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## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 AT 4:00 PM  
EL GARCES - 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES**

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

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

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

### REGULAR ITEMS

- [1.](#) Approve the Minutes of March 26, 2025.
- [2.](#) Housing Authority Update

### COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager Reports for the weeks of April 4 and 11, 2025

### ADJOURNMENT

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**Posted: April 18, 2025**

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

Dated this 18th day of April, 2025

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



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, AT 4:00 PM EL GARCES- 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

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

#### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Commissioner Patrick McCaffrey  
Commissioner Deana Tucker  
Chair Chris Mauer  
Commissioner Larry Ford  
Commissioner Tamera Kissell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Chair Mauer

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Ford, second by Commissioner Kissell, to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Ford, Kissell  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Mauer acknowledged Council Member JoAnne Pogue in attendance.  
Mayor Jernigan arrived at 4:04 pm.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE** – None

Public Hearing Item was moved to the end of the agenda.

#### REGULAR ITEMS

2. Housing Authority City of Needles Update - given by Housing Manager Angelica Deermer
3. Approve the Minutes of February 26, 2025

Commissioner Ford made a motion, second by Commissioner Kissell, to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Ford, Kissell  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

4. Housing Authority of the City of Needles financial audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 – given by Acting Director of Finance Barbara DiLeo.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adopt Housing Commission Resolution No. 03-26-2025 HC, recommending that the Needles Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the Five-Year Plan (FY 2025–2029) for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN).

*Housing Manager Angelica Deermer gave staff report.*

*Minimal discussion ensued. City Manager Martinez answered questions.*

*Chair Mauer opened the public hearing at 4:45 pm*

*No Public Comment*

*Chair Mauer closed the public hearing at 4:45 pm*

Commissioner Ford made a motion, second by Commissioner Kissell, to adopt Housing Commission Resolution No. 03-26-2025 HC, recommending that the Needles Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the Five-Year Plan (FY 2025–2029) for the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN).

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Ford, Kissell  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS** – None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT** - given by City Manager Martinez for the weeks of March 7 and 14, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Mauer adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm

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Chair Chris Mauer

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Interim City Clerk Candace Clark



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ HOUSING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** April 23, 2025

**Title:** Housing Authority Update

**Background:** Staff continues to coordinate with HUD and local partners to ensure timely placements, efficient voucher issuance, and to address ongoing operational needs. The Housing Authority's Annual and Five-Year Plan was submitted on time to HUD, maintaining compliance with federal requirements. This update is provided for informational purposes to support transparency and oversight of the City's affordable housing programs.

- **Public Housing Vacancies and Transfers:**
  - Current Vacancies: 3 out of 52 units.
  - Families Awaiting Transfers: 0
  - Families Selected for Consideration from Waiting List: 3
- **Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV):**
  - Open and Pending Eligibility: 1 out of 23 allocated vouchers.
  - Leased Up: 22
  - Issued: 1
  - Open: 1
- **Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers:**
  - Open and Pending Eligibility: 13 out of 30 allocated vouchers.
  - Referrals Received from VA Loma Linda: 6
  - Leased Up: 7
  - Issued: 10
- **Public Housing Waiting List:**
  - Applicants on the waiting list: 72
  - Always open for applications.
  - Allows the public to submit applications for future selection and consideration.
- **Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List:**
  - Applicants on the waiting list: 66
  - Opened July 1, 2024 – **CLOSED** July 31, 2024
  - Public submitted applications for future selection and consideration.

**Attached Exhibits:**

Exhibit A: April 15, 2025 Voucher Statistics Form

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Information Only

**Submitted By:** Angelica Deermmer, HACN Housing Manager

**City Manager Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐



## **HACN PUBLIC HOUSING / VOUCHER STATISTICS**

# APRIL 2025

Public Housing = 52 units, 3 current vacancies	
<u>104- Vacated 6/10/2024*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>106- Vacated 7/1/2024*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>212- Vacated 3/14/2025*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<p><i>*Units are under modification due to extensive repair/renovation</i></p>	

### Units to be transferred

N/A

**HUD allocated HCV Vouchers = 23**

HCV Vouchers leased up = 22\*

HCV Vouchers issued = 1\*\*

HCV Vouchers open = 1, pending submission of verifications

\*Port in Vouchers= 1, Port out Vouchers=1

**\*\*Port out Vouchers=1**

**HUD allocated VASH Vouchers =30**

VASH Vouchers leased up = 7

VASH Vouchers issued = 10\*

VASH vouchers open =13

VASH Referrals = 6

\*VASH Port-outs= 7

## Current Waitlist Applicants

Public Housing: 72	HCV: 66
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Item 2.



# City of Needles

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Councilmember Zachery Longacre

