third time of the new season, the Mighty Mites, Minors and Majors all saw the home field for the first time on what turned into a long, hot day of football.

"We have 125 kids this year," said River Valley Devils board vice president Heather D'Amico. "We have 45 in cheerleading and the rest (80) in football."

The program is for grades K-8, essentially ages 5 to 14, with the program split into three age groups. The Mighty Mites is for grades K-2, the Minors for grades 3-5 and the Majors for grades 6-8. Participation in the Devils program is open to grade school and middle school/junior high students in Mohave County.

"There's no residency requirement; they can live anywhere in Mohave County," she said.

The Devils program was launched in 2017. Prior to that, D'Amico said, the Vipers program existed for "15 or more years" in Mohave Valley.

The program competes in the Northern Arizona Youth Foot-

ball League, part of the nationwide USA Football program. The Devils are the lone Mohave County member of the league.

D'Amico said the program fills several needs for the community. First, it is an organized, competitive program. "It teaches kids discipline, honesty, accountability, teamwork, trust in each other," she said.

And it provides a supervised activity 10 months of the year.

"It gives them something to do," she said. "It teaches them skills they can use in other things as they get older."

The Devils program offers flag football and tackle football for boys and cheerleading for girls. The flag football season runs from late winter to spring, then the tackle football season occupies late summer through fall.

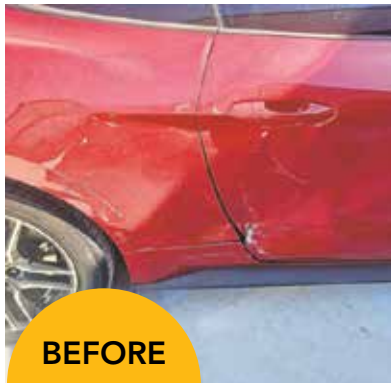
D'Amico said signups for the 2025 Devils program will begin in January.

Another component of the program is "20 to 25" volunteers, D'Amico said, serving in capacities as board members, coaches for football and cheerleading and "team moms" who play a key role at each level giving the coaches and players additional support.

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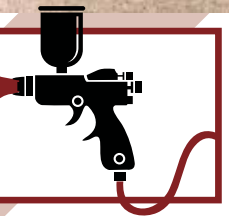
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TOROS, WARRIORS USHER IN NEW ERA OF YOUTH FOOTBALL

By Bill McMillen, Mohave Valley Daily News

Mohave Valley, AZ - The Tri-State Toros and Tri-State Warriors ushered in a new era of youth football in the area in August during a quadruple-header at River Valley High School.

The Bullhead City-based Toros and the Fort Mohave/Mohave Valley-based Warriors battled in games for 9-and-under, 11-and-under and 13-and-under before the Toros took on the Phoenix Wildcats in a 7-and-under game. The Warriors aren't fielding a 7-and-under team.

It was the inaugural tackle football action for both the Toros and Warriors, members of a newly formed six-team River Cities Conference. They are joined by programs from Yuma, Parker, Lake Havasu City and Kingman.

"I thought it was pretty successful," said Corey Fawcett of the Warriors. "It was a learning experience, especially for our younger players who hadn't played a real game before. But I think it went well. We brought all the (Warriors) teams together and the kids got to see what it's like to play football. Now, it's back to work on Tuesday."

Fawcett said the team - and league - formed because of the many changes going on in the community.

"It's going better than we thought it would," said Natalie Tynda, president of the Tri-State Toros board. "We thought there would be more hiccups. There have been a few, but for the most part it's gone pretty smoothly."

The Toros have 92 players on four



Tri-state toros: JuJu Vasquez, of the Tri-State Toros, breaks past two Phoenix Wildcats defenders on the way to a 40-yard return of the opening kickoff in Saturday's 7-and-under football game at River Valley High School.

age-defined teams and there are 49 cheerleaders involved in three squads. The Warriors had 63 players and 21 cheerleaders for its three age-specific teams.

Tynda said the organizers of the Toros are trying to make sure that they are running the program to not only promote football and cheerleading but also to advance and advocate academic success.

"We're serious about it," Tynda said. "If you don't make the grades, you don't play. It's that simple."

And for participants struggling academically, tutoring help is available at every practice. She said several area high school students are tutoring the youngsters.

"It's a win-win," she said of the arrangement that helps the young students while giving the high school mentors an opportunity to earn credits for performing community service.

"The parents want it to be about the kids," Tynda said. "Not the adults; the kids. Everything we try to do is kids first."

