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(DIS) DISCRETIONARY

AGENDA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 AT 3:00 PM
EL GARCES HISTORIC DEPOT
950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(ACT)

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. The Chairwoman or any Member of the Commission may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Prior to Commission action, a member of the public may address the Commission on matters scheduled on the Consent Calendar. A three-minute time limit per person applies. **Recommended Action:** Approve Items 1 through 4 on the Consent Calendar by affirmative vote. (ACT)

1. Approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 16, 2024 (tabled January 16, 2025)
- [2.](#) Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2025
- [3.](#) Decoration Day (May 23)/Memorial Day Program (May 26) to be held at the Cemetery (INF)
- [4.](#) Cancel the regular meeting of July 17, 2025

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

- [5.](#) Review and approval of the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget including the capital improvement plan

(ACT)

MANAGER'S REPORT

- [6.](#) Manager's Report May 2 and 9, 2025

COMMISSION REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: May 16, 2025

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CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 16, 2024

The adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of May, 2024, was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS FORD AND ROCKWOOD

Also Present: COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER SALLIS

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

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

CORRESP None

PBLC APRN None

CONSENT CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
CALNDR FORD, to approve consent calendar items 1 through 2
1. Minutes of adjourned regular meeting held January 25, 2024
2. Decoration Day (May 24) / Memorial Day Program (May 27) to be held at the Cemetery (information only)
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REG ITEMS: After review and discussion of the draft 2024-2025 fiscal year budget including the capital improvement plan, it was the consensus of those present to move #6 (Pioneer Cemetery security and hillside stabilization) on the capital improvement plan to #4 and drop the rest down accordingly.

DRAFT
2024-25 FY
BUDGET

COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, to approve the draft 2024-2025 fiscal year budget including the capital improvement plan with a change to move #6 (Pioneer Cemetery security and hillside stabilization) to #4 and drop the rest down accordingly. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

May 16, 2024

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AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS
FORD AND ROCKWOOD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS LONG AND WILLIAMS

MGR RPT CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN acknowledged the city manager's reports for
4-26-24 and 5-3-24.

COM RQSTS:None

CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN declared the adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory
Commission held on the 16th day of May, 2024, adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Chairwoman

Community Services Manager

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of January, 2025, was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS DRESSLER AND FORD

Also Present: COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER SALLIS AND CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ

Deputy City Clerk Sallis administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Scott Dressler and he was welcomed by the other Members.

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

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

CORRESP None

PBLC APRN None

CONSENT None

REG ITEMS: Noting there was not a majority vote to approve the minutes, COMMISSIONER
MINUTES FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, to table the
TABLED minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 16, 2024 until the next
 meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CHAIR & CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
V CHAIR FORD, to nominate VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS as Chair for the ensuing
 year of 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMISSIONER DRESSLER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
BALDWIN, to nominate COMMISSIONER FORD as Vice Chairman for the
ensuing year of 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

DESIGNTN A discussion was held on the possible designation of a pet cemetery within the
PET CMTRY boundaries of the Needles Riverview Cemetery and the Palm Springs Cemetery District's formation of a nonprofit for the purpose of setting up a pet cemetery. Palm Spring is not yet to the point of finalizing the process required for a pet cemetery and City Manager Martinez recommended the Commission wait and see what Palm Springs does as there are unknowns so let them do the research. The Commission can learn from them if and when they establish their nonprofit pet cemetery.

It was the consensus of the Commission to hold off on possible designation of a pet cemetery within the boundaries of Needles Riverview until a future date when it's been done somewhere else and we can draw from the knowledge and experience of another cemetery.⁸

2025-2026 COMMISSIONER BALDWIN felt funding in the Capital Improvement Plan for
BUDGET the Pioneer Cemetery was too low and that the hillside needs to be stabilized.
CONSDR CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS explained she'd previously provided the name of a man, an archaeologist major, that has an interest in assisting with this cemetery and suggested that he be invited to the next meeting to address the Commission and discuss the Pioneer Cemetery.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN suggested that since the pet cemetery is on hold at this time, it be moved down to #4 on the Capital Improvement Plan, solar shade cover at maintenance yard be moved up to #2, and Pioneer Cemetery be moved up to #3. All agreed to revise the Capital Improvement Plan as suggested and no further Commission input was provided on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. City Manager Martinez agreed to have the city's grant team look into grants to help the Riverview and Pioneer Cemeteries.

MGR RPT City Manager Martinez provided a report on actions, activities and upcoming events in the community.

COM RQSTS: COMMISSIONER DRESSLER inquired if anyone was at the cemetery office as he'd like to go out at some point. Manager Sallis encouraged him to contact her as she'd be happy to set up a time to meet him out there.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS declared the regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of January, 2025, adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairwoman

Community Services Manager



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ CEMETERY BOARD ☒ Adjourned Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

Title: Decoration Day (May 23) / Memorial Day Program (May 26) to be held at Cemetery

Background: The Cemetery Advisory Commission and City Council have declared the Friday before Memorial Day as "Decoration Day" which is scheduled for May 23 - see attached public service announcement. In addition to public participation, city personnel are also encouraged to join in this event and many do come out that Friday morning. Removal of the flags and crosses will take place on Memorial Day at 4:00 p.m.

Our Memorial Day Program will be held on May 26 at 11:00 a.m. Natalie Johnson, long time organizer and MC of this event, is again planning the program and the guest speakers/readers.

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: No action needed - Information only

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 5/14/2025
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

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

Agenda Item: _____



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DECORATION DAY / MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

TO BE HELD AT NEEDLES RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

The Friday before Memorial Day has been declared "Decoration Day" at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This year the 14th Annual Decoration Day will be held May 23 and will be an opportunity for the community to come out to tend to the gravesites of family members and friends. In addition, Veterans' gravesites will be decorated with the traditional white cross and American flag to honor them for their service to our country.

Those interested in participating in the 14th Annual Decoration Day are invited to be at the Needles Riverview Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23. Please bring your own hand-tools (i.e. tool to make a hole for the gravesite flag, clippers, gas powered weed eaters, etc.), garbage bags, and of course, don't forget the water to keep you hydrated. Garbage receptacles will be available on-site for disposal of trash.