City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2025

1. **Put your boots on—Rodeo Weekend is back in Needles!** The **47th Annual Colorado River Round-Up Rodeo** takes place **tonight and tomorrow Saturday, April 4–5**, at the **Needles Rodeo Grounds** (1001 San Clemente Street) gates open at **4PM**. This **Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo Association-sanctioned** event delivers two action-packed days of **professional rodeo competitions, live music, and family-friendly fun**. Event highlights include the **Junior Barrel Race, Mutton Bustin', a lively cornhole tournament, and local vendors** serving up food, drinks. Each night wraps up with the crowd-favorite **Rodeo Dance**, featuring live performances by **Littletown**. **Tickets are available at the gate:** \$10 per day for adults (18+), \$5 per day for youth (ages 6–17), and free for children five and under. This beloved tradition honors the **rich heritage, vibrant spirit, and strong sense of community** that makes Needles **unique**. It's a key part of the City's commitment to fostering local pride and supporting tourism. Come early, bring the family, and enjoy one of the most exciting weekends of the year. **See the attached flyer for more details or contact Judy Thornton at 760-333-5255. We'll see you at the Round-Up!**
2. On City staff is honored to invite the community to the **ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Well No. 11 Treatment Plant** on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** This \$8.9 million project isn't just another public works achievement—it's a defining moment for Needles. Congratulations to the City Council and staff for this monumental achievement. **This is how legacies are built.** Backed by over **\$14.3 million** in water infrastructure investment, Needles is rewriting the story of what's possible for rural communities. From advanced treatment systems and upgraded pump stations to new backup power and critical pipeline improvements, we're not just fixing old problems—we're future-proofing our city. Thanks to the unwavering support of the **State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. EPA, and California Climate Investments**, we've turned long-standing water challenges into a model of resilience. The plant will serve Wells No. 11, 12, and 15—delivering cleaner, safer water and restoring confidence in the systems our community relies on every day. **This is bold, forward-thinking**

**infrastructure—the kind California needs more of.** The Needles City Council is proud to lead with vision, because what we're building isn't just a treatment plant—it's the future of Needles. **Join us** as we celebrate this powerful step forward—together.

3. On **Saturday, March 29th**, a **community clean-up** was held along **Clary Drive** near the **Rodeo Grounds**, with a dozen volunteers participating. Led by **Councilmember Longacre** and the **Needles Pride Program**, the monthly effort targeted **litter** and **dead vegetation** ahead of the **Needles Rodeo**, reinforcing **civic pride** and **beautification**. **Public Works** crews completed **fire abatement** along Clary Drive and finalized **asbestos removal** at the former **Chamber of Commerce building (100 G Street)**. **Demolition** is set in the coming weeks to make way for potential **downtown redevelopment**. In advance of the **Palo Verde 5K Run**, **potholes** were repaired along **River Street** near **Ed Perry Park**. Weekly **citywide maintenance** continues. The “**Dead End**” and **directional signs** were reinstalled at **Front Street** to reduce **oversized vehicle issues**. We thank the **property owners** on the **1300 block of Broadway** for quickly bringing parcels into **compliance** following recent accidents that support **safety** and **community appearance along our major thoroughfare**. Residents can report issues such as **potholes, sidewalk damage, or vegetation overgrowth**; please call **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or use the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). This week's work reflects strong **coordination** between **volunteers, city crews**, and **property owners** to improve **safety, public spaces**, and **readiness for upcoming events**. Refer to the attached images for a glimpse.
4. In **January**, the **City of Needles** formed a **multi-agency task force** to address our community's growing concerns of **graffiti and vandalism**. I want to thank our partners at **Caltrans, Needles Unified School District**, and the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD)** for their continued efforts to work alongside the City to deter further criminal activity. Through **increased surveillance, strict enforcement**, and a clear message of accountability, we demonstrate our commitment to keeping Needles a **clean, safe, and welcoming community**. To support these efforts and enhance the documentation of incidents, **City crews installed new security cameras at Jack Smith Park** this week. **Additional security cameras have also been ordered for Duke Watkins Park and are currently being installed; they should be online within the next couple of weeks**, expanding our surveillance capabilities to further deter vandalism and protect public spaces. This initiative includes improved coordination for **incident reporting**, and we encourage residents to be part of the solution by reporting graffiti to **SBCSD's non-emergency line at 909-387-8313**. We thank **Caltrans, SBCSD, the Needles Unified School District**, and our **residents** for their ongoing support in confronting this issue. If you **see something, say something**—together, we can preserve the **pride, beauty, and vibrancy of Needles**.
5. On Saturday, **Billet Health** hosted the **Pancakes in the Park** event at **Santa Fe Park**, drawing approximately **120 attendees** to honor **Vietnam Veterans**.

The program included a **JROTC opening ceremony, rifle spinning performance**, a **“Welcome Home” address by Commander George DeLeon (Post 404)**, a **POW/MIA remembrance**, and a **13-Folds Flag Ceremony**. Guests enjoyed a complimentary pancake breakfast in a welcoming and respectful atmosphere. **Mayor Janet Jernigan** spoke to thank veterans for their service and shared details about the upcoming **Run for the Wall event on May 14, 2025 at 12pm**. This well-attended event supports the **City Council's** community engagement and family support goals by honoring service members and fostering civic pride. **The attached images give a glimpse into the event—special thanks to Billet Health** for organizing a memorable community gathering.

