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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 26, 2025

1. City of Needles — 2025 Year in Review

As we close out 2025, the City of Needles reflects a year defined by delivery and measurable results aligned with the City Council's goals. Throughout the year, the City focused on strengthening core infrastructure, reinvesting in public spaces, supporting economic growth, and advancing programs that directly improve quality of life. Major facilities were opened, streets and utilities were modernized, new businesses were welcomed, and housing and health initiatives were expanded. The City also earned statewide recognition for its work, while maintaining a balanced budget and strengthening its leadership team. These accomplishments reflect disciplined planning, strong partnerships, and the dedication of City staff, and position Needles well for continued progress in the year ahead.

Enhance Infrastructure & Public Spaces

- Opened or activated 3 major infrastructure facilities
- Advanced 4 water system modernization projects
- Improved 17.7 miles of streets through paving and preservation
- Launched 2 new Public Works programs (crack seal and LED lighting)
- Earned 1 Helen Putnam Award for park and community improvements

Foster Economic Growth & Business Development

- Opened or expanded 6 businesses citywide
- Held 3 ribbon cuttings celebrating public and private investment
- Maintained a balanced budget with \$10.8M in General Fund revenues
- Recruited and hired a permanent Finance Director, strengthening fiscal oversight and long-term financial planning

- Continued reinvestment supported by 43% cannabis tax revenue

Strengthen Community Engagement

- Completed multiple community cleanups, including Spring Cleaning and neighborhood cleanups
- Removed 15.5 tons of debris citywide
- Delivered multiple park and public space unveilings
- Expanded recreation, youth, and community programs
- Hosted or supported 25+ City-led and partner community events and programs

Support Families & Quality of Life

- Secured 30 HUD-VASH vouchers for local veterans
- Housed 12 veterans through the Veterans Housing Program
- Achieved 100% Housing Authority occupancy
- Launched 1 new regional transit route
- County provided weekly mobile medical services to residents

2. Needles Pride Program – Public Works, Water & Community Art Progress

This week, the City of Needles continued advancing the Needles Pride Program through targeted maintenance and beautification efforts that improve safety, functionality, and overall community appearance. Public Works crews completed pothole repairs on Lillyhill Drive between Bailey Avenue and Coronado Drive, improving drivability and extending the life of the roadway in a well-traveled residential area. The Water Department also continued its fire hydrant painting program, with crews working through the Vistas neighborhood and into the high school areas, enhancing emergency visibility and contributing to a cleaner streetscape. In addition, the Expression Wall at Duke Watkins Park was activated again this past weekend, with local artist Cycle George—assisted by former Councilmember Zachery Longacre—adding new artwork, including a bold character piece inviting community creativity. This continued activation reinforces Council goals related to beautification, recreation, and public engagement while encouraging repeat community participation. Collectively, these efforts reflect the City’s ongoing reinvestment in core infrastructure and public spaces through visible, community-driven improvements. 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).

3. Downtown Revitalization Update – Red Dog Saloon

The City of Needles is pleased to share that the Red Dog Saloon is under new ownership, with Jay and Andy investing in the future of our downtown. The City welcomes their commitment to the community and their investment in

revitalizing one of Downtown Needles' longstanding establishments. This transition follows a difficult period after the passing of former owner Ty Cavanaugh, whose contributions to Downtown Needles are recognized and appreciated. The continued reinvestment in downtown properties reflects steady progress toward revitalizing the corridor one business at a time. As improvements move forward, the City will work closely with the new owners to support a successful reopening. **Attached images provide an early glimpse of the ongoing renovation and the positive changes already underway.** Additional details, including a ribbon-cutting event, will be shared as plans are finalized.

4. **Discover Inland Empire – International Tourism Exposure for Needles**

The City of Needles continues to gain international visibility through its partnership with Discover Inland Empire, with recent global media coverage highlighting Needles as the eastern gateway to California on Historic Route 66. A feature published in *TTN Taiwan*, a major international travel magazine, showcases Needles as the starting point of Route 66 in California, emphasizing its role as the transition from desert to coast and its historic significance along the Mother Road. This exposure places Needles on a global stage ahead of the 2026 Route 66 Centennial and directly supports City Council goals to strengthen tourism, expand global brand recognition, and attract new visitors by leveraging the City's unique Route 66 identity and location.