Memorial Day services are scheduled for Monday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cemetery and all flags and crosses will be removed from the gravesites at 4:00 p.m. that evening. Community help in decoration of and removal from the cemetery grounds would be appreciated. And please don't forget to join us for the service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday!

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

Dated: April 28, 2025



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ CEMETERY BOARD ☒ Adjourned Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

Title: Cancel the regular meeting of July 17, 2025

Background: With the 2025-26 fiscal year budget adoption on today's agenda, staff is requesting the Commission cancel the July 17 meeting with the next meeting thereafter to be held October 16, 2025. In the interim, a special meeting can be called if the need arises.

Fiscal Impact: None

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Cancel the regular meeting of July 17, 2025.

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 05/14/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ CEMETERY BOARD ☒ Adjourned Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 22, 2025

Title: Review and approval of the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget including the capital improvement plan

Background: Attached is the draft cemetery budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year which proposes maintaining the cemetery status quo with a half-time employee dedicated to the cemetery and three additional employees at 20% time. While no capital projects have been included in this budget, the City Manager acknowledges the Commission's request for consideration of those projects listed on the Capital Improvement Plan FY2026 as and when funding becomes available. All capital improvement projects estimated costs are best-guess estimates only at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: Approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget including the capital improvement plan as presented.

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/14/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

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<u>CEMETERY</u>				DRAFT
	FY 2025	FY 2026		
	ADJ.			
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<i>difference</i>	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Cemetery proceeds	20,000	25,000	5,000	
Interest earnings	300	300	-	
Cemetery donations	-	-	-	
Cemetery endowment	1,000	1,000	-	
Transfer from General Fund	215,191	185,000	(30,191)	
Miscellaneous	375	750	375	
Credit card service charge	-	-	-	
Reserves/prior years rev.	-	-	-	
	236,866	212,050	(24,816)	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
*Salaries	85,201	92,108	6,907	
*Overtime	2,478	3,698	1,220	
*FICA Soc Sec/M-Care Ins	6,707	7,329	622	
*Unemployment	0	0	-	
*Group insurance	29,362	30,122	760	
*Workers' compensation	2,920	3,900	980	
*PERS/retirement contrib	8,323	9,142	819	
*PERS/unfunded liability	9,700	12,200	2,500	
Electric utilities	740	780	40	
Water utilities	82,000	86,100	4,100	
Sewer utilities	1,125	1,182	57	
Vehicle maint/repair	500	500	-	
Equipment maint/repair	3,500	3,500	-	
Facility maint/repair	3,200	3,200	-	
Pioneer Cemetery	1,000	1,000	-	
Tree trimming	2,000	2,000	-	
Damage claims repairs	0	0	-	
*Liability insurance	5,200	6,400	1,200	
Blanket bond insurance	30	30	-	
Property insurance	530	700	170	
Advertising	100	200	100	
Office supplies	200	200	-	
Fertilizer	400	400	-	
Chemicals	400	400	-	
Irrigation & drain supplies	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	
Sprinklers	1,000	2,000	1,000	
New Tools	1,500	1,500	-	
Vehicle fuel	3,500	3,500	-	
Equipment	19,108	0	(19,108)	
	272,724	273,091	367	decrease

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN					DRAFT
FY 2026					
				Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Cheryl	CEMETERY				
	1.	New irrigation system within Cemetery & future site		400,000	?
	2.	Solar shade cover at maintenance yard (grant funded?)		100,000	?
	3.	Pioneer Cemetery security & hillside stabilization		125,000	?
	4.	Pet and/or human/pet burial section		10,000	?
	5.	Automated cemetery records (incl. cost of data input)		15,000	?
	6.	Standalone onsite columbarium (cremains only)		25,000	?
	7.	Install new well on grounds for irrigation		850,000	?
	8.	Use of reclaimed water (in lieu of new well)		1,200,000	?
		Cemetery Total (estimate)		2,725,000	
		** Pet Cemetery moved to #4, Solar to #2 and Pioneer Cemetery to #3 per Commission consensus during review on January 16, 2025			



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2025

1. **Mayor Jernigan and the City of Needles invite you to join us tomorrow, Saturday, May 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., for a community cleanup along Park Road and National Trails Road near Needles Highway.** We'll be tackling illegal dumping and roadside litter—**gloves, bags, and pickers will be provided, just bring your energy** (and maybe a few friends or teammates to help!). This effort is part of the expanding **Needles Pride Program**, a citywide initiative that empowers residents to take ownership of their neighborhoods and help maintain clean, safe, and welcoming public spaces. These actions align with the **City Council's adopted Ordinance 639-AC**, which reinforces the city's commitment to removing visual blight and improving aesthetics by requiring that all signs be properly maintained or removed if no longer in use. **Code Enforcement has been working closely with local property owners to bring outdated or damaged signs into compliance**, helping clean up high-visibility corridors and support ongoing beautification goals. Refer to the attached image to get a glimpse of the efforts.

Public safety and beautification go hand in hand. This week, City crews quickly removed a fallen Salt Cedar tree at the 6th hole of Rivers Edge Golf Course—just in time for the sold-out **26th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser**—ensuring the area was safe and accessible. **These hands-on, community-driven projects are civic pride in action.** Together, we're building a better Needles. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, sidewalk damage, or overgrown vegetation by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). Refer to the attached images for a glimpse.