6. City of Needles Lineman **Thomas DeLeon** participated in the **Vista Colorado Elementary STEM Class**, delivering an energetic and hands-on presentation on **electrical safety** to curious and engaged students. As part of the session, Thomas demonstrated **personal protective equipment**, explained the function of essential tools, and showcased one of the city's **bucket trucks**, giving students a rare behind-the-scenes look at the critical work linemen perform every day. This **interactive outreach** teaches important safety tips that students can carry with them and sparks interest in potential future careers in the trades and public service. It's a great example of City staff stepping outside their typical roles to **educate, connect, and inspire** the next generation. Participation in programs like this strengthens **community trust**, encourages **youth engagement**, and shows that the City of Needles is dedicated to positively impacting **both on and off the clock**. We thank Thomas for his commitment to safety, service, and community leadership. **Refer to the attached images to take a glimpse into the event.**
7. On **City staff is excited to welcome Mark Walters as the newest appointee to the Board of Public Utilities**. The Board plays a key advisory role to the City Council on all matters involving Utility Operations. This includes reviewing and making recommendations on the annual utility budget, capital purchases, system upgrades, and rate structures for water, wastewater, and electric services. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at El Garces. **Welcome aboard, Mark — we're glad to have you on the team!**
8. **On Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, the **Needles Women's Club** will host a **Chicken Chili Verde Luncheon** to raise funds to support women's empowerment, youth programs, scholarships, and civic initiatives. For just **\$10**, attendees will enjoy a hearty meal featuring chicken chili verde, chips, and a cookie. Meals can be **picked up at the Needles Women's Club**, located at **305 W. Broadway Street**, or **delivered within the city** for orders of three or more. Orders must be placed by **5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7**, and can be submitted online by clicking [here](#). For assistance with ordering, residents may call or text **Karrie at 928-201-1836**. This event is a great way to support a longstanding community organization dedicated to empowering others and giving back to Needles.

9. Next **Saturday, April 12, 2025**, from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, **Cindi's Kids** will host their annual **Father-Daughter Dance** at the **Needles Recreation Center**. This cherished event brings families together for **fun, music, and connection**. The dance is open to girls ages **3 to 18** and their **father figures**, including **grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, or proxy dads**. Admission is **\$15 per couple** and **\$5 for each additional daughter**. **Drinks and refreshments** are included, and **professional photos** will be available for purchase. **Community-centered events** like this continue to strengthen **family ties** and reinforce the importance of **positive male role models** in the lives of young girls. We encourage **council members** and **staff** to help spread the word and support this **heartfelt gathering**. **Refer to the attached flyer for details**.

10. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- City staff have **carefully curated a comprehensive community events calendar** to inform residents about **Needles' diverse activities and happenings**. The community events calendar can now **be found on the Needles Connect App!** Organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk's Office** to add or update events, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive calendar. For contributions or modifications, please get in touch with Candace Clark at **[cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com)**. Your **active participation** helps strengthen our community and enrich local experiences. **Check the attached calendar for the remaining 2025 events**, and stay engaged with all Needles offers!

# 1. RODEO



## **47TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP**

**APRIL 4 & 5, 2025**

### **NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**4 PM: GATES AND VENDORS OPEN**

**6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE**

**8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"**

**RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS**

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

**9 AM: GATES OPEN**

**RODEO SLACK**

**CORNHOLE TOURNEY REGISTRATION**

**10 AM: CORNHOLE TOURNEY PRESENTED BY THE  
HUNTER FAMILY**

**1 PM: JUNIOR BARREL RACE PRESENTED BY  
CAMPBELL REDI-MIX**

**1-3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN' REGISTRATION**

**3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN'**

**6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE**

**8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"**

**RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS**

**Presented by Needles Rodeo Association**

**(No outside alcohol permitted)**





PRESENTS THE

## 47TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP

### APRIL 4 & 5, 2025

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS 1001 SAN CLEMENTE STREET

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#### \* RODEO DANCE \*

"Littletown"

Presented by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe



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#### \* SPECIAL EVENTS \*

# Junior Barrel Race presented by Campbell Redi-Mix

Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 to register.

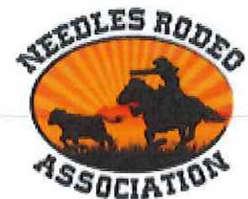
# 8th Annual Cornhole Tourney

Call Wade Evans at 760-220-1039

# Local Contestants -

Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 from March 1-26

# Mutton Bustin' - call Judy Thornton at 760-333-5255



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#### \* THE RODEO STORE \*

March 31-April 3

920 W. Broadway in Needles

10am-4pm

#### \* TICKETS \*

Ages 5 and under - free

Ages 6-17 - \$5

Ages 18 and over - \$10

#### PRESALE TICKETS

2-Day Adults - \$15

2-Day Kids - \$5

Rodeo Store only

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Coordinated by Needles Rodeo Association

Facebook at Needles Rodeo/CRRU

[needlesrodeo@outlook.com](mailto:needlesrodeo@outlook.com) [www.needlesrodeo.com](http://www.needlesrodeo.com)

For more info, call Judy Thornton @ 760-333-5255

**(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED)**

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VIP AREA  
Presented by





### 3. CITY BEAUTIFICATION





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## 4. VANDALISM PREVENTION





## 5. VIETNAM VETERANS





## 6. VISTA COLORADO ELEMENTARY





## 9. CINDI'S KIDS DANCE

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
CINDI'S KIDS

# *Father Daughter* **DANCE**

SATURDAY

APRIL  
**12**  
2025

6:00-8:00

Location: Needles Recreation Center

**\$15 PER COUPLE**

**\$5 EACH ADDITIONAL  
DAUGHTER**

**- AGES 3 TO 18**

**- DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS  
INCLUDED**

**- PICTURES AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE**

Please remember Father's include Grandfathers,  
Uncles, Big Brothers, & Proxy Dads



