

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 AT 4:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE, 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. Housing Authority Update (INF)
- 2. Approve the Minutes of July 23, 2025 (ACT)
- 3. Primary Fencing Project Update (INF)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Report for the weeks of October 3 and 10, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: October 16, 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 16th day of October, 2025



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUN	CIL $oxed{\boxtimes}$ HOUSING COMMISSIC	N Regular	☐ Special
Meeting Date:	October 22, 2025		
Title:	Housing Authority of the City of	Needles Update	
Background:			
Current VFamiliesFamilies Housing Choice	•	· ·	
 Open and 		allocated vouchers.	
Always o	Waiting List: s on the waiting list: 89 pen for applications. e public to submit applications for	or future selection and consider	ration.
ApplicantOpened	ing Choice Voucher (HCV) Was on the waiting list: 52 July 1, 2024 – CLOSED July 31, bmitted applications for future se	2024	
Attached Exhibits:			
Exhibit A: October	13, 2025 Voucher Statistics Forr	n	
Fiscal Impact:	NONE		
Environmental Impact:	NONE		
Recommended Action:	Informational Only		
Submitted By:	Angelica Deermer, HACN Hou	sing Manager	
City Manager Approva	1: Rainis Torrance Actir	g City Manager Date:	10/16/25
Other Department App	roval (when required):	Date:	!

HACN PUBLIC HOUSING / VOUCHER STATISTICS

OCTOBER 2025

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

N/A

HUD allocated HCV Vouchers = 23

HCV Vouchers leased up = 22

HCV Vouchers issued = 3* **

HCV Vouchers open = 0

*Port in Vouchers= 2

**Port out Vouchers=1

HUD allocated VASH Vouchers =30

VASH Vouchers leased up = 10

VASH Vouchers issued = 7*

VASH vouchers open =12

VASH Referrals =1

*VASH Port-outs=5

Current Waitlist Applicants

Public Housing: 89 HCV: 52



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025, AT 4:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE, 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 Tamera Kissell

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Kissell

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Chair Mauer acknowledged Council Member Larry Ford in attendance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE - None

REGULAR ITEMS

- 1. Housing Authority City of Needles Update given by Housing Manager Angelica Deermer
- 2. Approve the Minutes of April 23, 2025

Commissioner Tucker made a motion, second by Commissioner Kissell, to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Kissell

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS – None

CITY MANAGER REPORT - given by Housing Manager Deermer the weeks of July 4 and 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Mauer adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm

Chair Chris Mauer	City Clerk Candace Clark



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ⊠ HOU	SING COMMISSION	⊠ Regular □ Special
Meeting Date:	October 22, 2025	
Title:	Housing Authority of the	City of Needles – Primary Fencing Project Update
(HACN) Primary Fencing Pr	oject to Golden West Fen existing walls and install	ty Council awarded the Needles Housing Authority ce for a total project cost of \$230,605. The project ation of approximately 1,500 linear feet of 6-foot d Bailey Avenue.
Following the award, staff identified the need for additional fencing and gates along Bailey Avenue. O August 12, 2025, the City Council approved Change Order No. 1, which increased the total project cosby \$2,494.77 for a new total of \$233,099.77. The change order was funded through the project contingency of \$30,078.45 and \$2,494.77 of FY 2025 HACN Capital Funds.		
		ed to be completed by mid-November. The project to be awarded before the end of FY 2025 (June
Attached Exhibits:	Fencing Site Plan Change Order No.1	
Fiscal Impact:	NONE	
Environmental Impact:	NONE	
Recommended Action:	Informational Only	
Submitted By:	Angelica Deermer, HAC	N Housing Manager
City Manager Approval: <u>@</u>	ainie Torrance Action	ng City Manager Date: 10/16/2025

Other Department Approval (when required):

Date:



CHANGE ORDER

PROJECT: NHA Primary Fen	cing Project	ORDER NO: 1
DWNER: City of Needles	CONTRACTO	DR: Golden West Fence
OLLOWING CHANGES ARE N	NADE TO THE CONTRACT:	
Description of Changes	Decrease Contract Price	Increase Contract Price
) Additional Fence Per Propo	osal Attached	\$ 32,573.22
USTIFICATION:		
project award to complete fencir	f fencing along J Street and Balboa Street. Addition ng along Bailey Ave in front of the NHA maintenance ingency of \$30,078.45 and \$2,494.77 additional from	e yard and parking area. This work
Original Contract Price		\$ 200,526.55
Previous Change Order(s)	Amount	\$0.00
Original Contract Price plus previous Change Orders		\$ 200,526.55
Contract Price Due This Ch	ange Order	\$ 32,573.22
New Contract Price		\$ 233,099.77
Contract Time will be (Increased)	CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIME Adjusted Date for Completion of all Work	Calendar Days
	N/A	
	APPROVALS REQUIRED	
Requested by:	Signature (Project Manager)	Date: <u>07/21/25</u>
Contractor Acceptance:	Signature (Contractor)	Date: 8/20/20
Approved by:	Signature (City Manager)	Date: 08/12/2025 CC meeting
	CHANGEORDER	



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Mayor, Janet Jernigan Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell Councilmember Tona Belt Councilmember Jamie McCorkle Councilmember JoAnne Pogue Councilmember Henry Longbrake Councilmember Larry Ford

City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 03, 2025

1. Assemblymember Gonzalez Needles Visit

The City of Needles was pleased to welcome Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez for the second time in as many weeks, as he returned to host community meetings at the historic El Garces. Assemblymember Gonzalez — who serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs and on Water, Parks, and Wildlife — commended Needles for its positive progress and emphasized the importance of working together to build a stronger community for residents. City officials, staff, and community members gathered to discuss local priorities and hear updates on legislative initiatives impacting Needles. This visit directly supported the City Council's goal of fostering civic engagement and strengthening partnerships with state leaders. The City sincerely thanks Assemblymember Gonzalez for spending the day in Needles, engaging with local leaders, and meaningfully connecting with our community. A special thank you is also extended to the City staff — including Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and supporting departments — whose efforts ensured the success of these meetings.