2. The City of Needles is pleased to share information about the upcoming **Mobile Dental Clinic**, which will be available at the **Colorado River Medical Center** from **May 12–15, 2025**. Operated by the **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health**, this clinic will offer exams, cleanings, fillings, and additional dental services to **Medi-Cal and uninsured patients**. Appointments are strongly recommended and can be made by calling **1 (800) 722-4777**. More

information is available at dph.sbcounty.gov/clinics. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **San Bernardino County** for their continued support and commitment to community wellness. This initiative directly supports the **City Council's goal of improving quality of life** by expanding access to essential healthcare services for residents in Needles. **For more information refer to the attached flyer.**

3. **While downtowns across America face decline, many communities in our region are reversing that trend through bold planning and community-driven revitalization.** In alignment with the City Council's goal to revitalize Downtown Needles, **Mayor Jernigan, Councilmember Longacre, the City Manager, and Development Services City Staff** participated in a regional site visit to **Downtown Kingman** to draw inspiration and explore effective revitalization strategies. Sincere thanks are extended to **Councilwoman Stehly and City Manager Tim Walsh** for their warm hospitality and informative presentation. **Their leadership and firsthand experience in transforming Downtown Kingman offered valuable takeaways that will help guide our efforts in Needles.** [Click here to watch their inspirational video of the transformation](#) and [Click here to review the PowerPoint presentation](#). The visit emphasized the importance of **vision, coordination, and persistence** in creating a vibrant downtown—reinforcing our commitment to building a connected and economically resilient city core. **City staff will pursue grant opportunities to develop a Specific Plan for the downtown area,** establishing standards and policies that attract investment and support business development. **Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the opportunity ahead.**
4. The City of Needles participated in the **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 60th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly** held this week in **Palm Desert**. The **conference** brought together **regional leaders** to address key issues including **housing, infrastructure, and economic development**, marking six decades of **collaborative planning** across Southern California. **Mayor Jernigan and City Manager Patrick Martinez** represented the City of Needles at the event and held **productive meetings** with staff representatives from **Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez, State Senator Padilla, and Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz**. These conversations provided a valuable opportunity to share the City's **priorities** and **advocate for legislative support** on behalf of the Needles community. **Direct engagement** with legislative partners strengthens **intergovernmental relationships**, builds **strategic connections** with decision-makers, and advances the **City Council's goal** of positioning Needles for **long-term growth and success**. Refer to the **attached images** for highlights from the **conference**.
5. With summer just around the corner, the **Needles Recreation Center** is excited to offer a variety of **fun, active, and educational programs** for local youth and families. Our **Summer Day Camp** runs **June 2 through August 1** for children **ages 5–12** and takes place **Monday through Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. **Jr. and Pee Wee Basketball** is available for **ages 3–8 (1st and 2nd**

grade), with games held in **June and July**. Join us for the **Pool Opening** on **Saturday, June 7, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM** at the **Needles Aquatic Center**. **Swim Lessons** begin **June 9**, with multiple sessions and times available for **all skill levels**. **Group and private lessons** are offered at affordable rates, led by **certified instructors**. For more details, including **registration, pricing, and session times**, please refer to the **attached flyer** or contact the Recreation Center at **760-326-3866**.

6. To advance the City's **housing efforts**, **Mayor Jernigan** and **City Manager Patrick Martinez** met with **City Economist Michael Bracken** in preparation for the **Building Industry Association (BIA) Coachella Valley Chapter Government Affairs Workshop**. This event provided a key opportunity to engage with **regional builders** and promote **Needles** as a strong market for **residential development**. The City's recent **Housing Study** highlights over **\$100 million in development potential**, with a need for **550 new units—350–400 for-sale homes and 150–200 rentals**. Market strengths include **6% annual wage growth**, an **aging housing inventory** (60% built before 1980), rising **mid-income households**, **low land costs**, and **limited competition**. With **unified support** from City leadership and policies supporting **diverse housing types** (ADUs, townhomes, etc.), this effort directly supports the **City Council's goal** to expand housing options and attract private investment for long-term community growth.
7. This week marks another major milestone in our ongoing commitment to infrastructure excellence as we wrap up work on the **Phase IV-B Street Improvement Project**—a clear example of how we are *celebrating progress on street improvements while advancing Council goals*. A key component of this phase was the **full replacement of the Senior Center Parking Lot**, providing a safer and more accessible space for our senior residents and community gatherings. Adding to the visual impact, **newly stenciled Historic Route 66 markings** were installed to **complement the freshly paved downtown streets**—specifically **I Street, H Street, and G Street**. These enhancements not only reflect our city's historic roots but also support the City Council's broader goals to beautify and revitalize key corridors. As we celebrate this momentum, we're also strengthening our long-term street maintenance capabilities. The **Crafco EZ 1500 Crack Seal Trailer and Sullair 375 Compressor**, approved by the City Council as part of a **\$184,972 investment**, have **arrived on site**. **City staff will now begin training** to operate this specialized equipment, which will allow crews to proactively seal pavement cracks, extend the life of our roadways, and reduce long-term repair costs. Funded through **local cannabis tax revenues**, Phase IV-B reflects our focus on **strategic reinvestment in community infrastructure**. It is part of the City's 15-year Pavement Management Plan and contributes to the over **\$11 million invested in street and infrastructure upgrades since 2020**. We are proud to deliver on the Council's vision of **public safety, enhanced quality of life, and long-term community resilience**. Thank you to City staff, residents, and all partners involved in making this progress possible—Needles continues to move forward. **Refer to the attached images for a glimpse at the progress.**