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2025

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1. Tomorrow, **Saturday, April 12**, will be a vibrant day in Needles. Three major community events will reflect the City Council's goals of fostering community engagement, supporting the arts and local economy, and promoting health and education. **Art in the Park** runs from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at El Garces (950 Front Street). Refer to the attached image of tonight's cocktail party to celebrate the artists and highlight Needles' growing cultural presence. **Thank you to the River Valley Artist Guild for hosting this outstanding art event and contributing to our city's cultural vibrancy.** The **Needles Craft Show**, which features handmade goods from local vendors, will also take place tomorrow from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Santa Fe Park. The **Palo Verde College Foundation 5K Color Run & Walk** starts at 9:00 AM at the Needles Center, with check-in beginning at 7:30 AM. These events collectively showcase our community's energy, pride, and momentum building. We encourage residents and visitors alike to join and experience all Needles offers.
  2. On Tuesday, the City of Needles proudly celebrated the **ribbon-cutting** of the **Well No. 11 Treatment Plant**—a major milestone in our efforts to provide **safe, reliable drinking water** to the community. Constructed through a **streamlined design-build approach**, this **state-of-the-art facility** was delivered faster and more efficiently than traditional methods. The project is part of a broader **\$14.3 million investment** supported by the **State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and California Climate Investments**. This funding modernizes our **water infrastructure** and includes several companion projects: the **Lily Hill and L Street Booster Stations**, the **16" Transmission/Intertie Project**, and the **upcoming Manifold Project**. These improvements will **increase system capacity, boost reliability, and strengthen long-term service delivery**.

This accomplishment directly advances several **City Council goals**—investing in **critical infrastructure**, protecting **public health**, and ensuring the **long-term sustainability** of our essential services. It's a strong example of turning



**strategic priorities into real results** for the people of Needles. We are grateful to **Governor Gavin Newsom**, the **State Water Board**, and all **funding partners** for their continued support of **rural infrastructure**. Special thanks to the **Needles City Council**, **Board of Public Utilities**, **City staff**, **TKE Engineering**, and **Eric Christensen of Pacific Hydrotech Corporation** for their leadership and technical expertise. We were also honored to have **Nichole Morgan** and **Dimitri Stanich** join us to help commemorate this important milestone. This is how we build legacy—with **purpose**, **partnership**, and **vision**. Read the full press release [clicking here](#) or refer to the attached document.

3. On Thursday, April 10, 2025, **San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe** hosted a community stakeholder lunch that brought together representatives from the **City of Needles**, **Needles Unified School District**, **California Highway Patrol**, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, and **Palo Verde College**. The meeting allowed us to strengthen interagency relationships and align on shared priorities. Supervisor Rowe delivered an update on **County affairs**, including the success of the **Third Annual San Bernardino County Resource Fair** held at the historic **El Garces** and ongoing **improvements to the Sheriff's Colorado River Station**, which is scheduled to reopen this June. She also highlighted the **Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement** between the City of Needles and San Bernardino County Public Works—a collaborative effort to provide cost-effective and timely support for street and infrastructure repairs in incorporated and unincorporated areas. These efforts directly support the **City Council's goals** of improving **public safety**, investing in **critical infrastructure**, and enhancing **regional collaboration**. By participating in these cooperative initiatives, the City continues to build strong partnerships that reinforce community resilience and service delivery. **Refer to the attached for a glimpse into the event.**
4. The **Needles Pride Program** continues to inspire local action, empowering residents to take ownership of their neighborhoods and contribute to a cleaner, safer city. These efforts reflect the City Council's commitment to enhancing **community engagement**, **infrastructure reliability**, and overall **quality of life** in Needles. This week, the **City's Water Department** completed a critical infrastructure project—the **fresh painting of the leading piping network at Well 15**. This long-overdue maintenance improves corrosion resistance, extends the system's lifespan, and helps preserve water quality by preventing harmful leaching. *(See attached images for a glimpse of the work completed.)* To further protect public spaces and **deter illegal dumping**, the city has installed **"No Dumping" signs** at key locations, including **First Beach**, **Jack Smith Park**, and near **City-owned dumpsters**. These signs are part of a broader effort to keep our parks and shared spaces clean while reducing costs associated with unauthorized dumping. Additionally, we're excited to announce a **Community Cleanup Day** scheduled for **Saturday, May 3, 2025**. Volunteers are encouraged to join us in removing debris and improving public areas. These events serve as a powerful demonstration of civic pride and align with Council goals to beautify Needles and promote public involvement. Residents can report

issues such as **potholes, sidewalk damage, or vegetation overgrowth**; please call **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or use the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). Refer to the attached images for a **glimpse**. Together, these initiatives show how sustained investment, collaboration, and community spirit are making Needles a better place to live, work, and visit.

5. The City of Needles would like to share with the community that **Captain Ross Tarangle** of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station has **stepped down from his position** as he prepares for **retirement**. We are grateful for Captain Tarangle's many years of **dedicated service** and **strong leadership**, which have significantly contributed to the safety and well-being of our City. **Effective immediately, Lieutenant Jacob Gault** will serve as **Interim Captain** and officially assume the role of **Captain on May 3, 2025**. We look forward to continuing our close partnership with the Colorado River Station under his leadership. The City will work with Captain Tarangle to schedule a **plaque presentation** at a future Council meeting to recognize his service. Please thank **Captain Tarangle** and **welcome Captain Gault** to his new role in Needles.
6. Are you looking to add a furry friend to your family? The **Needles Animal Shelter** has several loving pets waiting for their forever homes, including **Hazel**, a 3-year-old female Pit/Sharpei mix; **Leo**, a 2-year-old long-haired Chihuahua; and three playful 8-week-old kittens—**Scout, Smokey, and Scarlett**. All animals shown in the attached flyer are currently available and unaltered. The **adoption fee is just \$59**, and our staff is here to help you find the perfect match. Stop by **Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, or call us at **760-326-4952** to learn more. And don't miss our upcoming **Rabies and Licensing Clinic** on **Friday, May 17, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, hosted at the shelter in partnership with PetSmart Veterinary Services. The attached flyer outlines that this **cash-only event** offers low-cost vaccinations, microchipping, and discounted City of Needles dog licenses. All dogs must be leashed, and cats must be in carriers. Whether you're adopting or keeping your current pets healthy, it's a great time to visit the shelter and support animal care in our community.
7. This week, the City proudly congratulates **Zerick Phillips** on earning his **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)**—a milestone that reflects our continued investment in **staff development**. Our **Public Works team** is actively participating in a certified **CDL training program**, which includes **80 hours** of both **virtual and onsite instruction and an exam**. This effort is part of the City's commitment to building a **highly trained workforce**, improving **service delivery**, and **empowering our employees** with the skills needed to serve the community effectively.
8. On Tuesday, the **City of Needles City Council** proudly recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the **Needles High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams**. The Girls Team captured the **Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) 2A State Championship**, while the Boys Team