2. Supporting Housing & Healthcare: Assemblymember Gonzalez Site Visits
Today, Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez toured key sites in Needles, including
the Colorado River Medical Center, highlighting the vital role rural hospitals play
in supporting community health and economic stability. He also visited the River
Valley Inn, once a blighted motor inn and now transformed into 29 affordable
micro-apartments through a partnership between the City, the State of
California, and developer Armen Ghadimian, supported by \$410,000 in
Prohousing Incentive Program state housing funds. This work advances the City
Council's goals to expand quality housing, strengthen essential services, and
build a resilient, healthy community for residents. During the visit,
Assemblymember Gonzalez presented Mr. Ghadimian with a proclamation
recognizing this milestone. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for next month, with
more information to follow — see the attached photo for a glimpse of the event.

3. ICSC Western Conference – Palm Springs

This week, Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell, Councilmember Jamie McCorkle, and the City Manager represented Needles at the 2025 ICSC Western Conference in Palm Springs. With a regional population of 146,500, more than 23,000 vehicles traveling Interstate 40 daily, and a growing tourism and industrial base, Needles is well positioned for new investment. The delegation met with developers, retailers, and investors to market key properties, highlight riverfront recreation and hospitality opportunities, and attract growth that will help fill vacancies, bring new amenities, and strengthen Needles' standing as a progrowth destination in the Southwest. While in the desert, City officials also met with Congressman Raul Ruiz and his staff to discuss ways to collaborate on improving the quality of life for Needles residents, including advancing behavioral health resources and veterans' services. These conversations and connections will help position the City for new partnerships and support future community needs.

4. Monster Truck Insanity - Next Level Tour

The Monster Truck Insanity Next Level Tour is coming to the Needles Rodeo Grounds on **November 7–8**, **2025**, bringing high-energy motorsports and family-friendly entertainment to our community. Fans will experience monster truck freestyle competitions, the free pre-show Insanity Fest meet-and-greet, and rides in a real monster truck, with showtime at 7:00 PM. This event supports the City Council's goals to position Needles as a regional recreation and tourism destination and to drive local economic activity by attracting visitors who support area businesses. Residents and visitors are encouraged to purchase their tickets today by clicking on this link and enjoy an action-packed weekend in Needles. Refer to the attached Flyer for event details.

5. Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Program Presentation
The City of Needles was honored to be selected as one of only six cities in
California and Nevada to participate in the Urban Land Institute (ULI) California—
Nevada Technical Assistance Program (TAP), a fully grant-funded initiative led
by ULI Orange County/Inland Empire (ULI OCIE). Over the past several days, a
volunteer panel of real estate and land use experts has met with local
stakeholders to craft actionable strategies for housing and economic growth,
infrastructure improvements, climate resilience (extreme heat, drought, seismic
risks), and community safety — all of which directly support the City Council's
long-term goals for sustainable growth and resilience. The Mayor, City Council,
and members of the public are invited to attend the panel's presentation of
recommendations on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the El Garces
Hotel.

6. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements

The Needles Pride Program continues to unite residents, property owners, and businesses in a shared effort to beautify neighborhoods, promote civic pride, and support property maintenance. Alongside these community-driven efforts, the City remains committed to investing in critical infrastructure, public safety,

and enhanced public spaces. This week, Public Works completed ADA sidewalk repairs and replacements near the southwest corner of Broadway and I Street, performed pothole maintenance along D Street, Larchwood, and in Chesney's, and removed weeds and cleaned Bob Belt Beach Park to maintain safe, welcoming riverfront access. City Parks staff also overseeded Manny Morris Park and Nikki Bunch Park in preparation for the cooler season; the new seed is expected to sprout in 7–10 days. Meanwhile, the Electric Department repaired streetlights at the Wagon Wheel near the Shell station and installed additional LED lighting at Jack Smith Park as part of its ongoing lighting improvement program, which will continue as supplies allow. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9) or using the Needles Connect app on Google Play Store (Android) and Apple Store (iOS). Together, we're building a safer, stronger Needles!

7. Upcoming Event: Fall 2025 Vaccination & Licensing Clinic

This is a reminder that the City of Needles Animal Shelter will host its Fall 2025 Vaccination & Licensing Clinic on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1662 Flip Mendez Parkway. PetSmart Veterinary Services (Dr. Joseph Velasco) will provide rabies, DA2PP (dogs), FVRCP (cats), Bordetella, rattlesnake vaccinations, and microchipping. City pet licenses will be available at special event rates: \$15 (altered) / \$25 (unaltered). Please remind residents to keep cats in carriers and dogs on leashes. For questions, call (760) 326-4952. This clinic supports the City Council's priorities on public health, animal welfare, and responsible pet ownership. See the attached flyer for details.