Safety is also paramount. Teams have full equipment and, Tynda said, "they don't practice if they don't have all their equipment."

There also are certified medics, many with professional experience.

"We want it to be safe for our kids," said Tynda, who has a son on the 7U team.



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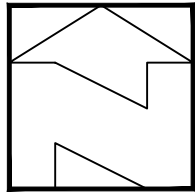
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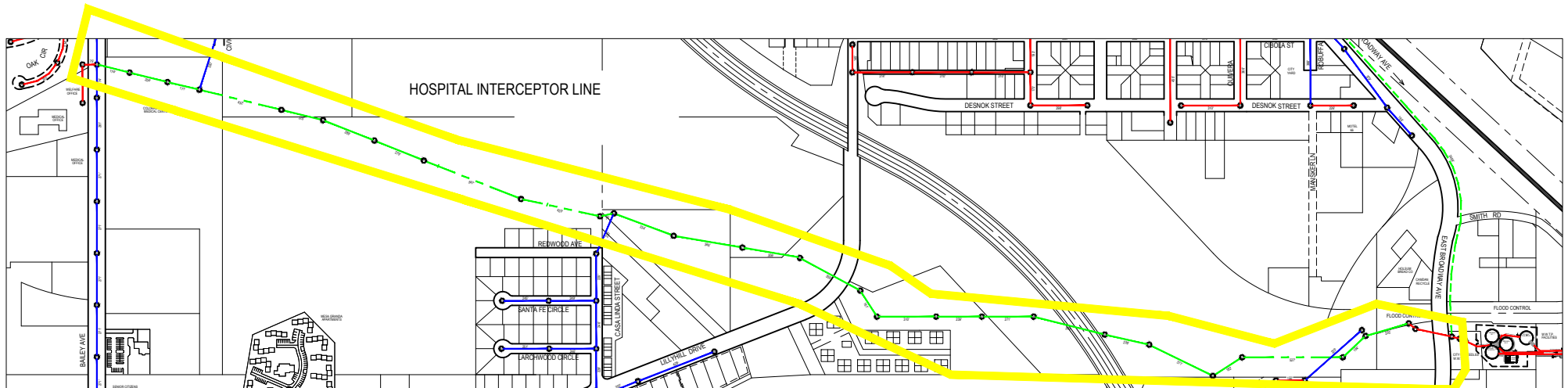
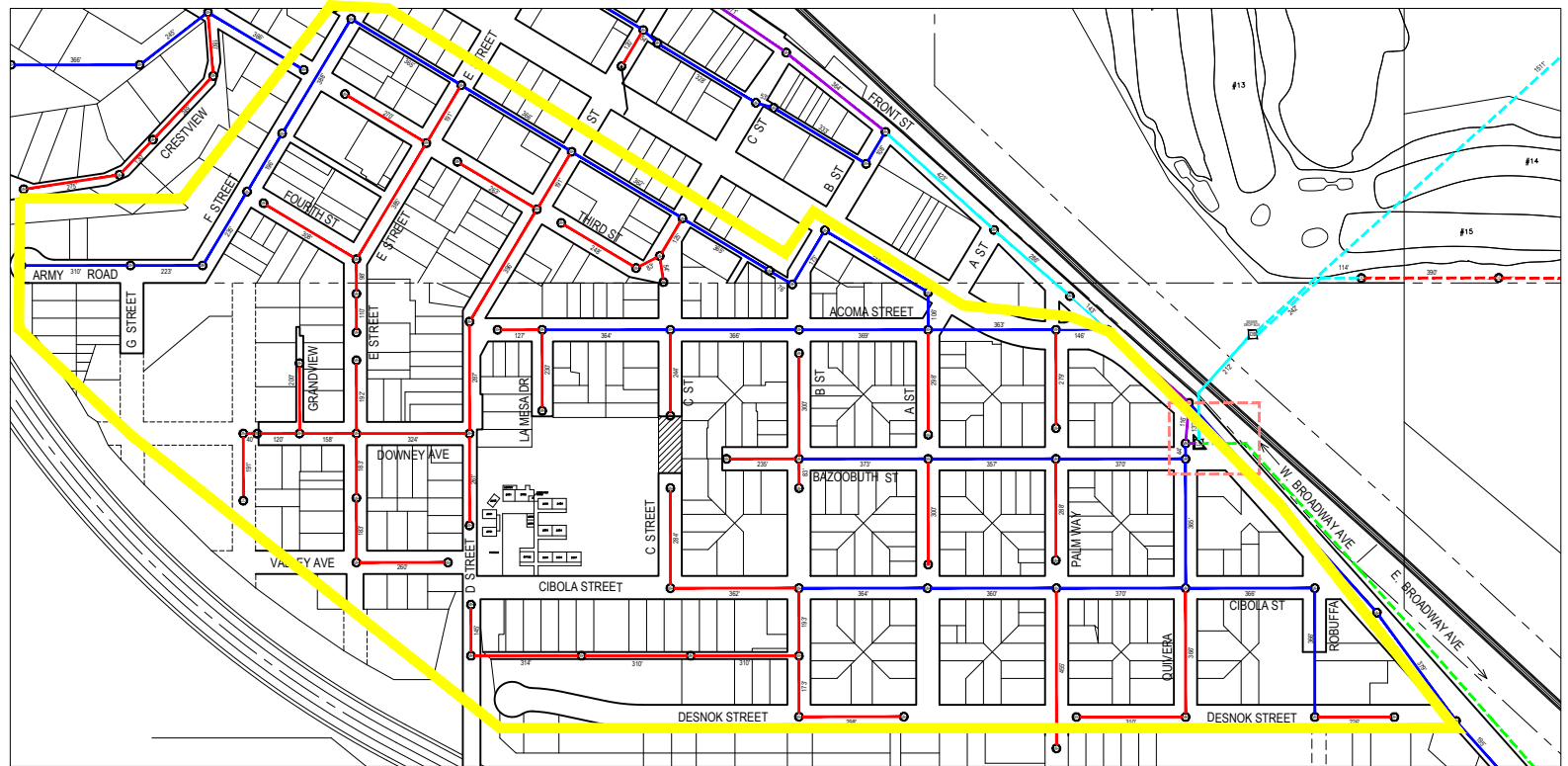


