



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: November 28, 2025

1. **Needles Mustangs Claim 2025 NIAA 2A State Championship**

The Needles Mustangs secured the 2025 NIAA 2A State Football Championship with a 22–16 victory over Pershing County at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. This milestone win completed a successful rematch of the 2018 title game and showcased the team’s determination and discipline throughout the season. Under the leadership of Head Coach Thomas DeLeon, the Mustangs demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilience on a statewide stage. The City of Needles proudly welcomed the team home with a community victory parade and celebration at Needles High School. This achievement reflects the strong partnership between the City, Needles Unified School District, and the Alumni Association in supporting youth athletics. The City congratulates the players, coaching staff, and supporters on an outstanding season and a championship victory that brought great pride to the community. This success reinforces the value of continued investment in programs that cultivate leadership, teamwork, and school spirit.

2. **Needles Holiday Fun Fair, Tree Lighting & Lighted Parade – Reminder**

The City of Needles will host the annual Needles Holiday Fun Fair & Lighted Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2025, in partnership with the Needles Youth Development and Education Foundation, Needles Community Partners, the Needles Chamber of Commerce, and the Needles Area Chamber of Commerce. Festivities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along Broadway between D and F Street and inside the Palo Verde College Needles Center, featuring vendors, crafts, music, games, Pee Wee Races, and a performance by Dance Trax 51. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will follow at approximately 4:00 p.m. at the corner of Broadway and G Street, providing a meaningful holiday moment for the community. The community is also invited to help decorate the Needles Memory Tree by bringing an “In Memory” ornament between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., with the program starting at 4:00 p.m. The evening will conclude with the Lighted Parade beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the City again participating

via a City float. This year's theme, *"It's a Snoopy Christmas on Rt. 66, Charlie Brown!"* sets the tone for a festive and family-friendly celebration that continues to strengthen community spirit and holiday engagement.

3. Library Holiday Opportunity – Santa Visit at Needles Branch Library

The Needles Branch of the San Bernardino County Library, located at 1111 Bailey Avenue, continues to serve as a valued community resource, offering residents access to a wide range of services and programs with a library card. As part of its holiday programming, the library will host a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, providing families an opportunity to enjoy a festive and memorable afternoon. This cheerful event supports family-oriented engagement and strengthens community connection during the holiday season. Residents are encouraged to bring their families to celebrate and take advantage of the library's many year-round resources.

4. 2025 Senior & Children's Angel Tree Programs

The Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department invites the community to participate in the 2025 Senior and Children's Angel Tree Programs, creating meaningful opportunities to support local seniors and children during the holiday season. The Senior Angel Tree is displayed at City Hall (817 Third Street), where residents may select a tag and return a wrapped gift with the tag attached to the Sheriff's Department at 1111 Bailey Avenue by the designated deadline, helping bring joy, dignity, and connection to seniors throughout the community. In partnership with the Colorado River Sheriff's and Needles Police, the Children's Angel Tree supports local children in need, with participants able to visit the lobby at 1111 Bailey Avenue to select a tag and fulfill a child's holiday wish. Wrapped gifts with the Angel Tag attached must be returned by December 12, 2025, with gifts hand-delivered the week of December 15–19. For additional information, Community Officer Misti Hunt can be reached at (760) 326-9207 regarding the Senior Angel Tree, while Michelle Advocate is the contact for the Children's Angel Tree at (760) 326-9215.

5. Community Partners Recognized for Thanksgiving Food Efforts

The City extends its sincere appreciation to the many organizations and volunteers who worked tirelessly this week to ensure our residents did not go unfed during the Thanksgiving holiday. We thank Mohave Cannabis Co. and community advocate Zachary Longacre for distributing 72 turkeys to local families, as well as Needles Community Partners and the Needles Chamber of Commerce for coordinating youth meal distributions supported by the Arrowheart Foundation. Deep gratitude is also extended to the Needles St. Vincent de Paul Society, Set Free Church, and St. Ann's Catholic Church for

hosting the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, along with the collaborative meal delivery effort led by the Needles Women's Club, Tri-State Community Healthcare, Needles High School, and Make Bullhead Better volunteers who ensured meals reached elderly and isolated residents. These collective efforts reflect the strength of our community partnerships and the compassion that defines Needles during times of need.