8. Needles Housing Authority – Security Fencing Project Update

This week, the Needles Housing Authority (HACN) began construction on its Security Fencing Project, awarded to Golden West Fence for a total project cost of \$233,000 funded through HACN Capital Funds. The project will install approximately 1,500 linear feet of new wrought iron fencing along J Street, Balboa Street, and Bailey Avenue to enhance the security of Housing Authority property. During initial demolition, staff identified existing wall and sidewalk conditions that were not fully apparent until removal began. To remain within budget while maintaining the planned level of security, the project design was adjusted to incorporate the structurally sound existing wall, with areas in need of grout or repair to be addressed as part of the work. Construction is now actively underway and will continue over the coming weeks. Refer to the attached photos for current project progress

9. City Staff End-of-Summer Safety Celebration

City staff gathered this week for an End-of-Summer Safety BBQ to celebrate a successful summer season marked by limited workplace incidents and a strong commitment to safety. Maintaining a safe and prepared workforce is critical to the City Council's goals of providing reliable services, protecting public resources, and fostering a positive, high-performing work environment. This event recognized the dedication of employees across all departments who kept operations running smoothly and safely during one of the City's busiest times of

the year, ensuring essential services continued without disruption to the community. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the event.

10. Rivers Edge Golf Course — Season Reopening

The Rivers Edge Golf Course officially reopened for the season today, Friday, October 3. Building on last year's successful return, the course is once again welcoming golfers of all levels to enjoy Needles' premier riverfront fairways. Tee times are now available at regular seasonal rates, offering residents and visitors one of our community's most scenic recreational amenities. This reopening continues the City's efforts to revitalize local amenities and strengthen Needles' position as a destination for outdoor recreation and leisure.

11. Needles Holiday Fun Fair & Lighted Parade

The City of Needles, in partnership with the Needles Youth Development and Education Foundation, Needles Community Partners, and the Needles Chamber of Commerce, will host the annual Needles Holiday Fun Fair & Lighted Parade on Saturday, **December 6, 2025**. Festivities will take place on Broadway between D and F Street and inside the Palo Verde College Needles Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CA Time), featuring vendors, crafts, music, games, Pee Wee Races, and a performance by Dance Trax 51. The celebration will conclude with the beloved Lighted Parade at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is "It's a Snoopy Christmas on Rt. 66, Charlie Brown!" For additional details, please refer to the attached flyer or contact Gina McGee at 760-985-4050.

12. Celebrate 70 Years of Mustang Tradition: NHS Homecoming 2025
Next week, Needles High School will celebrate its 70th annual Homecoming beginning Thursday, October 9, 2025, with the Mustang Drive at 5:30 PM, followed by the Community Pep Rally at 6:00 PM and the Senior Class Bonfire at 7:00 PM. The celebration continues on Friday, October 10, with a Pep Rally at 11:30 AM, Coronation at 1:00 PM, the Homecoming Parade at 1:45 PM, and the Varsity Football Homecoming Game vs. Lincoln at 7:00 PM. For a full schedule of Homecoming Week activities — including student events and Saturday's Homecoming Dance — please refer to the attached flyer.

13. River Floats Show N' Shine - October 11, 2025

This Saturday, the Needles Marina Resort will host the 4th Annual River Floats Show N' Shine, running from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM with boat arrivals beginning at 7:00 AM. This popular event showcases race and custom-built boats, drawing boating enthusiasts, visitors, and local families to the Colorado River waterfront. At 12:45 PM, participants will "run and roar" their boats for spectators, creating an exciting experience for attendees. Events like this directly support the City Council's goals to enhance tourism, activate the riverfront, and foster a family-friendly community atmosphere while promoting local businesses and hospitality services. See attached flyer for event details.

14. Needles Branch Library – Book Club

The Needles Branch Library has launched its weekly Book Club, supporting the City Council's goal of enhancing quality of life by fostering literacy, cultural

enrichment, and community connection. The first program will take place on Monday, **October 20, 2025**, featuring The Butcher and the Wren by Alaina Urquhart. Meetings will continue every Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., providing residents a welcoming space to read, reflect, and engage in meaningful discussion. Upcoming titles and dates are listed on the attached flyer, inviting residents of all ages to participate and strengthen community ties through shared learning.

15. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City's new website now features a <u>Community Events Calendar</u>—your go-to source for what's happening in Needles. From festivals to meetings, it's designed to keep residents and visitors connected. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar fresh and inclusive. Contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com to participate. Together, we can showcase the best of Needles, strengthen community spirit, and make it easier than ever to stay informed. The calendar can also be downloaded directly to your phone.

1. ASSEMBLYMAN GONZALEZ COMMUNITY MEETING



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Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez' 2025 Bill Update

AB 513: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: scoping plan

SUMMARY: Would require the California Air Resources Board to include greenhouse gas emissions from wildland and forest fires in the state scoping plan. This would ensure that California is considering all major sources of emissions when developing solutions to our climate crisis.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Assembly Natural Resources

AB 634: Controlled substances: tianeptine.

SUMMARY: Would add Tianeptine (also known as "gas station heroin"), a dangerous and addictive substance currently available for retail sale, to the list of Schedule 1 Drugs.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Public Safety

AB 641: Drug-Induced Movement Disorder Awareness Program.

SUMMARY: Drug-induced movement disorders are neurological conditions caused by antipsychotic medications that can be pervasive, debilitating, and irreversible. This Bill would require the State to establish a public awareness program.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 658: Vehicles: registration fees.

SUMMARY: Would require the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to complete an affordability impact analysis within six months of any vehicle registration fee increase. This analysis would enable California to better track the impacts of registration fees throughout the state, which contribute to the overall affordability crisis plaguing California.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Assembly Transportation

AB 676: Medi-Cal: unrecovered payments: interest rate.

SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to waive the interest that would otherwise accrue when DHCS

seeks to recover an overpayment made to a Medi-Cal service provider.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 709: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater sustainability plans.