5. **City of Needles Finance Director Featured in *PublicCEO***

The City of Needles was recently featured in *PublicCEO*, a statewide publication highlighting innovation and leadership in local government, recognizing the City's [successful recruitment of Finance Director Mark DeMay](#) (December 22, 2025). The article highlights the City's strategic, competitive nationwide search and the appointment of a seasoned municipal finance leader with more than 20 years of public-sector experience. This recognition directly supports City Council goals to strengthen fiscal stewardship, enhance organizational leadership, and maintain transparent, well-managed financial operations. Strengthened financial leadership positions the City to continue reinvesting in infrastructure, public services, and community priorities. **Statewide recognition further reinforces confidence in the City's direction and governance.**

6. **Christmas Community Partners Recognized for Holiday Food Efforts**

The City of Needles extends sincere appreciation to community partners and volunteers who ensured residents had access to food during the Christmas holiday through four major community efforts. Firehouse Ministries hosted a Christmas ham dinner distribution, providing **250 free holiday meals** to residents. Tri-State Community Healthcare sponsored and coordinated the delivery of **100 individually prepared Christmas dinners** to homebound Needles residents in partnership with the Needles Women's Club and Needles Unified School District. In addition, Firehouse Ministries continued its weekly

Isabell's Pantry produce distribution, and Tri-State Community Healthcare hosted a large-scale fresh fruit and vegetable distribution for the community. Together, these efforts provided hundreds of meals and vital food resources to families and seniors. These collective actions reflect the strength of community partnerships and the compassion that defines Needles during the holiday season.

7. Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Open House & Pantry Dedication

The City of Needles is pleased to share that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting an open house and dedication of its newly improved pantry, providing the community an opportunity to view recent facility upgrades and learn more about its services. The event will offer a behind-the-scenes look at improvements made to better serve residents, with refreshments provided. The open house will be held on **January 12, 2026**, from **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**, at 839 Front Street. This event reflects continued investment in community-based services that support individuals and families in need. The City appreciates St. Vincent de Paul's ongoing commitment to serving Needles residents and strengthening the local social safety net. **RSVP:** george.deleon78@yahoo.com or (928) 299-9872.

8. Needles Sunday Market – Community Activation & Media Recognition

The Needles Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park continues to gain momentum as a weekly destination that supports local entrepreneurs, activates public space, and encourages downtown activity. Vendor participation remains strong, with a growing mix of small-batch and specialty producers contributing to a vibrant market atmosphere. The Sunday Market was recently featured in the Needles Desert Star, highlighting the market's role in supporting small businesses and fostering regular community engagement. The Needles Sunday Market is held every Sunday from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and will continue through **March 31, 2026**. Interested vendors may contact Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at (760) 848-8289 or needlesfarmers@gmail.com. To view the full feature and stay informed on community news, residents are encouraged to subscribe to the Needles Desert Star at www.needlesdesertstar.com/subscribe or by calling 928-296-8455.

9. Sheriff's Department – Holiday Toy Giveaways & Community Outreach

This past weekend, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Colorado River Station, delivered holiday cheer through the Angel Tree and Senior Angel Tree programs, ensuring seniors and residents in need were remembered and supported during the holiday season. In the weeks leading up to this weekend, the Sheriff's Department also hosted Shop with a Cop and the Annual Christmas Cops and Kids Toy Delivery, providing children with gifts and meaningful one-on-one experiences with deputies. Together, these efforts brought Christmas joy to children, families, and seniors throughout the community. Deputies and staff dedicated their time to creating positive moments and lasting memories beyond traditional law enforcement duties. These initiatives strengthen community trust and reflect a deep commitment to service and compassion. The City of Needles extends its sincere appreciation to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's

Department, Colorado River Station, for their continued partnership and dedication to our community.

10. Brenda Angulo Retirement

This week, the City of Needles recognized the retirement of Brenda Angulo after seven years of dedicated service to the organization. Since joining the City in 2018, Brenda consistently demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong sense of responsibility in her work, helping the City navigate periods of change with steadiness and care. She was instrumental in the implementation of the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project and played a critical role in strengthening the City's utility billing operations. Brenda was known for handling her duties thoughtfully and thoroughly, taking pride in doing things the right way without seeking recognition. Her consistency and quiet commitment set a standard that colleagues could depend on and respect. Brenda's contributions have had a lasting impact on the City's operations and workplace culture. The City Council and staff extend their sincere appreciation for her service and wish her all the best in a well-earned retirement.