6. Active Transportation Plan –Bike Giveaway Reminder

The City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) community engagement events will take place next week, offering residents an opportunity to help shape future walking and biking improvements while taking part in family-friendly activities. The Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Needles Recreation Center, followed by School Walk Audits on December 4 and the Bike Rodeo at the Holiday Fun Fair on Saturday, December 6. To encourage youth participation and active transportation, the City will be giving away 26 bikes, including multiple bicycles and an E-bike, during these events. These efforts support safer mobility, improved connectivity, and community-driven planning. Residents are encouraged to attend, share feedback, and take advantage of this opportunity to engage while benefiting from the bike giveaways. Additional details and participation information remain available through the project [link](#), provided. Residents may call 760-326-2113 or email info@NeedlesATP.com.

7. Needles Pride Program – Downtown Cleanup & Beautification

The City of Needles continues its commitment to the Needles Pride Program through ongoing efforts to enhance cleanliness, safety, and overall visual appeal throughout the community. Following recent storm activity, Public Works crews concentrated on debris removal and sidewalk maintenance along key corridors, including Broadway and surrounding areas. Staff utilized power sweepers and blowers to clear sediment, restore pedestrian pathways, and improve curbside conditions. These targeted efforts ensured the downtown area was presentable for holiday visitors and upcoming community events. The attached photos highlight crews actively restoring storm-affected areas and maintaining public spaces. This work reflects the City's continued investment in maintaining a clean, welcoming environment for residents, businesses, and visitors. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-5700 (press 9) or using the Needles Connect app on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). Together, we continue to make Needles a brighter and more vibrant place to live.

8. Needles Sunday Market – Santa Fe Park

The Needles Sunday Market is quickly becoming a Sunday morning tradition at Santa Fe Park, offering residents a chance to shop local and enjoy the downtown corridor from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each week through March 31, 2026. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc. (a 501(c)(3)), the market features a rotating mix of vendors, including fresh produce, baked goods, coffee,

handmade gifts, pottery, candles, and flowers. These weekly events help activate Santa Fe Park, draw families into the downtown area, and advance the City Council's Community Engagement goal by creating a regular space for neighbors to connect. Organizers are also seeking additional vendors—such as hot food vendors, food trucks, youth businesses, and specialty makers—to further expand offerings. Residents are encouraged to visit, support local small businesses, and share the market with friends and colleagues to help it grow. Interested vendors may contact Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at (760) 848-8289 or needlesfarmers@gmail.com. Refer to the attached flyers for additional information.

9. **Community Events Calendar Now Live**

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

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2. HOLIDAY FUN FAIR



"It's A Spike's Christmas, On Rt. 66, Charlie Brown"

The Needles Youth Development and Education Foundation,
Needles Community Partners, Needles Chamber of Commerce and The City of Needles

Needles Holiday Fun Fair and Lighted Parade

On Broadway between D and F Street

With Activities Inside - Palo Verde College Needles Center

Saturday ~ December 6, 2025

10:00am - 4:00pm ~ (CA Time)

Parade 5:00pm ~ (CA time)