SUMMARY: Provides local groundwater agencies with the flexibility, between official state assessments, to govern themselves and manage groundwater for long-term sustainability, without materially changing an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

STATUS: Awaiting Governor's Signature

AB 764: Birds and mammals: nongame birds: mute swans.

SUMMARY: Adds mute swans, a highly invasive species, to the list of exotic nongame birds that can be legally taken, in order to reduce and better control their populations in California

STATUS: Awaiting Governor's Signature

AB 795: California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial.

SUMMARY: Establishes the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial to plan and coordinate commemorations of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 826: Veterans' benefits: protections.

SUMMARY: Prohibits individuals or businesses that are not accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USVA) from charging a veteran a fee to assist them with filing a veterans' benefit claim with the USVA. Enacts a civil penalty per violation of \$2,000, half to be distributed to the Veterans Service Office Fund, and half to be distributed to the filing district attorney.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Assembly Judiciary

AB 1016: Power facility and site certifications: thermal powerplants: geothermal resources.

SUMMARY: Removes regulatory and permitting obstacles to get geothermal powerplants online faster, while retaining high environmental and labor standards.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Senate Energy

AB 1031: Hazardous waste control laws: exemption: geothermal resources.

SUMMARY: Caps the generation and handling fee rate for geothermal hazardous waste control laws to no more than \$10 per ton.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Appropriations

AB 1058: Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: suspension of tax.

SUMMARY: Would suspend the Gas Tax for one year, and require all savings as a result to be passed on to the consumer.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Assembly

Transportation

AB 1145: State highways: safety: State Highway Route 74: report.

SUMMARY: Would require CalTrans to conduct a highway safety study on State Highway Route 74.

STATUS: 2-Year Bill in Senate Transportation

AB 1169: Wildlife grants: Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement program.

SUMMARY: Would help to expand the number of outdoor recreation opportunities offered to the public through the Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program.

STATUS: Held in Senate Appropriations

AB 1282: Personal Income Tax Law: credits: medical expenses.

SUMMARY: Would a create an income tax deduction for out-of-pocket medical costs from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030,

STATUS: Held in Assembly Revenue & Taxation

AB 1335: Habilitation services.

SUMMARY: Removes the requirement that employment programs administered under the Department of Developmental Services obtain unnecesary accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities to be eligible as a Regional Center vendor.

STATUS: Held in Assembly Human Services

AB 1412: Special education: pupil transfers: residency requirements: records.

SUMMARY: Requires a local education agency receiving a transfer of a military child with special needs to promptly work with parents to obtain official records, and to implement the pupil's individual education plan (IEP) adopted in the previous school, or to craft a new IEP within 30 days.

STATUS: Awaiting Governor's Signature

2. ASSEMBLYMAN GONZALEZ SITE VISITS



3. ICSC WESTERN CONFERENCE



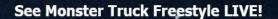
3. ICSC WESTERN CONFERENCE



4. MONSTER TRUCK INSANITY TOUR









Enjoy the FREE Pre-Show Insanity Fest! Get up-close and personal with the stars of the Monster Truck Insanity Tour!



Ride in a REAL Monster Truck with our Monster Truck Ride Experience!

GA ticket holders can purchase ride truck tickets for an addtl. fee at the show

5. ULI CA-NV TA LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE







City of Needles: **Technical Assistance Leadership Exchange**



ULI OCIE is thrilled to announce the participation of the City of Needles in the ULI California-Nevada Technical Assistance Leadership Exchange!

The <u>ULI California-Nevada Technical Assistance Leadership Exchange</u> is a transformative yearlong program designed to help local governments in California and Nevada become climate resilient and tackle land use challenges through expert guidance and collaboration with ULI's District Councils.

As part of the exchange, the participating communities will each host a ULI technical assistance panel (TAP) to address a local resilience challenge and receive expert advice around potential strategies and solutions. During the TAP, a panel of eight to ten volunteer ULI members will tour the community, interview stakeholders, and put forward a set of recommendations for addressing the land use issue identified by the agency.

The TAPs will explore a range of topics related to climate change and other environmental vulnerabilities, such as extreme heat, drought, and seismic resilience, along with the associated economic, social, and environmental impacts.



ULI Orange County/Inland Empire is partnering with the City of Needles to identify strategic opportunities for sustainable growth and resilience. The project will focus on how Needles can grow by attracting businesses and housing, thrive by addressing community needs, and mitigate extreme heat, infrastructure challenges, and safety concerns. The team will deliver actionable recommendations to support the city's long-term prosperity. To learn more about the program, check out our recent article!