8. As previously **approved by the City Council**, a new **Dial-a-Ride (DAR) vehicle** is being ordered to replace one of the City's aging specialized transit units. This purchase is **fully funded** through **\$181,000 in State Transit Assistance (STA) capital funds** provided by the **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)**, with **no impact to the General Fund**. The vehicle is currently in the **ordering phase**, with an expected **delivery timeline of 12 to 15 months**. The new unit will feature the **specialized Dial-a-Ride logo** that was **approved earlier this year by Council**, giving the service a refreshed, visible brand identity. Please see the **attached image** for a preview of the final vehicle graphic. As a **public service reminder**, the **Dial-a-Ride program** offers **curb-to-curb transportation** for **seniors, individuals with disabilities**, and other qualifying residents needing access to **medical appointments, shopping, and essential services**. Riders can access **medical transport** and the **DAR Shopper Shuttle** with **advance reservation and prepayment**. To learn more or schedule a ride, residents may contact the **Needles Senior Center at (760) 326-4789**. Additional information is also available through the **Needles Connect App** and the City's website. This new investment and continued service enhancement reflect our commitment to providing **safe, reliable, and accessible public transportation** for our community.
9. Tomorrow, **Dance Trax 51**, in collaboration with the **Needles Recreation Center**, will present its annual showcase, *"A Night at the Movies,"* at the **Needles High School Auditorium**. There will be **two performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. Tickets are available for **\$8 pre-sale** or **\$10 at the door**. This event highlights the talents of local youth and supports the arts within the community. It aligns with the **Needles City Council's goals** to promote **family-oriented programming**, expand **recreational opportunities**, and foster **community pride and engagement**. Refer to the **attached flyer** for more information.
10. The City of Needles Animal Shelter is hosting its Spring 2025 Vaccination and Licensing Clinic on Saturday, **May 17, 2025**, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at **1662 Flip Mendez Parkway**. This public clinic is provided by **PetSmart Veterinary Services** under the care of **Dr. Joseph Velasco** and offers a range of essential pet vaccinations, including **Rabies (\$10)**, **DA2PP (\$15)**, **Bordetella (\$15)**, and **Rattlesnake (\$20)**. **Microchipping** will also be available for **\$30**. In accordance with City ordinance, all dogs over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and a valid City of Needles dog license. **To assist residents in meeting these requirements, the clinic will offer special City of Needles Dog License pricing—\$15 for altered pets and \$25 for unaltered pets.** Please note: **CASH ONLY** will be accepted for all services. These bi-annual events are designed to support responsible pet ownership, increase compliance with local regulations, and improve overall public and animal health. For full details on available services and pricing, please see the attached flyer or contact the Animal Shelter at **(760) 326-4952**.

11. The **Needles Women's Club** hosted its **95th Annual Tri-State Flower Show** on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, at the **Needles Women's Clubhouse**. This year's event featured **35 entries** across the Tri-State area, showcasing a vibrant mix of **flowers, herbs, and garden displays**. A special highlight was the entry submitted by **Krikit Glass**, featuring **vegetables and herbs grown by students from the Needles Recreation Center at Lynne's Gardens**, which earned **Best in Show**. This cherished community tradition reflects our residents' pride, creativity, and collaboration and directly supports the **City Council's goals** of fostering **community engagement** and celebrating **local talent**. Please refer to the **attached images** for highlights from the celebration.
12. Needles Unified School District is proud to represent the community in the upcoming **2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Class 2A Southern League Baseball and Softball Championships**, hosted by Laughlin High School. The **girls' softball team** will take the field on **Thursday, May 8, at 1:30 PM**, followed by the **boys' baseball team at 3:30 PM**. The **City of Needles** remains committed to supporting regional athletic events that showcase youth achievement, foster community pride, and strengthen Needles' role as a growing sports tourism destination. These championships align directly with the **City Council's strategic priorities**—expanding recreational opportunities, promoting community engagement, and boosting economic vitality through increased participation and visitation. The City encourages all residents to attend and show support for these talented student-athletes as they compete for Southern League titles. **Tournament brackets are attached** for additional event details.
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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. BEAUTIFICATION



Needles Pride City-Wide Beautification



In effort to clean up the City and remove the appearance of blight, Ordinance 639-AC amended the City of Needles Municipal Code to ensure that every sign in the City of Needles is continuously maintained.

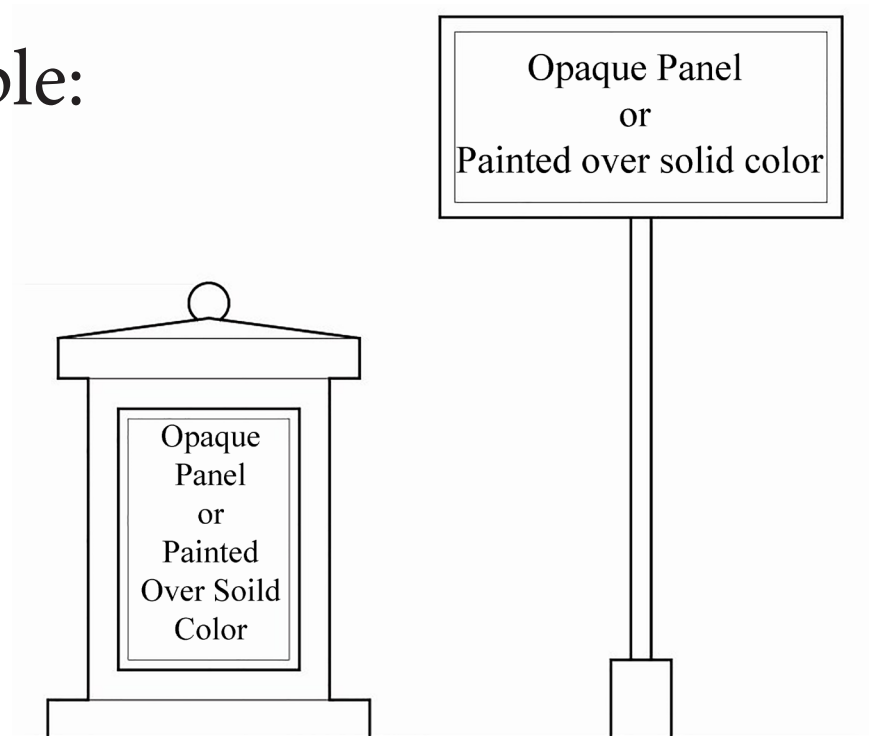
Every sign and/or sign structure advertising a use no longer being conducted on the property for a continuous period of 90 days or more shall be removed, replaced with an opaque panel or painted over in a solid color.

Failure to maintain a sign shall result in a Notice of Violation by the City. Failure to correct the violation(s) shall result in an Administrative Citation pursuant to Chapter 2A, and abatement and/or removal of the sign.

Please take the time to evaluate your property and work to correct any violations your property may have.

If you have any questions regarding the City Code, please call Code Enforcement Officer Bernard Hatz II (760) 326-5740 ext. 129.