**Pee Wee
Races**

**Dance Trax 51
Performance**

**Vendors
Crafts
Music
Games**



For More Information Contact Tena McGee @ 760.985.4050

2. HOLIDAY FUN FAIR

The City of Needles And

The Needles Area Chamber of Commerce

Invite You To Help Us Decorate

The Needles Memory Tree

Please Bring Your

-In Memory -

Ornament

To The Needles Memory Tree

December 6, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Program Starts

@ 4:00 pm

Some Ornaments Will Be

Available At The Tree



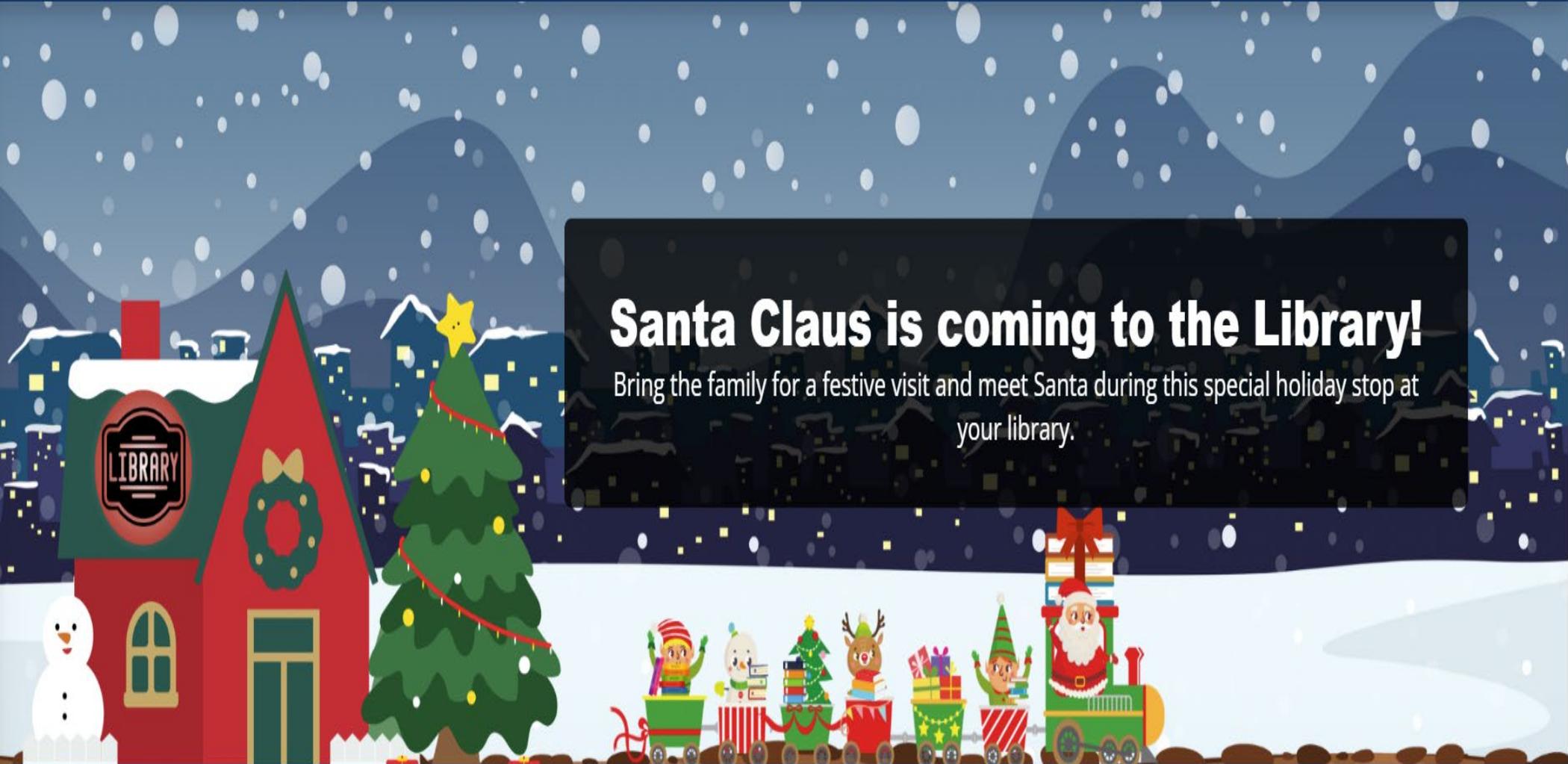
3. SANTA VISIT NEEDLES BRANCH



Library

Santa Claus is coming to the Library!

Bring the family for a festive visit and meet Santa during this special holiday stop at your library.



Where You Can Meet Santa

4. 2025 SENIOR AND CHILDREN ANGEL TREE



5. COMMUNITY PARTNERS



7. NEEDLES PRIDE



8. SUNDAY MARKET



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TUMBLEWEED MARKETS INC

NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET

8AM-12 NOON, SANTA FE PARK

VENDOR LIST

DOUBLE D FARMS
HIPPIE CHICK BAKERY
THE HOLY BLEND
DESERT HEAT
SOURDOUGH TREATS

THE FLAVOR FULL
KITCHEN
EARTH AND WICK
CANDLES
SUGAR MAMA
CONFECTIONS
COFFEE
PAKO LAZO POTTERY
FRESH FLOWERS

*SUNDAY OFF



NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET

Looking for the following makers-

Baked goods- sweets

Pre-packaged goods

Beef jerky

Fresh meats

Flowers

House plants

Honey

Wood worker

Pet treats

Leather goods

Pottery

Hand made gifts

Hot foods- all types

Mushrooms-

Lotions-

Kids businesses-

Lemonade

Food trucks- all types

Hot food vendors- all types

Coffee

8. SUNDAY MARKET

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WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET

- BUY FROM YOUR FAVORITE
MARKET SMALL BUSINESS**
- SHARE THE MARKET WITH A
FRIEND OR A SMALL BUSINESS**
- FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK**

EVERY SUNDAY

**8:00AM TO 12:00PM
THROUGH MARCH 29TH**

**TUMBLEWEED MARKETS INC IS A
501(C)(3)**