CITY PLANNER - CITY OF NEEDLES

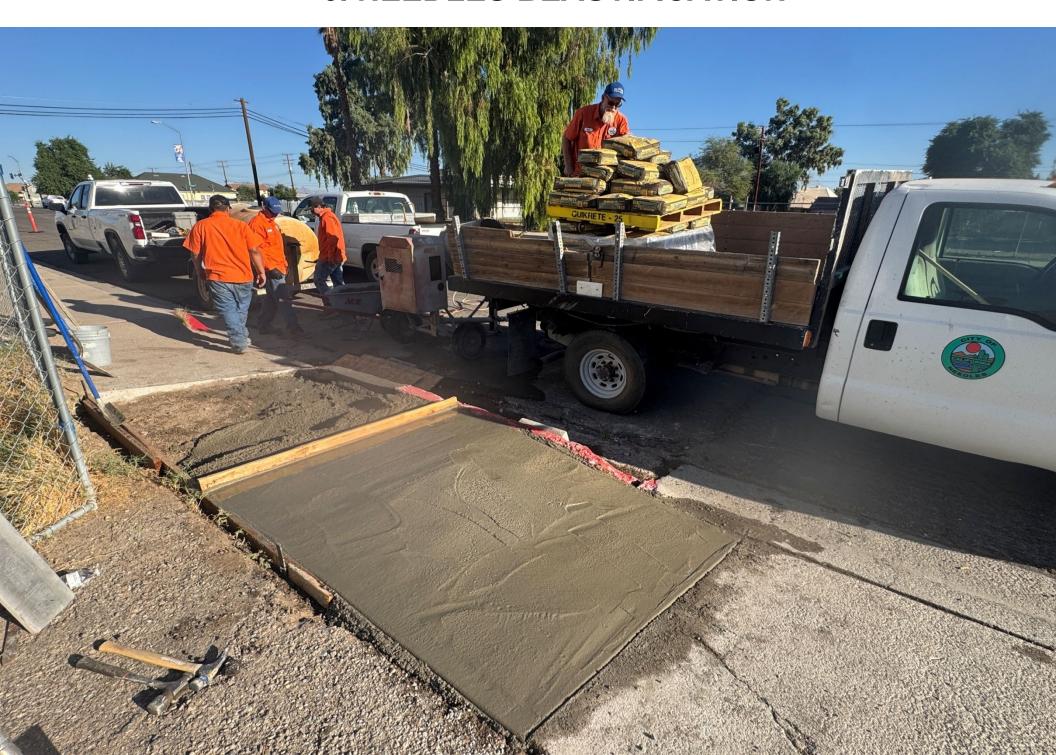
TAP's bring together experts to help tackle complex land use challenges and provide actionable recommendations for our communities.

> Interested in being a panelist on a TAP? We'd love to hear from you! Contact: kendra.chandler@uli.org

This program is generously supported by the ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate.

Thank you to our Annual Sponsors!

6. NEEDLES BEAUTIFICATION



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7. ANIMAL SHELTER FALL EVENT



Saturday, Nov 15, 2025 9:30-12:30 CA Time

Petsmart Veterinary Services Dr. Joseph Velasco



Bordetella Rattlesnake Microchips

Needles Animal Shelter 1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy Needles, CA 92363 t be in (760)326-4952

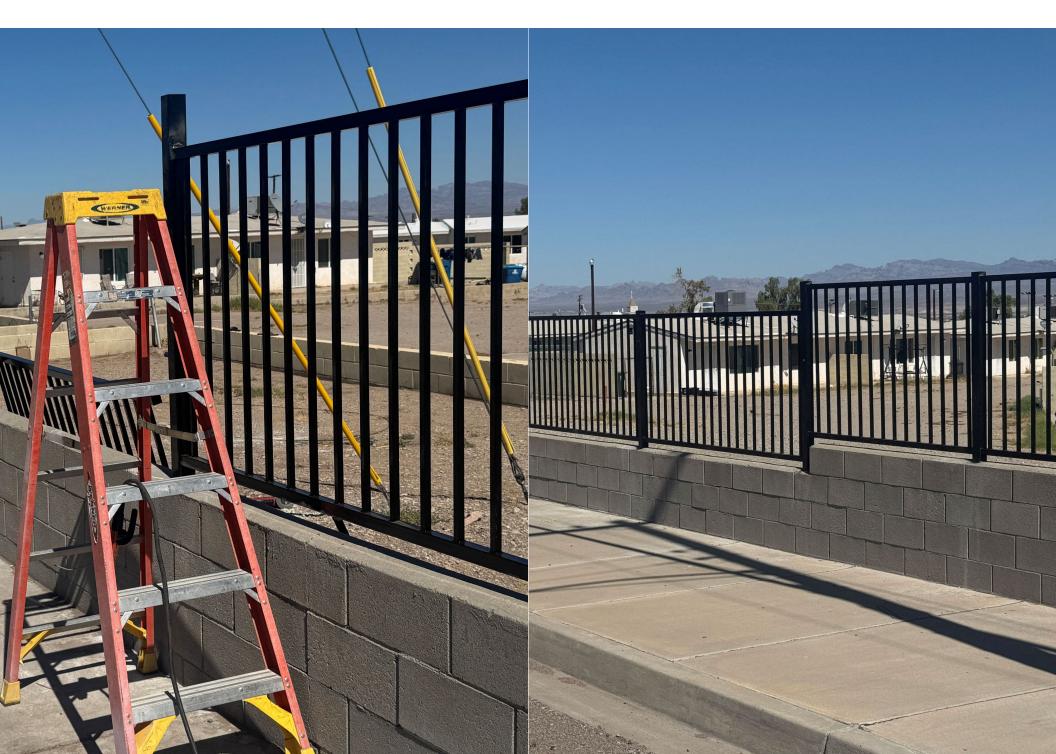
Cats must be in carrier and dogs on leashes.







8. HACN SECURITY WALL PROJECT



9. STAFF SAFETY MEETING



10. GOLF COURSE REOPENING



11. HOLIDAY FUN FAIR



12. 2025 HOMECOMING



MONDAY 10/6

TUESDAY 10/7

WEDNESDAY 10/8

> THURSDAY 10/9

> > FRIDAY 10/10

SATURDAY 10/11 SENIOR SUNRISE 5:30/6AM

MUSTANG DRIVE @ 5:30 COMMUNITY PEP RALLY @ 6 BONFIRE @ 7

PEP RALLY @ 11:30 CORONATION @ 1 HOCO PARADE @ 1:45 JV VOLLEYBALL @3/4 V VOLLEYBALL @ 5/6 V FOOTBALL Vs. LINCOLN @7PM

HOMECOMING DANCE INTO IBIZA THE AVI **GRAND BALLROOM** FROM 8-11PM





13. 4th ANNUAL RIVER FLOAT EVENT

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STETO TO THE

Saturday October 11TH 2025 9:00AM - 2:00 PM Boat Arrivals 7:00 - 8:30AM

Needles Marina Resort 100 Marina Dr. Needles, CA

\$20 Entry fee per boat





Come see Race & Custom-Built Boats!!