11. Needles Animal Shelter – Final Holiday Adoption Opportunity of the Year

The City of Needles is reminding residents that this is the final opportunity of the year to adopt a pet during the holiday season and provide an animal with a loving home. The Needles Animal Shelter will be open Monday and Tuesday next week from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, offering one last chance for families to adopt before the new year. The Shelter's \$10 adoption special remains in effect and will conclude the day after New Year's, on **January 2, 2026**, along with a \$3 City license discount for Needles residents. Several adoptable animals are still available, with additional details provided in the attached flyer or online. This is the final reminder for the year, and community participation can make a meaningful difference for local animals. For questions or to schedule an adoption appointment, residents may contact the Shelter at 760-326-4952.

12. City Hall Holiday Closure – New Year's

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026, in observance of the New Year holiday. Regular operations will resume on Friday, January 2, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. For emergencies, please contact City staff at (760) 326-5700; the after-hours answering service will promptly direct calls to the appropriate staff member. A closure notice has been posted on the front doors of City Hall for public awareness.

13. 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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Appendix: Supporting Detail & Source Notes

Enhance Infrastructure & Public Spaces (Council Goal #1)

- Electric Yard Steel Building (711 California Ave.): Ribbon cutting December 17, 2025; \$673,552 investment; first permanent Electric Department facility.
- Well No. 11 Water Treatment Plant: Treats Wells 11, 12, and 15; \$8.9M facility delivering reliable drinking water.
- Bob Belt Beach Park Monument Sign Unveiling: Public-private partnership with Arrowhead Credit Union recognizing Bob Belt's contributions.
- Water system modernization projects: Well No. 11 Plant, Lilly Hill & L Street Booster Stations, Water Main & Manifold Improvements (\$1.2M), Advanced Metering Infrastructure.
- 17.7 miles of streets improved including Phase IV-B and Flip Mendez Parkway.
- Public Works programs launched: Crack Seal Program and LED Lighting Program.
- Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Public Programs.

Foster Economic Growth & Business Development (Council Goal #2)

- Businesses opened or expanded: Krispy Krunchy Chicken, Needles Smash Burgers, UPS Store at Hardware Express, Arrowhead Credit Union, Route 66 Pharmacy, River Front Café.
- Ribbon cuttings: Electric Yard Steel Building, Well No. 11 Water Treatment Plant, Veterans Housing Program (HUD-VASH).
- Fiscal indicators: \$10.8M General Fund revenues; \$10.6M expenditures; \$5.8M cannabis tax revenues (~43%).

Strengthen Community Engagement (Council Goal #3)

- Community cleanups including Spring Cleaning and neighborhood events removed 15.5 tons of debris citywide.
- Public space unveilings: Bob Belt Beach Park and Manny Morris Park monument signs.
- Recreation and events: Youth Golf Camp, Summer Day Camp (150+ participants), basketball tournaments, Movies in the Park, Job & Resource Fair.
- 25+ City-led and partner-supported community events in 2025.

Support Families & Quality of Life (Council Goal #4)

- 30 HUD-VASH vouchers secured; program launched January 7, 2025.
- 12 veterans housed as of 2025 reporting period.
- 100% Housing Authority occupancy (52 units).
- Regional transit launched: Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle.
- Weekly mobile medical and dental clinics provided.

2. NEEDLES PRIDE



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3. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION



4. DISCOVER INLAND EMPIRE TAIWAN

DESTINATION 深·入·旅·遊·地

從三州邊界到海岸66號公路上追尋記憶 一趟從沙漠盡頭通往太平洋的旅程



被譽為「母親之路」(The Mother Road)的美國66號公路，是無數旅人心中浪漫的公路象徵。這條從伊利諾州芝加哥一路延伸至加州聖塔莫尼卡的經典道路，全長2,448英里，橫跨8個州，見證美國公路文化與自由精神。從繁華都市到沙漠荒野，66號公路串起的不僅是地理，還是時代記憶與人心嚮往。2026年即將迎來86號公路開通100週年，對旅人而言，這不只是一段旅程，更是一場致敬歷史的儀式。駕車馳騁於這條傳奇之路，也讓人領悟一旅行的意義，也許就是在路上，找到屬於自己的方向。