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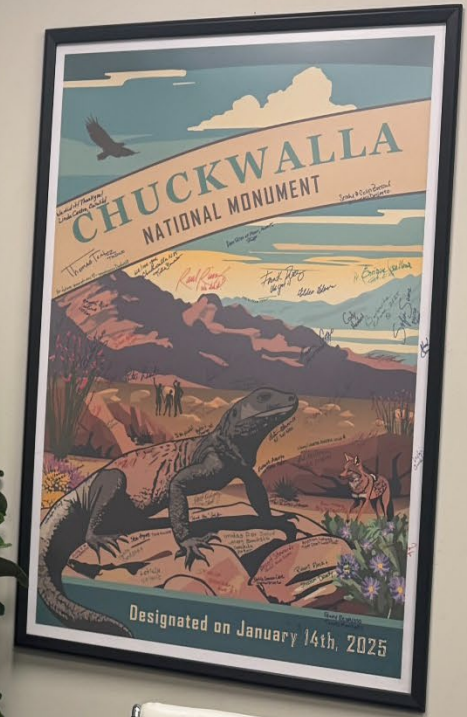
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4. SCAG CONFERENCE



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5. RECREATION CENTER

CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration: May 1st–June 2nd



Players: Boys & Girls

Ages: 3yr–5yr old Jr Pee

6yr–7/8yr old Pee Wee

1st/2nd grade

(entering 3rd in the Hall)

Gamo Nights: Monday – Thursday

Season: June – July

Cost: Resident- 35 Non-Resident–40

**JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD
PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD**

(1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN TFALL)

Please call the Needles Recreation Center
@ 760–326–2814 with any questions

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

1161 J STREET, NEEDLES CA



SESSION 1: JUNE 9 ~ JUNE 19

SESSION 2: JUNE 23 ~ JULY 3

SESSION 3: JULY 7 ~ JULY 17

SESSION 4: JULY 21 ~ JULY 31

****10 AM / 11 AM / 6:30 PM****

GROUP RATE: \$30 FOR (8) 1/2 HOUR
(MON-THURS)

PRIVATE RATES: \$11 FOR EACH 1/2 HOUR
(MIN 4 LESSONS)



Item 6.

CALL (760) 326- 3866 (326-2814 BEFORE JUNE 7TH)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

5. RECREATION CENTER

NEEDLES MUNICIPAL AQUATICS CENTER

Opening Day - Saturday, June 7, 2025

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

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30- 8:00 am	LAP SWIM				<i>Aquatic Center is available for Private Rentals Fri - Sun after 6pm</i>		
8:00- 9:15 am	MORNING EXERCISE						
9:00-10:00 am	STAFF INSERVICE						
10:00-10:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
10:30-11:00 am	PRIVATE LESSONS						
11:00-11:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
11:30-12:00 pm	PRIVATE LESSONS						
12:00-4:00 pm	OPEN SWIM		Sat/Sun Open Swim is 2pm-6pm for the month of June				
4:00-6:30 pm	NEEDLES SANDSHARKS SWIM TEAM PRACTICE						
6:30-7:00 pm	S W I M L E S S O N S						
7:00-9:00 pm	OPEN SWIM						
9:00- 10:00 pm	LAP SWIM						

ADMISSION PRICES

DAYTIME: \$3.00 (3 & Under is free)

NIGHT: Child \$1.75 Adult \$2.25

PASS SALES

Adult/Child/Senior - Open Swim

10 Visit Pass	\$20.00 (Save 25%)
30 Visit Pass	\$50.00 (Save 33%)
Season	\$80.00 (Save 50%)

*Family of Four \$125.00

*Plus \$15.00 for each additional

Life Jacket & Mat Rentals:
\$1.00 per day

Exercise & Lap Swim

10 Visit Pass	\$15.00
30 Visit Pass	\$40.00
Season	\$60.00

(Daily rate without a pass: \$2.00)

Exercise & Lap Swim runs thru end of September

SWIM LESSONS

Session 1 June 9 - June 19

Session 2 June 23 - July 3

Session 3 July 7 - July 17

Session 4 July 21- July 31

Group Rates: \$30.00 for eight 1/2 hour sessions

Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks

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

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

* Evening Lessons are taught during Session 1 - 3

** Parent-Tot Lessons are taught during Session 2

Pool Parties \$90.00

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

~PLUS~

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

Private Rental Rates

\$80.00 per Hour

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

July 4th Celebrate Freedom

Join us for great family fun.

Lots of games and prizes! We have once
again partnered with the Needles Elks
Lodge to make this event

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL AGES!!

We will also crown:

Miss Freedom & Mr. Firecracker

(4-5 yr. olds eligible)