12:45 - Hear them Run, Hear them Roar





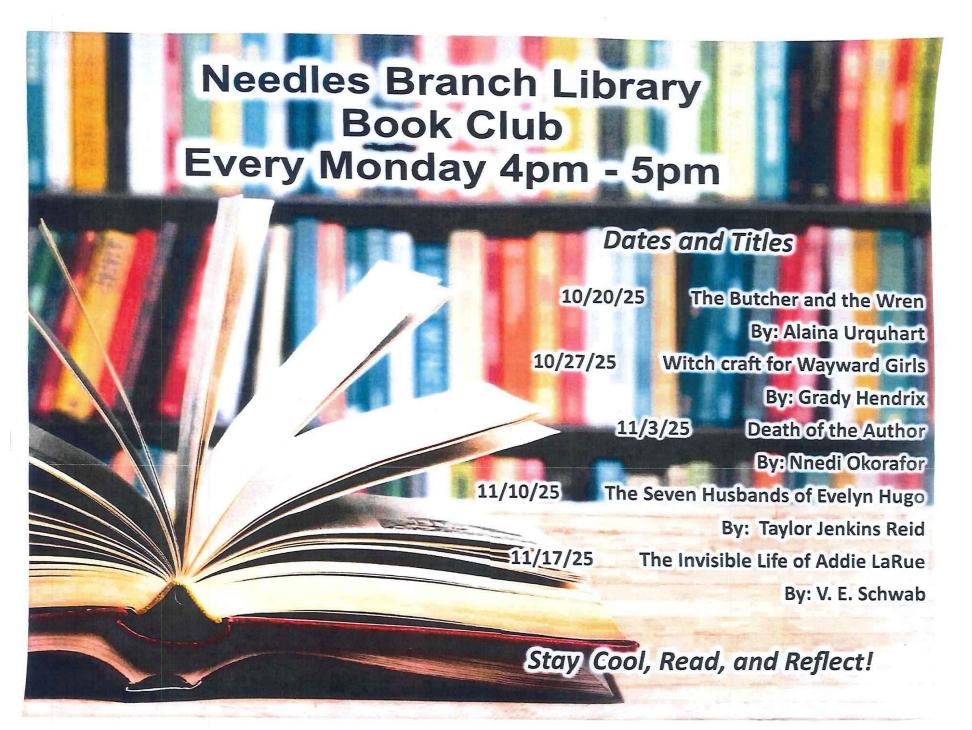








14. NEEDLES LIBRARY BOOK CLUB





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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2025

1. Needles Honored with Helen Putnam Award at Cal Cities Conference
From October 8–10, 2025, Mayor Janet Jernigan, Councilmember JoAnne
Pogue, and City Manager Patrick Martinez represented the City of Needles at
the League of California Cities Annual Conference, where Needles was honored
with the 2025 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. Presented annually by the
League, the award recognizes cities for innovative programs that enhance
community well-being and service delivery. Needles received this distinction in
the Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation category for the Bob Belt
Beach Park Project — a Clean California-funded transformation of a onceunderutilized riverfront into a safe, shaded, and ADA-accessible public space
that fosters recreation and community pride. As award winners, the City hosted
a booth at the conference, providing an opportunity to share Needles' story of
innovation, resilience, and community revitalization with leaders from across
California. The official press release is available here, and the award
presentation can be viewed here.

2. City of Needles Featured in PublicCEO for Innovation and Excellence
The City of Needles was featured twice this week in PublicCEO, a statewide
publication highlighting innovation and leadership in local government. The first
article, published in PublicCEO's special League of California Cities Conference
edition, recognized Needles' 2025 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for the
Bob Belt Beach Park Project. The feature celebrated the City's transformation of
a once-underutilized riverfront into a safe, shaded, and ADA-accessible public
space that promotes recreation and community pride. (Here is the link to the
article: City of Needles Receives Helen Putnam Award for Bob Belt Beach Park
Project). The second article highlighted the City's redesigned website, developed
in partnership with Tripepi Smith, which enhances accessibility, usability, and
alignment with the City's goals for transparency and community engagement.
(Here is the link to the article: City of Needles Launches Redesigned Website
with Tripepi Smith Support).

These statewide features directly support the City Council's goals to enhance public communication, improve access to City services, and invest in quality-of-life projects that strengthen community identity and attract visitors to Needles.