66號公路由東向西橫跨美國8個州，其中加州是這條傳奇公路的最終章。全長約314英里，穿越加州南部的路段，從位於加州與亞利桑那州交界的Needles啟程，汽車一路向西，經過沙漠中的Amboy與山腳下的San Bernardino，最終抵達太平洋畔Santa Monica寫著「End of the Trail」的標誌。

這段路途除了連結城市與荒野，同時也是一條記憶的絲帶，串起沿途無數的大城與小鎮。66號公路的旅程，從來不只是抵達目的地，而是一首由風景、故事與人情共同譜寫的公路詩。

ROUTE 66 66公路旅途焦點1 Needles 三州邊界的開端

當汽車駛過亞利桑那州、內華達州及加州三州的邊界，進入加州的第一座小鎮—Needles，全熱空氣與陽光展長鮮明的斑駁儀式。這裡被稱為「通往加州的大門」，往「曾是印第安部落的棲息地」，之後是鐵路而興起。如今，百年前的El Garces Harvey House依然矗立於城頭，結合火車站、餐廳、飯店等多能的優美建築，靜靜訴說幾十年代的繁華。

走進對街的Needles Regional Museum，除了66號公路及城市的懷舊照片、歷史資料，最引人注意草帽化牛漫畫角色史努比(哥哥—史派克(Spike))。Spike戴著帽子、住在沙漠裡，和一棵仙人掌作伴。這樣的幽默設定，為Needles增添幾許童趣，也提醒旅人：孤獨的路上，依然有溫度。

小鎮街道上仍保留著昔日66號公路的標誌與懷舊風情，舊火車站、經典汽車旅館、褪色的廣告牌，彷彿向旅人述說過往繁華。



ROUTE 66 66公路旅途焦點2 Amboy 穿越荒野的中途

離開Needles後，66號公路開始展現加州東部乾燥、燦烈的氣候。公路筆直向前，宛如是無垠的莫哈維沙漠(Mojave Desert)，風在耳邊呼嘯，車窗外是無邊際沙漠與極極。就在這樣的荒涼中，Amboy如海市蜃樓般出現。著名的「Roy's Motel & Café」竟如神蹟在陽光下閃爍，提醒旅人：當年，這裡是伴著洛杉磯與亞利桑那之間的旅人必經驛站。

如今，這裡66號公路最具象徵性的地標，也是一般從沙漠真實進入浪漫的界線。Roy's Motel & Café的旅館早已停業，但現時仍為駕車者提供一杯冰涼飲料與一段短暫停留的66公路回憶。

沿路前進，往遠方望去可見火山壯麗的Amboy Crater，是座為巴休提的火山，黑色熔岩凝結山時間的軌紋。此刻的領導，既像世界的異境，也像放逐的冥想，在沙漠中，每一次停車都是一種沉思。



ROUTE 66 66公路旅途焦點3 San Bernardino 重返文明的綠洲



離開Amboy後，車駛在沙漠公路上持續向前，公路逐漸綠意起來，San Bernardino的城市倫敦仁遠方浮現，象徵著旅程從荒漠原野進入文明邊界，也是無數66號公路旅人結束沙漠之行的第一個綠洲。

舊南太平洋鐵路(Southern Pacific)於1875年抵達此地，以及後來的聖塔莫尼鐵路(Santa Fe Railway)建設完成，聖伯納迪諾逐漸發展為一座鐵路城市。來到這，可走訪修復後並被列為國家歷史古蹟的聖塔莫尼車站(Santa Fe Depot)了解城市與鐵路的發展歷程。

此外，別錯過探索美式經典食，全球第一家麥當勞即發源於此，首家始創原址現今已改稱為「非官方麥當勞博物館」，展示眾多麥當勞相關的珍貴文物，包括十餘的菜單、玩具、公仔以及各式紀念品，展示中還有來自台灣麥當勞所推出的玩具公仔！若想像或過往汽車旅館盛行的年代，Wigwam Motel絕對是不可錯過的一站。那裏土族蓋進型的汽車旅館，一間間排列在公路旁，燈光亮起時像是一排發光的奇巖，讓人好似回到昔日那汽車地有象徵的年代。