earned the title of **State Runner-Up** in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Council commended not only the athletes for their talent, discipline, and sportsmanship, but also praised the city's **recreation program** for its commitment to **youth development**. This recognition aligns with the **City Council's goal to support families and youth** by enhancing recreational opportunities, developing leadership skills, and fostering a strong sense of community pride. By investing in programs that create a positive environment for our young residents, the City continues to promote a **healthy, family-friendly community** and strengthen its partnership with the **Needles Unified School District**. **For a glimpse of this commendation, please refer to the attached certificates.**

9. The **Rivers Edge Golf Course** continues to serve as a hub for community connection, and we're proud to support the upcoming **26th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser** on **Saturday, May 3**. The tournament is officially **sold out**, a testament to the strong local support for youth-focused programs. While player spots are full, **sponsorship opportunities**—including **hole sponsorships with tee box signage**—are still available. All proceeds benefit the **Flip Mendez Youth Foundation**, which helps provide recreational sports access to underprivileged youth. **JJ's Golf Clinic** will be held **tomorrow at 10:00 AM**, leading up to the event, offering an excellent opportunity to refine your skills before the tournament. **Space is limited**, so early sign-ups are encouraged. For sponsorship details, clinic registration, or to book a round, contact **JJ DeLeon at (760) 326-3931** or visit [www.golfneedlesca.com](http://www.golfneedlesca.com). **Refer to the attached flyer for sponsorship information.**
10. The **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD)** successfully hosted a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** on March 1, 2025, at the Needles City Public Works Yard. The event drew participation from **61 residents** and resulted in the safe collection and disposal of **6,958 pounds** of hazardous and electronic waste. Notable quantities included **2,998 pounds of latex paint**, **640 pounds of used motor oil**, **1,498 pounds of e-waste**, **380 pounds of lead acid batteries**, and **269 pounds of oil-based paint**, along with other materials such as household batteries, aerosols, sharps, and corrosives. The event reflects SBCFPD's ongoing commitment to public safety and environmental protection through responsible waste management and community outreach.
11. The **47th Annual Colorado River Round-Up Rodeo** was a **tremendous success** this past weekend, setting a **new attendance record**. By **Saturday night**, it was **standing-room-only**—an **outstanding turnout** for one of our community's most **cherished traditions**. Thank you to the **Rodeo Committee** for their continued **dedication** and **hard work** in organizing and setting up this annual event. Your **commitment** is what keeps this tradition **alive and thriving**. Adding to the excitement, various **local food trucks** served crowd favorites throughout the weekend. **Foodini's**, **River Sippin**, and **Joe's BBQ Shack** were just a few of the **standouts**—Joe's delivered what many called their **best-ever barbecue**. And, of course, none of this would have been possible without our

**incredible volunteers.** Thank you for your **time, energy, and commitment.** Your efforts helped make this year's rodeo **one to remember.**

12. Next week, **two community events** will unite residents in celebration and support the City Council's goals to enhance **family-friendly programming** and strengthen **community engagement** through public spaces and local partnerships. On **Saturday, April 19, 2025**, beginning at **9:30 AM at Jack Smith Park**, **Tri-State Community Healthcare** will host the **Third Annual Needles Easter Egg Hunt**. With over **5,000 eggs**, prizes, face painting, and photos with the Easter Bunny, this beloved event offers fun for all ages and continues to foster strong family connections in our community. Later that day, the **1st Annual World-Famous Chili Cookoff** kicks off at **10:00 AM** (location TBD), hosted by **The River Community Coalition** and **Firehouse Ministries**. This exciting new tradition will feature **delicious chili, friendly competition**, and plenty of **community spirit**. Additional details about participation and judging are coming soon. Both events reflect our shared vision of building a vibrant, inclusive, and connected Needles. **Refer to the attached flyer for more details.**

13. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- City staff have **carefully curated a comprehensive community events calendar** to inform residents about **Needles' diverse activities and happenings**. The community events calendar can now **be found on the Needles Connect App!** Organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk's Office** to add or update events, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive calendar. For contributions or modifications, please get in touch with Candace Clark at **cclark@cityofneedles.com**. Your **active participation** helps strengthen our community and enrich local experiences. **Check the attached calendar for the remaining 2025 events**, and stay engaged with all Needles offers!