- 3. City Manager Participates in California City Management Foundation Panel
 City Manager Patrick Martinez was honored to serve as a panelist at the 2025
 League of California Cities Annual Conference, participating in the California
 City Management Foundation's (CCMF) session titled "Reframing Career
 Challenges as Leadership Milestones." The panel, moderated by El Cerrito City
 Manager Karen Pinkos, also included Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager of
 Rolling Hills Estates, and Bret Prebula, City Manager of Suisun City. Drawing
 from Needles' real-world experience, Martinez shared how city leaders can turn
 organizational challenges into opportunities for growth, resilience, and stronger
 team culture emphasizing that "communication is leadership." Participation in
 this statewide forum directly supports the City Council's goals of advancing
 professional excellence, fostering effective leadership, and promoting a culture
 of continuous improvement across all departments. The full CCMF event
 announcement is available here.
- 4. Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel in Needles The City of Needles was honored to host the Urban Land Institute (ULI) California-Nevada Technical Assistance Program (TAP), one of only six cities selected statewide for this fully grant-funded initiative. Led by ULI Orange County/Inland Empire and supported by the Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate, the panel of experts provided strategic guidance on housing, economic development, and climate resilience. Their presentation, "Heat and Housing in Needles," outlined actionable steps to attract investment, address extreme heat, and enhance community livability — aligning with the City Council's goals for sustainable growth and resilient infrastructure. The City extends its appreciation to the TAP panel — including Kendra Chandler, Karen Gulley, Scott Naples, Tammy Seale, Tom Grable, Matthew Romero, Adam Seidman, Kelly Annis, and Mallory Belknap — for their time, expertise, and commitment to the future of Needles. Please refer to the attached presentation for discussion topics and preliminary findings; the final report will be distributed in November.

5. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements

The Needles Pride Program brings together residents, property owners, and businesses to beautify neighborhoods, promote civic pride, and support property maintenance. The City continues to invest in infrastructure, public safety, and enhanced public spaces through ongoing beautification and improvement projects. As part of these efforts, new custom decorative light fixtures for Broadway and Santa Fe Park were delivered this week, with installation scheduled to begin immediately. These fixtures will enhance the aesthetics and nighttime visibility of the downtown corridor, reinforcing the City's commitment to creating a welcoming, vibrant, and well-lit community. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9) or using the Needles Connect app on Google Play Store (Android) and Apple Store (iOS). Together, we're

building a safer, stronger Needles! Refer to the attached images for a preview of the new lights.

6. River's Edge Golf Course – Restaurant Improvement Project

Construction is scheduled to begin next week on the City's facility improvement project at the River's Edge Golf Course, located at 144 Marina Drive. The 90-day project represents a significant investment in Needles' tourism corridor along the Colorado River, advancing the City's long-term strategy to enhance recreation, hospitality, and economic activity in this destination area. The improvements include major upgrades to the restaurant and kitchen facilities to meet San Bernardino County Health Department standards, ensuring the site's long-term viability and improved service for residents, visitors, and golfers. The project is being completed in partnership with 19th Hole Bar & Grill, LLC under a newly approved 10-year lease, which secures ongoing restaurant operations and provides a steady revenue stream for the City. This investment strengthens one of Needles' most valuable community assets on the Colorado River and directly supports the City Council's goal of reinvesting in tourism-focused infrastructure to promote sustainable local growth. During construction, the bar area will remain open while the kitchen is temporarily closed.

7. Double Ten Day Flag-Raising Ceremony – 52nd Anniversary

On October 10, 2025, the City of Needles proudly celebrated the 52nd anniversary of its annual Double Ten Day flag-raising ceremony at the historic Needles Courthouse. The event honors the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and continues a tradition that began in 1972, symbolizing Needles' enduring commitment to cultural exchange and international friendship. The ceremony featured the Republic of China Air Force Veterans Color Guard and was attended by representatives from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles, along with City, County, and community dignitaries. City officials in attendance included Mayor Janet Jernigan, Councilmembers Henry Longbrake and JoAnne Pogue, and City staff. With the exception of one interruption following 9/11, this cherished tradition has been held for more than five decades, reflecting Needles' lasting connection to the global community. Please refer to the attached images for highlights from the ceremony.

8. 2025 State of the City – Now Available Online

The City of Needles' 2025 State of the City presentation is now available for viewing on the City's newly redesigned website. Click here to watch the full presentation. Held on September 25 in partnership with the Needles Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, this year's State of the City carried the theme "From Planning to Progress," highlighting the City's growth and momentum driven by the collaboration of the City Council, staff, local businesses, and residents. Mayor Janet Jernigan highlighted key achievements, including a 91% increase in citywide property values since 2017, more than \$10 million reinvested in streets, water systems, and safe drinking water, and the transformation of parks such as Duke Watkins Park and Bob Belt Beach Park — the latter recognized as the APWA Project of the Year. The program also celebrated new housing solutions, including 29 affordable micro-units converted

from the former River Valley Inn Motel, expanded HUD-VASH veteran housing, and continued economic growth supported by tourism and more than 600 new jobs in the City's emerging industries. With major infrastructure investments underway and the Route 66 Centennial on the horizon, Needles continues to build a stronger, more resilient community.

9. Final Reminder – Resume Building Workshop at Palo Verde College Final reminder: Palo Verde College Needles Center will host a Resume Building Workshop on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 725 W. Broadway Street, Needles. Led by Artemiza Lujano, this free session will help participants craft professional, tailored resumes that highlight their strengths and meet employer expectations. Attendees are encouraged to bring a current resume, but those without one will create one during the workshop. For more information, contact artemiza.lujano@paloverde.edu or call 760-921-5448.

10. Mobile Dental Clinic at Colorado River Medical Center

The City of Needles is pleased to share that the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health will return to Needles with its Mobile Dental Clinic from **October 20–24, 2025**, in the parking lot of the Colorado River Medical Center, 1401 Bailey Avenue. The clinic will offer screenings, exams, cleanings, fillings, limited root canal treatments, and other essential dental services for Medi-Cal recipients and uninsured residents, expanding access to vital healthcare in our community. Appointments are strongly recommended and can be scheduled by calling **1 (800) 722-4777** (press 5). Additional information is available at dph.sbcounty.gov/clinics. The City extends its appreciation to San Bernardino County for their continued partnership and commitment to community wellness, as this initiative directly supports the City Council's goal of improving quality of life by expanding access to essential healthcare services. Refer to the attached flyer for details and clinic hours.