ROUTE 66 66公路旅途焦點4 Santa Monica 旅途的終點



當年輪終於抵達柏薩雅納，穿越洛杉磯的角區，空氣裡開始飄散著鹹鹹的海味。在Santa Monica碼頭上引人矚目的「End of the Trail」的標誌，總是吸引旅人駐足。從芝加哥出發的2,448英里，就此劃下句點，每一個抵達終點的旅人，都曾在公路上找到屬於自己的節奏、自由與樂透的66公路之旅與回憶。

66公路的官方正式終點為Santa Monica的林肯大道(Lincoln Blvd)與奧林匹克大道(Olympic Blvd)交會處，距離太平洋約一英里。距離官方終點咫尺之遙Mels餐廳，也成為66公路的熱門打卡點，餐廳還會給予進餐給完成66公路之旅的旅人。

有趣的是，為了讓旅人有儀式感，「66號公路聯盟」(Route 66 Alliance)於與「洛杉磯卡碼頭修復公司」(Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation)合作，在Santa Monica碼頭上設立「End of the Trail (啟程終點)」的非官方標誌，成為現今許多旅人拍照、打卡的熱點。

華航—安大略航空線

位於南加州心臟地帶的「內陸帝國」，是大洛杉磯都會圈的重要組成區域，也是加州66號公路的聖地亞哥。擁有8個國際機場，對於多數人來說，這裡不是主要加州的起點，亦是開啓66公路之旅的起點。除了加州中區航空史上有最大規模(Canada)機場的聖地亞哥，此外，安大略機場也擁有許多航線，交通便捷，逐漸成為旅人進出加州的樞紐。

華航目前由安大略A350-900客機直飛台北，航線與功能前鋒，也將與安大略機場發展，展現線性飛行的未來趨勢。華航目前由安大略A350-900客機直飛台北，航線與功能前鋒，也將與安大略機場發展，展現線性飛行的未來趨勢。



在地人眼中的66公路

位於加州東海岸的Needles，自1983年開端發展，至今仍是管理列列，就不息的重要地標，更自1983年開端發展，至今仍是管理列列，就不息的重要地標。

1970年代具有代表性的「Garces Harvey House」，是過往由Red Harvey進修所建，此處建築立於多年後，所建修復後重現昔日風華，成為旅人「66公路」不可錯過的「第一站」。

Needles同時也是電影《博德利的野馬》中象徵「進入加州希望之地」的取景地，承載著移民西遷的歷史記憶。

如今，這裡舉辦許多節日活動，沙漠起飛與牛仔競速、體驗引路客，並一舉備2026年「66號公路百週年慶典」，期待以歷史與旅遊的交響，再次展現這條傳奇公路的榮光。



Needles市長 Janet Jernigan

作為加州面積最大的San Bernardino County以令人驚嘆的廣闊景觀與豐富的人文底蘊聞名。從的官區國家公園到自然景觀，到大聖熊(Big Bear)湖光景，旅在各戶外活動與歷史遺產上充滿驚喜。多元豐富的旅遊資源吸引眾多旅人。

San Bernardino County同時也是66號公路的聖地亞哥。位於Amboy，Needles到Bastrop，歷史地標Wigwam Motel、Roy's Motel and Café等第一家麥當勞店址，串起公路文化與傳奇。加上Ontario、Mojave、Outlet、Hollywood等景點，讓這趟旅程更添精彩。

每天從這片土地與多元文化，如San Bernardino County成為好萊塢電影的取景地，如《The Hangover》等電影都曾在這裡拍攝。從沙漠到湖光山色，這裡都是一段難忘的旅程，也是故事發生的舞台。



San Bernardino County 經濟發展局長 Derek Armstrong



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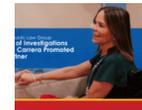
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California JPIA welcomes new Liability Program Manager Chris Kustra

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Hawthorne reflects on a year of progress in 2025 year in review

December 22, 2025

The City of Needles hires new finance director with help from TS Talent Solutions

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Tripepi Smith Talent Solutions (TSTS) is pleased to announce the successful recruitment of the next Finance Director

for the City of Needles, marking the conclusion of a particularly competitive and challenging search. Through close collaboration with City leadership and a strategic marketing effort, TS Talent Solutions identified a candidate whose experience, leadership style and values align with Needles' vision for the future.