# 1. ART IN THE PARK





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# 1. PALO VERDE 5k



PALO VERDE COLLEGE  
**FOUNDATION**  
WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

## NEEDLES CENTER

## SCHOLARSHIP

# 5K COLOR RUN & WALK

## SATURDAY

## APRIL 12, 2025

STARTS AT PALO VERDE COLLEGE  
AT 9AM; CHECK-IN AT 7:30 AM

For more information call (760) 326-5033  
or visit <http://www.paloverde.edu/>

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363



Age  
Categories:

- 12 years & Under
- 13 - 17 years
- 18 years and up

**FEE: \$25 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES TSHIRT, MEAL  
REGISTRATION:**



Must Register  
Before April 1

<https://forms.gle/3E53VXckUgDxQV6V6>



## 2. RIBBON CUTTING WELL #11





## 2. STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD



Source: California State Water Resources Board



Source: Needles Desert Star

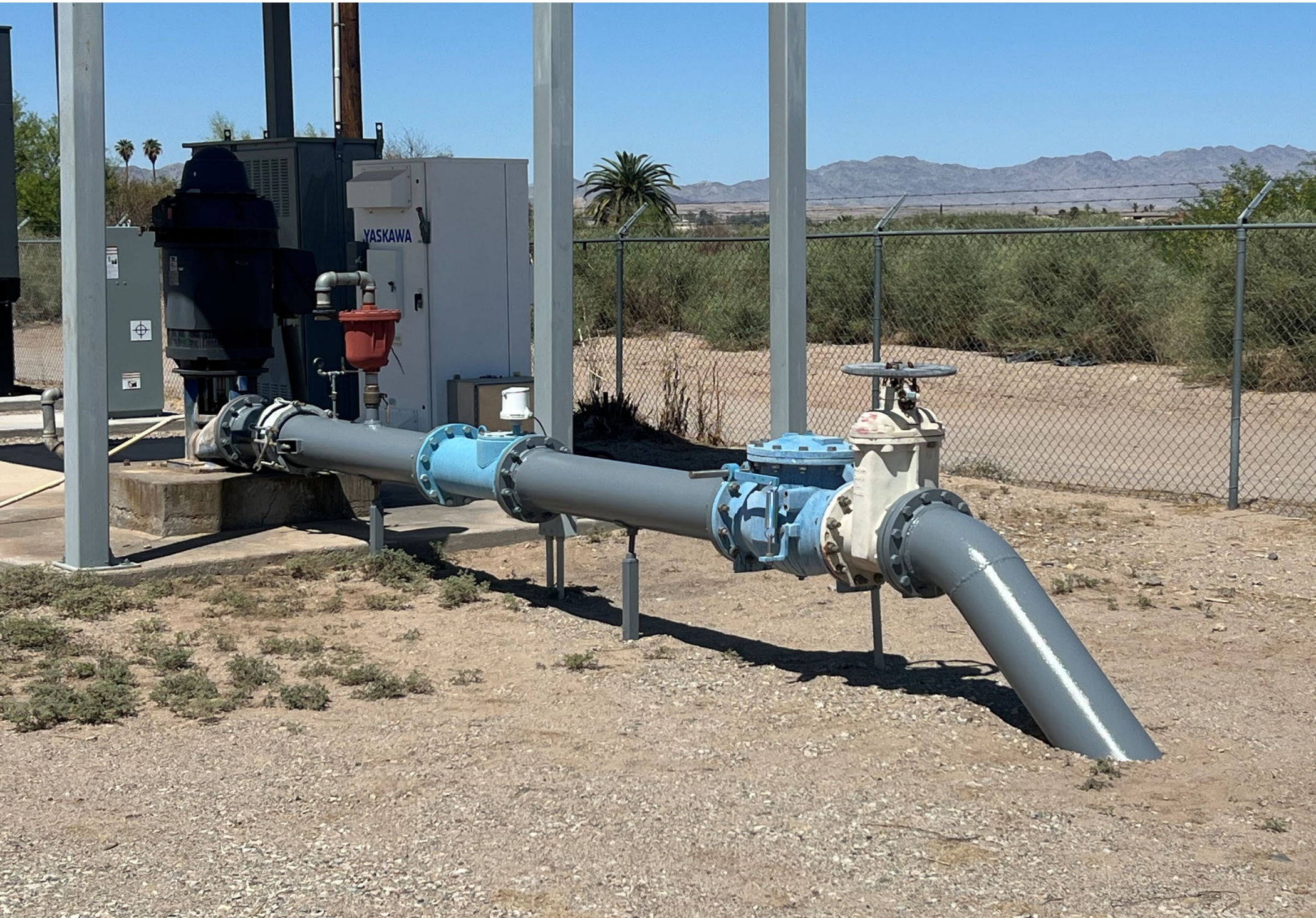


### 3. SUPERVISOR ROWE





## 4. INFRASTRUCTURE RELIABILITY





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## 6. Needles Animal Shelter