6. HOMEBUILDER RECRUITMENT



7. STREET MAINTENANCE



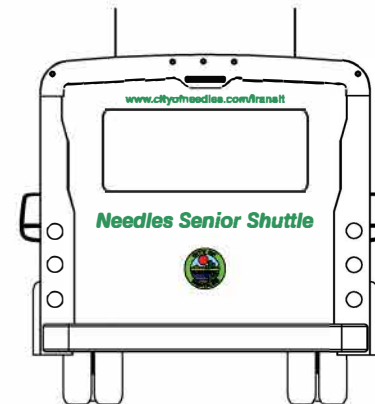
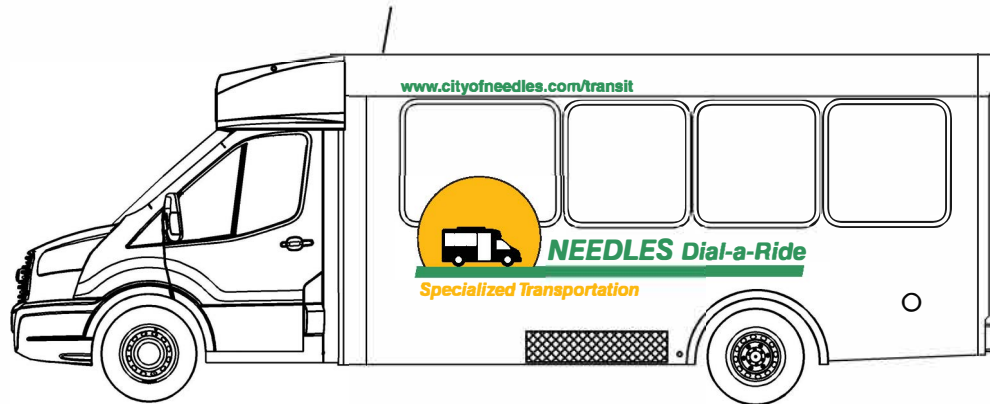
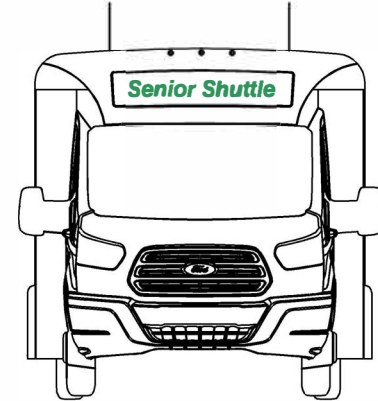
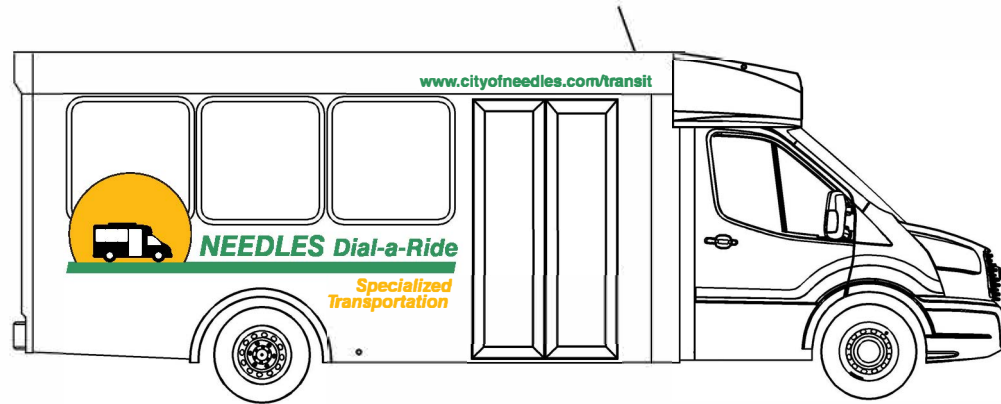
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8. DIAL-A-RIDE



9. DANCE TRAX

Dance Trax 51

PRESENTS



"A Night At The Movies"

WITH

Needles Recreation Center

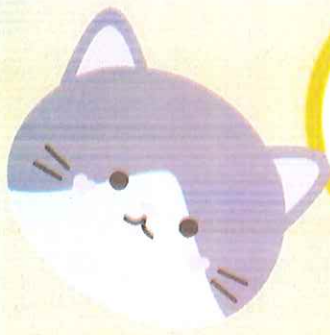
Saturday May 3, 2025
2:00 pm & 6:00 pm



Needles High School Auditorium

\$8 pre-sale ⇄ \$10 at door

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Rabies
\$10

FVRCP
\$15 FeLV
\$25

**CITY OF NEEDLES DOG LICENSE
SPECIAL PRICING
ALTERED \$15
UNALTERED \$25**



Rabies
\$10
DAPPV
\$15

**PetSmart Veterinary Services
Dr. Joseph Velasco**

**Rabies and Licensing Clinic
Needles Animal Shelter
1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy
Needles, CA 92363**

**May 17th
9:30-12:30**

CASH ONLY

(760)326-4952

Bordetella
\$15

Rattlesnake
\$20

Microchips
\$30

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES
ALL CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS**