11. Discover IE Tri-State Route 66 Media Delegation Visit

The City of Needles will be featured as part of the *Discover Inland Empire Pre-ITF (Taipei International Travel Fair) Route 66 Tri-State Media Delegation Visit* from **October 13–18, 2025**. Organized in partnership with Ontario International Airport and Taiwan's China Airlines, the program will highlight key destinations along Route 66 ahead of the Taipei International Travel Fair — one of Asia's largest travel expos. The media delegation will visit Needles on **October 17** to tour historic landmarks, including the Needles Museum and Wagon Wheel sign, promoting the city's role as California's eastern gateway on Route 66. This initiative offers valuable international exposure and aligns with the City Council's goals of advancing tourism, economic development, and regional collaboration.

12. Celebrate 70 Years of Mustang Tradition – NHS Homecoming 2025

Needles High School (NHS) proudly celebrates its 70th annual Homecoming this week. The festivities kicked off with the Mustang Drive and spirited Community Pep Rally, followed by the traditional Senior Class Bonfire. Earlier today, the Homecoming Parade filled the streets with school pride and

community spirit as residents, alumni, and students came together to celebrate decades of Mustang tradition. Tonight, the NHS Mustangs take on Lincoln at 7:00 PM. Congratulations to this year's Homecoming Grand Marshal and to all those who helped make this milestone celebration a success.

13. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City's new website now features a <u>Community Events Calendar</u>—your go-to source for what's happening in Needles. From festivals to meetings, it's designed to keep residents and visitors connected. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar fresh and inclusive. Contact Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com to participate. Together, we can showcase the best of Needles, strengthen community spirit, and make it easier than ever to stay informed. The calendar can also be downloaded directly to your phone.

1. LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE



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2. PUBLICCEO FEATURE



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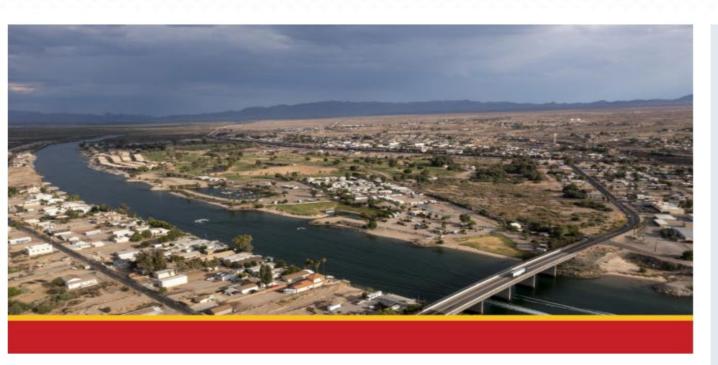
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The City of Needles is proud to announce it has received the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation from the League of California Cities for its Bob Belt Beach Park Project. The League presented the award at its Annual Conference on October 9, recognizing the City's work to transform a neglected riverfront into a safe, accessible, and community-centered public space that now serves

as both a public health resource and a source of local pride.

Needles — one of California's hottest cities — set a national heat record in July 2024 with an average temperature of 103.2 °F, surpassing Phoenix's mark and underscoring the urgent need for safe, shaded public spaces. That same year, the City secured a \$2.2 million grant to redevelop a long-used but unsafe and unsanitary informal riverfront area into what is now Bob Belt Beach Park, named in honor of a longtime community advocate.

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2. PUBLICCEO FEATURE



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City of Needles launches redesigned website with Tripepi Smith support





The City of Needles partnered with Tripepi Smith to strengthen its digital presence through a comprehensive website content audit and website redesign. This multi-phase project not only refreshed the City's online identity, but also delivered a more user-friendly, accessible experience for the Needles community.

The project began with a deep-dive content audit led by Senior Business Analyst Devyn Fisher and Junior Business Analyst Erica Chandler, with strategic oversight from Principal Jennifer Nentwig. The team evaluated the

City's highest-priority and most visited webpages, identifying opportunities to improve clarity, consistency

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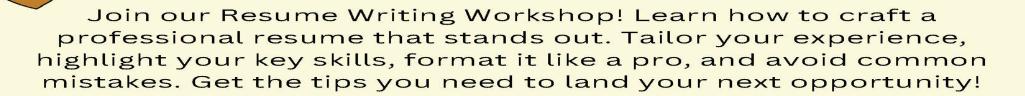
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PALO VERDE COLLEGE

WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1 pm-2 pm - B07



- Write a Targeted Resume Learn how to tailor your resume for specific jobs.
- Tips & Tricks Create a clean, professional layout that stands out.
- Essential Skills & Structure Highlight your strengths effectively.
- What Employers Look For Understand key hiring criteria.
- The "Don'ts" Avoid common resume mistakes.



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10. MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Services

Mobile Dental Clinic On-The-Go

No insurance? We can help!



Public Health

Appointments are strongly recommended



Who Can Benefit?

Open to uninsured and those who have applied for Medi-Cal

Services Provided

- Basic dental screenings, and assessments
- Preventative care and oral health education
- Comprehensive exam with dental x-rays for diagnosis and treatment planning
- Cleanings
- Application of topical fluoride varnish
- Fillings
- Limited root canal treatments and extractions

To apply for Medi-Cal, scan the QR code or visit the link:

bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal

Where?

Colorado River Medical Center (Parking Lot) 1401 Bailey Ave., Needles

When?

From October 20-24, 2025:

- Monday from 1 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30
- Friday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



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