*Please*  
**Adopt Us**



**HAZEL**  
**FEMALE PIT/SHARPEI MIX**  
**aprox. 3 years old**  
**UNALTERED**



**LEO**  
**LONG HAIRD CHIUUAUA**  
**aprox 2 years old**  
**UNALTERED**



**SCOUT**  
**8 WEEK KITTEN**  
**MALE**  
**UNALTERED**



**SMOKEY**  
**8 WEEK KITTEN**  
**MALE**  
**UNALTERED**



**Scarlett**  
**8 WEEK KITTEN**  
**FEMALE**  
**UNALTERED**

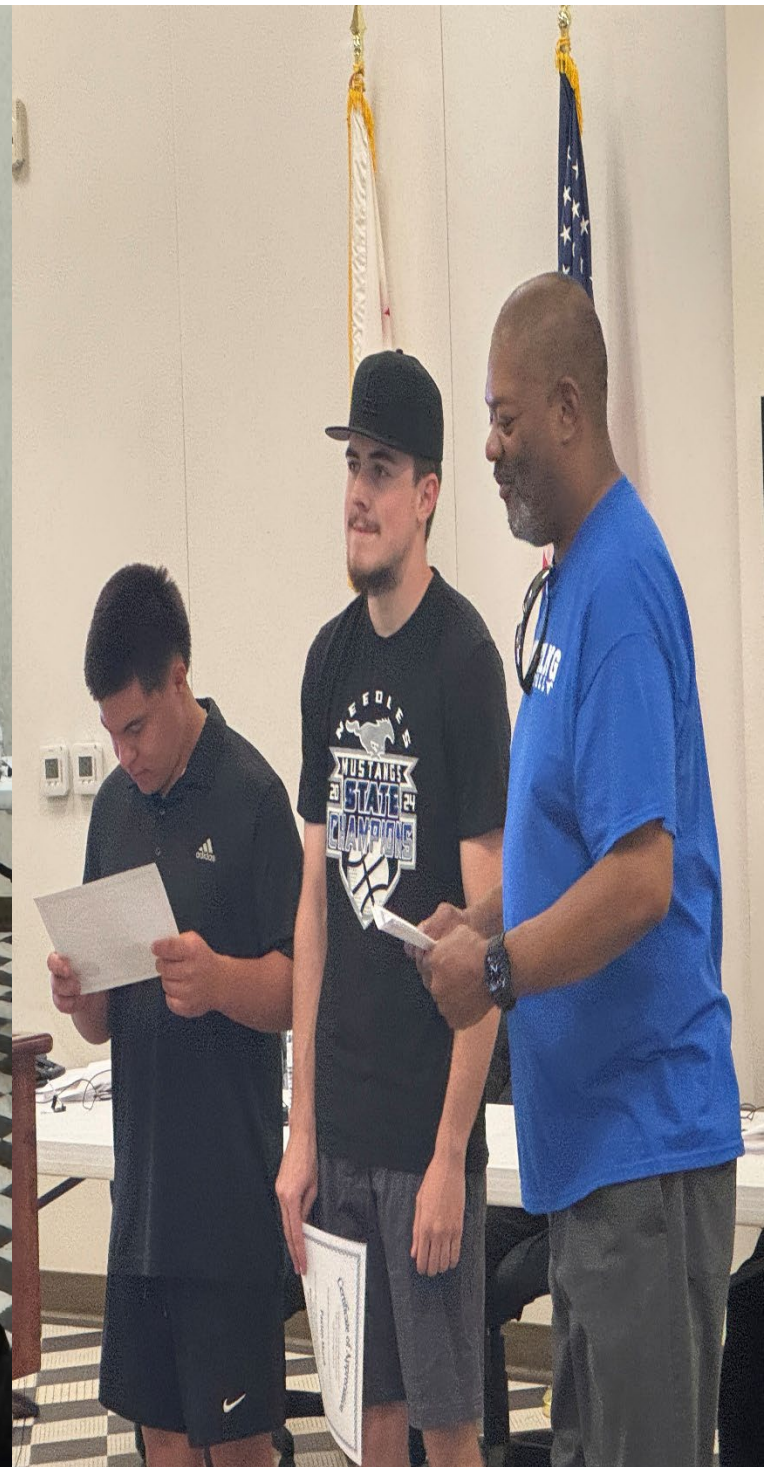
CONTACT US 760-326-4952

1662 Flip Mendez PKWY  
Needles, CA 92363





## 8. NEEDLES HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL





# THE FLIPS

## 26th Annual

*Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament*

**Rivers Edge Golf Course**

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

*The Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament Committee thanks you for your support.  
In 2024 contributions to the Flip Mendez Youth Fund provided funding for:*

***4 College Scholarships to NHS Graduating Seniors***

***Over 200 Youth Sports Scholarships***

***Donations to the following sports:***

***Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Football,***

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

***Tee Sponsorship – \$75 – Per Hole***

*Sponsorship fees must be received by April 25th for signs to be placed on course.*

Sponsor Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Flip Mendez Youth Fund

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

Tax ID# 47-3448436

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

# 10. SBCFPD WASTE COLLECTION

## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



2824 East W Street • San Bernardino, CA 92415-0799 • (909) 382-5401 • Fax (909) 382-5413

Office of the Fire Marshal  
Household Hazardous Waste Section  
sbcfire.org

Daniel R. Munsey  
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Monica S. Ronchetti  
Fire Marshal

April 2, 2025

Rainie Torrance  
Assistant Utility Manager  
City of Needles  
817 Third Street  
Needles, California 92363

Subject: *March 1, 2025 Household Hazardous Waste/E-waste Collection*

Dear Rainie,

The following waste was collected from 61 participants at the March 1, 2025 Needles HHW Collection:

Waste	Amounts (lbs.)	Waste	Amounts (lbs.)
Flammable Solid/Liquid	405	Antifreeze	68
Oil Based Paint	269	Motor Oil	640
Toxics	37	Used Oil Filters	53
Corrosive Acids	26	Fluorescent Tubes	13
Corrosive Bases	17	Household Batteries	160
Oxidizers	25	Lead Acid Batteries	380
Latex Paint	2,998	CRTs/Misc E-waste	1,498
Aerosols	104	Compressed Gas Cylinder	30
Pharmaceuticals	20	Sharps	30
Fertilizers	30	Materials Exchange	123
Fire Extinguishers	32	Cooking Oil	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>6,958</b>