11. FLOWER SHOW

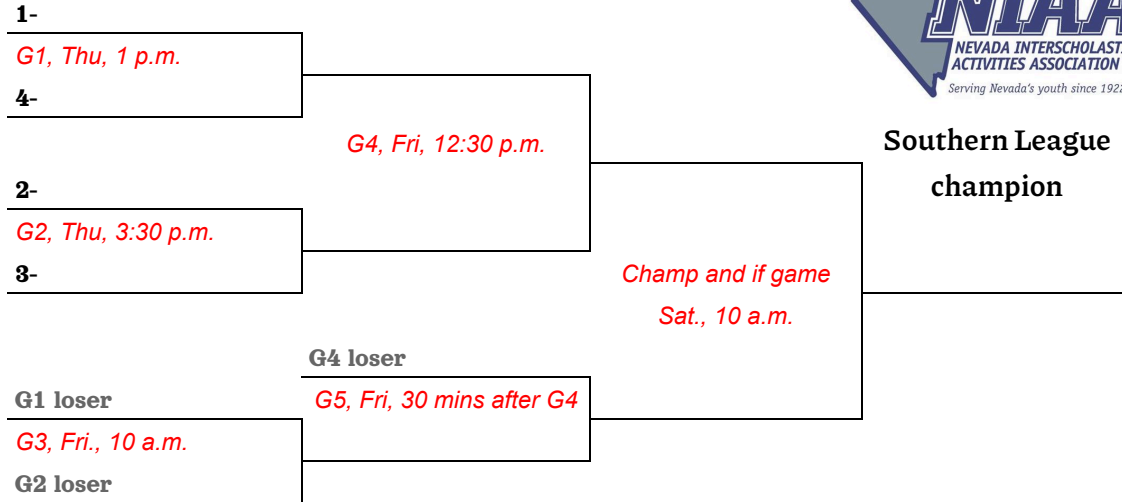


12. NUSD

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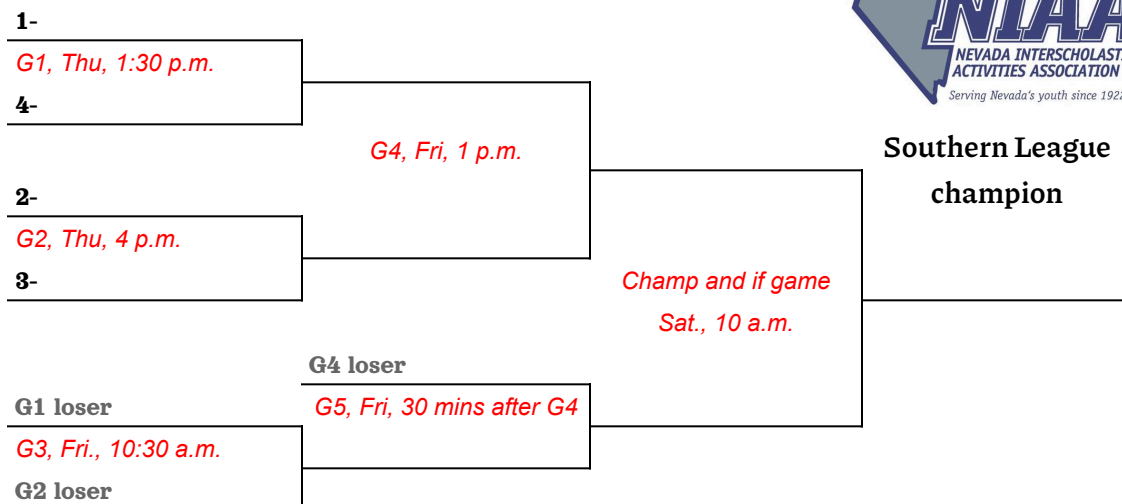
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2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Softball Playoffs

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13. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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City of Needles

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 2025

1. The **35th Annual Run for the Wall** will occur next week on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**, at **El Garces and Santa Fe Park (950 Front Street)**, proudly **presented by the City of Needles and community partners**. Riders are expected to arrive in **Needles around 12:35 PM**, with **over 300 participants** making this powerful stop along their cross-country journey. **Run for the Wall** is a national motorcycle ride that honors **Vietnam Veterans** and raises continued awareness for **POW/MIA accountability**. The ride begins in **Los Angeles** and grows as it travels east, culminating in **Washington, D.C.** Upon arrival, the riders will be served a community lunch, made possible through **generous donations from our local supporters**. Food donations are currently being accepted at **Deco Foodservices**, located at **700 W Broadway**. Residents are encouraged to line **Route 66** and help give these riders a **warm, patriotic welcome**. For questions or more information, please get in touch with Judy Thornton at **(760) 333-5255**.
2. The **City Council continues prioritizing beautification efforts** to ensure Needles remains welcoming for residents and visitors. This past weekend marked our best turnout, as Mayor Jernigan and the City hosted a neighborhood cleanup along Park Road and National Trails Highway. Over a dozen volunteers collected more than 20 trash bags—an inspiring show of community pride. This event is part of the growing **Needles Pride Program**, which empowers residents to take ownership of their neighborhoods and maintain clean, safe public spaces. In support, **Public Works, Parks, Electric, Water, and Wastewater** crews completed citywide fire abatement and vegetation removal, including work at Jack Smith Boat Launch Point and along Front Street. These efforts enhance both safety and visibility—**see the attached photos for a look at their impact**. Together, we're building a better Needles. Residents can report potholes, sidewalk damage, or overgrown vegetation by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#).

3. The City of Needles proudly participated in the **2025 San Bernardino County City-County Conference**, held this week in **Lake Arrowhead**. The event convened **municipal and county leaders** to discuss **regional collaboration, infrastructure, economic development, and public safety** across the **nation's largest county**. **Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Campbell, and Councilmember Pogue** represented Needles, engaging with top officials, including **County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, Sheriff Shannon Dicus, and Fire Chief Dan Munsey**. Notably, the **City of Needles** continues to strengthen its **standing within San Bernardino County**. As outlined in the [conference agenda](#), sessions addressed **emerging policy challenges and investment opportunities**, many of which align with the **City Council's goals for sustainable growth**. These **high-level discussions and direct engagement with legislative partners** reinforce Needles' **momentum and visibility** at the county level. Refer to the **attached images** for **conference highlights**.
4. The City of Needles is proud to support the **Mobile Dental Clinic at Colorado River Medical Center next week from May 12–15, 2025**. Run by the **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health**, the clinic will provide exams, cleanings, fillings, and other essential dental services for **Medi-Cal and uninsured patients**. Appointments are highly recommended and can be made by calling **1-800-722-4777**. This initiative supports the City Council's goal of improving residents' quality of life by expanding access to vital healthcare services. We thank **San Bernardino County** for their continued partnership and commitment to community wellness. **We encourage residents to take part in this critical effort. Refer to the attached flyer** for more information.
5. On **Thursday, May 8, 2025**, the **City of Needles Utility Department** swiftly responded to a **10-inch water main break** near the **Golf Maintenance Yard along River Road**, requiring a **temporary shutdown of water service** to residents and businesses along **Needles Highway and River Road**. The Utility team completed repairs and restored full service within a few hours, minimizing disruption, protecting public health, and preserving critical infrastructure. **Concurrently**, the Utility Department began the **scheduled inspection and cleaning of the City's 1.5-million-gallon water reservoirs**—a routine maintenance effort conducted **every five years** to ensure **water quality**, strengthen **system reliability**, and reduce long-term infrastructure costs. Together, these concurrent efforts demonstrate the City's readiness and commitment to protecting public infrastructure while planning for long-term system reliability. City is committed to **delivering essential services**, enhancing **community resilience**, and achieving the **City Council's goals** for long-term infrastructure performance and quality of life. The City extends its appreciation to the Utility Department for their professionalism and dedication. Residents are encouraged to report water leaks by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). Refer to the attached image for a look at the emergency response in action and the progress of the maintenance work.