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11. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7  VASH RIBBON CUTTING SAGE MOTEL 11AM	8 PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY 10AM - 2PM	9	10	11
12	13	14 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	15	16	17	18 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP  THIRD STREET 10AM
19	20	21 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	22 HOUSING COMMISSION	23	24	25 <small>*CITY OF NEEDLES RESIDENTS ONLY*</small> BULKY WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT <small>FREE DISPOSAL OF TRASH & BULKY ITEMS SEE LIST BELOW FOR WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED</small>  <small>Saturday, January 25th, 2025 - 8 am to noon - Event will end earlier if weather equipment is full</small> <small>Locations: Gates (Safari Drive), North K (Near Underpass), Vista (Nikki Bunch Ball Field), & Cibola (Roburra) subdivisions</small>
26	27	28 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	29	30	31	



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	
9	10	11 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	12 PLANNING COMMISSION 4pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	19 	20	21	22
23	24	25 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	26 HOUSING COMMISSION 4pm	27 COLORADO RIVER INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT	28	1

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CITY PUBLIC WORKS YARD 112 ROBUFFA 7AM - 11AM
2 16TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 3RD-8TH GRADES MAY 1 - 2	3	4 WELL 11 TREATMENT PLANT RIBBON CUTTING 10AM BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	12	13	14	15 LUCKY GREENS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RIVER EDGE GOLF COURSE
16	17	18 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	19 JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR EL GARCES 10AM - 2PM	20	21	22
23	24	25 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	26	27	28	29 ART IN THE PARK EL GARCES - SANTA FE PARK

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	2	3	4	5 47th ANNUAL COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP 
6	7	8 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	23	24 SPRING SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC <small>THE NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER IS SPONSORING A SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR NEEDLES RESIDENTS. PET OWNER PAYS DEPOSIT AND NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER PAYS REMAINING COST. MUST FILL OUT APPLICATION AND PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY.</small> <small>SERVICES PROVIDED BY ANGEL'S TOUCH ANIMAL VETERINARY CLINIC (THE ANGELINA BECK'S DVM)</small> <small>NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER 4802 E. 11th AVENUE, FORT COLLINS, CO 80504 (970) 226-4893</small> <small>APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT SHELTER</small> <small>BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</small> <small>DOGS MUST HAVE VALID RABIES AND CIVIL LICENSE</small> 	25	26
27 ROUTE 66 BIKE WEEK	28	29	30			

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	28	29	30	31

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	27	28	29	30

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	29	30	31	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	26	27	28	29

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 CITY COUNCIL 6pm	24	25	26	27
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