Bringing more than 20 years of experience in financial management, accounting and public-sector operations, including over a decade in senior leadership roles, Mark DeMay is a seasoned professional with a strong foundation in governmental finance. He most recently served as CFO/Director of Financial Services for the City of Laredo, TX. Mark holds a Master of Accountancy with a concentration in Governmental Accounting, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Accounting) and multiple associate degrees. He is a Certified Government

Financial Manager (CGFM) and previously served as a Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) and Public Funds Investment Officer in Texas. Known for his integrity, collaboration and results-driven leadership style, Mark has also contributed his time to nonprofit boards in both San Diego and Los Angeles.



“We are confident that Mark’s depth of experience and strong leadership skills will greatly benefit our City and the community,” said Needles City Manager Patrick Martinez. “We appreciated TSTS’ strategic guidance throughout this recruitment. Their team was responsive, professional and provided valuable insight throughout the process.”

Led by TSTS Executive Recruiter **Christine Martin** and supported by Senior Recruitment Coordinator Kylie Sun and Assistant Recruitment Coordinator **Julia Gale**, the TSTS team deployed a full suite of marketing and outreach strategies designed to capture the attention of municipal finance professionals across the region. These efforts included a **custom-designed recruitment brochure**, targeted candidate research and direct outreach and a social media campaign. A key focus of the recruitment was authentically telling Needles’ story. Working hand-in-hand with the City, team TSTS highlighted Needles as a vibrant community and a distinctive place to live, ensuring prospective candidates saw both the leadership opportunity and the lifestyle the City offers.

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“Mark’s depth of experience in municipal finance, combined with his thoughtful leadership style, made him an exceptional candidate for this role,” said Christine. “It was a pleasure to support the City of Needles during this recruitment. The City Council and leadership are fantastic and deeply committed to making Needles a great place to live and work. We truly enjoyed the partnership, and we’re confident Mark will be a strong asset to the City.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the City of Needles,” said Mark. “I look forward to working alongside the Council, City staff and the community to support Needles’ financial health and long-term goals. The TS Talent Solutions team was professional and proactive throughout the entire process and their communication helped make the experience seamless.”

About TS Talent Solutions

TS Talent Solutions is a California-based executive search and talent development organization focused on the local government sector. A division of Tripepi Smith, TS Talent Solutions leverages the expertise and digital acumen of its parent firm to deliver next-generation recruitment solutions for public agencies. The quest for talent never ends, but progress is made with TS Talent Solutions.

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6. CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEALS



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Zannie and Patrick Lanterio, owners of Pako Lazo Pottery and The Flavor Full Kitchen. Patrick is also the Needles Sunday Market manager. The market runs from 8 a.m. to noon, PST, every Sunday through March 31 at Santa Fe Park, 950 Front Street and is actively looking for additional vendors.

Needles Sunday Market attracts small-batch, high-quality ingredient makers

BY DK MCDONALD
Mohave Valley Daily News

NEEDLES — Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park is set to grow.

"It's been great," said Dani Webb, owner/operator of Earth & Wick, hand-made organic candles. "I've been able to meet a lot of residents and make friends with other vendors and I've even picked up some regular customers."

The stalwart crew of about 15 vendors have worked together to create a small-batch, high-quality product base that is set to expand, said Patrick Lanterio, market manager and co-owner of Pako Lazo Pottery.

"With something like this, it takes everyone to work together to make it happen," he said. "It's been amazing."

From 8 a.m. to noon, PST, every Sunday at Santa Fe Park, about 15 vendors set up their tables to welcome visitors to the grassy patch in front of El Garces.

"Patrick asked if I'd like to help," said Dan Garrison of DD Farms of Sanger, California. "I have a place in Mohave Valley — my grandson runs the farm now — and we've been doing the market in Lake Havasu on Saturdays and at the London Bridge on Sundays. Well, I want to help, so we're doing this one as well."

DD Farms is also a staple of the Bullhead City Farmers Market. On Sunday, Garrison's produce included avocados, strawberries, pears, oranges, grapefruit, baby cucumbers, carrots, giant sweet potatoes and more.

Mira Coffee & Sweets, owned and operated by Emma Miramontes, is a new business venture.

"It's going really well," she said. "It's a lot of fun meeting other vendors. I consider it practice for eventually opening a storefront."

9. HOLIDAY TOY GIVEAWAY SBCSD



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10. BRENDA RETIREMENT



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