6. The **Friday before Memorial Day, May 23, 2025**, has been designated **“Decoration Day”** at the **Needles Riverview Cemetery**, marking the **14th annual community observance**. This long-standing tradition invites residents to care for the gravesites of loved ones and honor our nation’s veterans by placing **white crosses and American flags** at their resting places. Volunteers are encouraged to arrive by **7:00 a.m.** and are asked to bring their **hand tools** (such as shovels, clippers, and gas-powered weed eaters), along with **garbage bags** and **water**. Trash receptacles will be available on-site. The **annual Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held on **Monday, May 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**, also at Riverview Cemetery. A second volunteer effort will occur at **4:00 p.m.** the same day to assist with **flag and cross removal**. Community participation remains essential to the continued success of this meaningful event. The **Needles Riverview Cemetery** also welcomes **tax-deductible donations** to support **maintenance efforts at Riverview and Old Pioneer Cemeteries**. Donations are especially needed to help **replace the American flags** that once lined the cemetery roads. For more information or to contribute, please get in touch with Cheryl Sallis at **(760) 326-2113, ext. 115**.
7. The **City of Needles** continues to make significant progress in advancing the **City Council’s vision** for a **cleaner, safer, and more vibrant community**. At the **May 7 administrative hearing**, four properties were formally declared **public nuisances** due to ongoing violations of the **Municipal Code**, including **unsafe structures, accumulated debris, and uncorrected septic hazards**. These actions authorize the City to pursue **abatement, demolitions, liens, or receivership** to restore **public safety and compliance**. In addition, **Animal Control** addressed a serious **public safety concern** involving an **aggressive dog**, which was also declared a **public nuisance**. The City is now empowered to take **immediate action** should future violations occur. Through these continued efforts, **Code Enforcement** and **Animal Control** are improving **property conditions**, reinforcing **community standards**, and delivering on the Council’s goals for long-term **neighborhood revitalization and public health**.
8. The **Phase IV-B Street Improvement Project** continued this week with substantial progress in the **Vistas neighborhood**, advancing critical **street reconstruction and waterline upgrades**. Crews completed work on **Desoto Street, El Monte Street, and Carty Way**—key residential streets prioritized for long-overdue improvements. We sincerely appreciate the community’s **patience and support** as we invest in infrastructure that enhances the **quality of life** in Needles and supports our vision to make the city an even better place to **live, work, and visit**. For more information about the **Pavement Management Plan**, contact **Development Services Director Kathy Raasch** at **(760) 326-2115 ext. 126** or kraasch@cityofneedles.com. It is part of the City’s 15-year Pavement Management Plan and contributes to the over **\$11 million invested in street and infrastructure upgrades since 2020**. We are proud to deliver on the Council’s vision of **public safety, enhanced quality of life, and long-term community resilience**. Thank you to City staff, residents, and all partners involved in making this progress possible—Needles continues to move forward. **Refer to the attached images for a glimpse at the progress.**

9. The **City of Needles** proudly congratulates **Ronny Sommers** on earning his **Grade T1 Water Treatment Operator Certification**. This key professional milestone further strengthens our ability to provide **the community with safe and reliable water services**. This builds on Ronny's achievement last October when he earned his **Grade D1 Water Distribution Operator Certification**. After completing both certifications, Ronny will be promoted to a **Water Operator position** with the City of Needles. His continued professional growth reflects the City's investment in **workforce development** and our commitment to maintaining a **high standard of public service**.
10. Mayor Jernigan has officially awarded the **2025 Edible Food Recovery Grant**, approved by the City Council in March, to **Fire House Ministries, Set Free Church, and St. Vincent de Paul**. The three organizations will equally share the **\$6,000 grant**, which supports local edible food recovery efforts funded by the **Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority**. This initiative aligns with **SB 1383** by helping divert edible food from landfills to those in need, and each recipient will report annual food recovery tonnage for **CalRecycle compliance**. **Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the event.**
11. The **26th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fundraiser** was a **sold-out success**, drawing **53 teams and over 159 golfers**—an increase from last year's tournament. The event once again showcased the community's strong support for local youth programs and highlighted the growing popularity of **Rivers Edge Golf Course**. Thanks to the **expert management of Touchstone Golf**, Rivers Edge has been transformed into a **championship-caliber, par-71, 18-hole course**, offering a top-tier golfing experience in the heart of Needles. The City extends its appreciation to the **Flip Mendez Youth Foundation** for once again choosing Rivers Edge as their course of choice. To **book a tee time or RSVP for upcoming tournaments**, call **(760) 326-3931** or visit golfneedlesca.com for more information and event listings.
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13. **Firehouse Ministries** will host an **enchilada plate lunch fundraiser** on **Friday, May 16, 2025**, to support their vital community programs, including **Isabel's Pantry** and **Ivan's House**. The fundraiser will take place at **807 Bush Street**, beginning at **11:00 a.m.** and continuing **until sold out**. Plates are available for

\$11.99 for pickup or \$14.99 with delivery. All proceeds will directly benefit Firehouse Ministries' ongoing efforts to serve those in need. To place an order, please contact **Holly Russo at (760) 628-7331.**

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**50th Anniversary of Vietnam War
35th Anniversary of Run for the Wall**

MAY 14, 2025

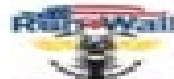
**EL GARCES AND SANTA FE PARK
ON ROUTE 66 IN NEEDLES, CA**

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

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

**RIDERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT 12:35 PM
AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
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For more information, call 760-333-5255



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15. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

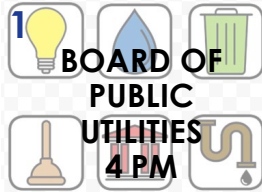

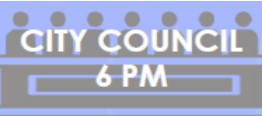
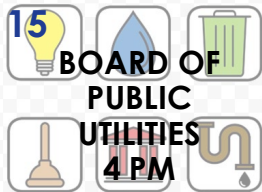


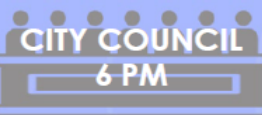

May 2025

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  Run Wall WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T	15  GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 7:30 AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	16	17  RABIES & LICENSING CLINIC NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER 9:30AM-12:30PM
18	19  PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	20  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	21	22	23  DECORATION DAY RIVERVIEW CEMETERY	24
25	26  MEMORIAL DAY RIVERVIEW CEMETERY	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  HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING 10AM-12PM & 1PM - 3PM EL GARCES	6	7 POOL OPENS 2PM - 6PM 
8	9 AQUATIC CENTER SWIM LESSONS START 	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 7:30AM 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 7:30AM - 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		