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at (909) 382-5401 [mvangese@sbcfire.org](mailto:mvangese@sbcfire.org)

Sincerely,

Michael VanGese,  
Environmental Specialist

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Luther Snoke  
Chief Executive Officer



# 11. 47TH ANNUAL RODEO





## 12. TRI-STATE EASTER EGG HUNT

**5,000 Eggs**  
Gift Baskets & prizes

NEEDLES, CA

*Easter*

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY- APRIL 19

**Hunt starts at 9:30**

Jack Smith Park  
1000 River Rd, Needles, CA

**FACE PAINTING & PHOTOS WITH  
THE EASTER BUNNY**

This event is brought to you by:



(844) 444-1424    [www.tristateclinics.org](http://www.tristateclinics.org)





# 12. CHILI COOK-OFF

## NEEDLES 1ST ANNUAL WORLD FAMOUS CHILI COOK-OFF

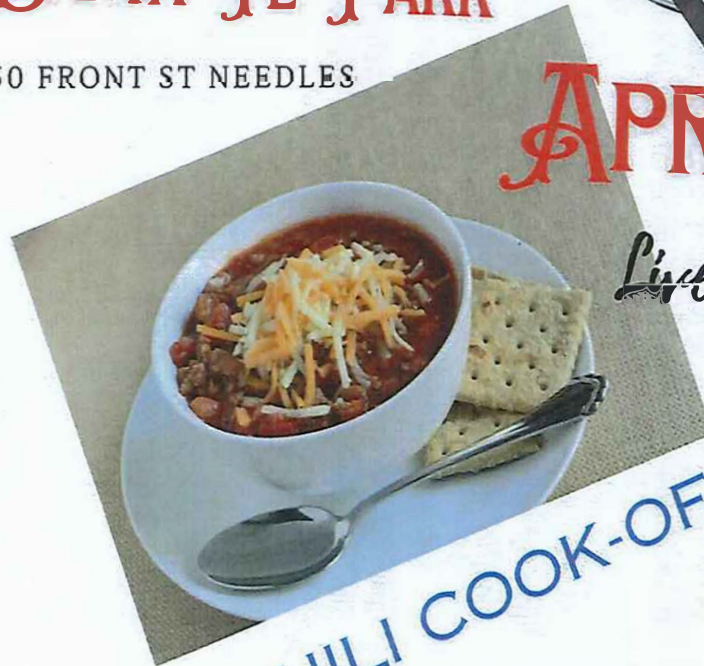


SANTA FE PARK

950 FRONT ST NEEDLES

APRIL 19TH.

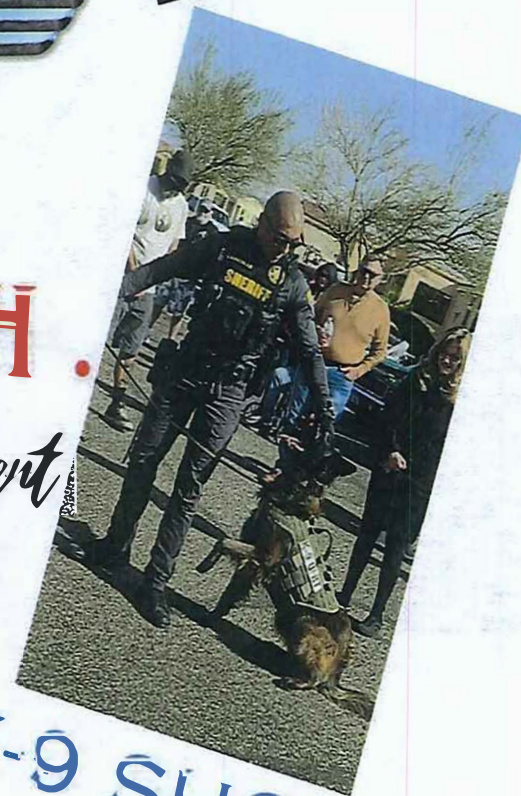
*Live Entertainment*



CHILI COOK-OFF

AND CAR SHOW

K-9 SHOW



# April 2025

## 13. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM</div>	<div>2</div> <div>PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>47th ANNUAL COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div>
<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>WELL 11 TREATMENT PLANT 9AM</div> <div>WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH CITY COUNCIL 6 PM</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div>		<div>12</div> <div></div>
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<div>20</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>PARKS &amp; RECREATION 4 PM</div>	<div>22</div> <div>CITY COUNCIL 6 PM</div>	<div>23</div> <div>HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>
<div>27</div> <div>ROUTE 66 BIKE WEEK</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>OTHER EVENTS IN APRIL</div>		



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	7 PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH  CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	14 	15 GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 9-11AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	16	17 Rabies and Licensing Clinic Needles Animal Shelter 1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy Needles, CA 92363 May 17th 9:30-12:30 CASH ONLY
18	19 PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	20 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	28 HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	29	30	31

# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	4 PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH  CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	18	19 GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 9-11AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	20	21
22	23	24 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	25 HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	2 PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH  CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	16	17 GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 9-11 AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11 CEMETERY COMM. - 3 PM	18	19
20	21 PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	22 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	23 HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		