



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: January 16, 2026

1. **OHMV Master Plan – Signage Plan Approved**

The City Council is starting the year off with a bang, taking a major step forward in implementing the City's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Master Plan by approving the Designated Routes Signage Plan through Resolution 2026-2 on **January 13, 2026**. This action is important because the signage plan establishes clear, enforceable OHMV corridors and provides the safety and route clarity needed for consistent public use and law enforcement implementation, while supporting connectivity between trail access points and local service and lodging facilities. Next steps include final sign fabrication and installation throughout the designated routes, a community workshop focused on public education, followed by a community ribbon-cutting event anticipated within the next couple of months. Refer to the attached map of the OHMV Master Plan routes. Residents with questions regarding the OHMV Master Plan or signage implementation are encouraged to contact the City Manager's Office by email at info@cityofneedles.com.

2. **Tri-State Community Healthcare Center – Council Presentation**

At this week's City Council meeting, representatives from Tri-State Community Healthcare Center provided an overview of the critical healthcare services they deliver to the Needles community. Since 2011, Tri-State has served as a trusted local provider and an essential partner in improving access to care in our region. Their presentation highlighted the wide range of services available to residents, including primary care, pediatrics, immunizations, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy support, mobile clinic outreach, ultrasound, and telehealth. The City of Needles appreciates Tri-State for engaging directly with the public, sharing valuable resources, and increasing awareness of available healthcare options. Their participation reinforced our shared commitment to improving patient access and advancing health equity in Needles. Tri-State's Needles clinic is located at **820 W. Broadway Street** and can be reached at **(760) 326-0222**.

3. **On-The-Go Health – Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles**

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health continues to provide convenient healthcare access in Needles through its “On-The-Go Health” Mobile Medical Clinic. The clinic is available to Medi-Cal patients and those who have applied for Medi-Cal, and offers both primary care and urgent care services, including adult health screenings, diabetes and hypertension testing, pregnancy testing, minor wound care, UTI testing, and hepatitis C screening. The mobile clinic visits Needles every **Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and is located in the parking lot of the Transitional Assistance Department at 1090 E. Broadway Street. Appointments are highly recommended to ensure timely service. To schedule a mobile clinic appointment, residents may call 1(800) 722-4777 (press 5) or visit dph.sbcounty.gov.

4. **Tri-State Community Healthcare – Mixed Produce Community Giveaways**

The City of Needles would like to recognize and thank Tri-State Community Healthcare and its partners for their continued leadership and generosity in providing Mixed Produce Giveaway events for local residents. Since the beginning of the year, this effort has distributed more than 160,000 pounds of fresh produce to families in our community, improving access to nutrition and easing financial strain for households in need. The City also appreciates the sponsors and supporters who make this program possible through ongoing investment and collaboration. This initiative supports City Council goals by strengthening community partnerships, improving quality of life, and promoting a healthy, family-friendly community.

5. **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.

6. **Needles Pride Program – Community Cleanup Day Reminder**

Staff is issuing a final reminder that the Needles Pride Program Community Cleanup Day is **tomorrow, Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** at Duke Watkins Park. This cleanup is intended to support park readiness and neighborhood pride as the upcoming sports and visitor season approaches. The event is open to the public, and no registration is required. The City will provide all supplies, including bags, pickers, and gloves. Staff will be on-site to coordinate volunteer check-in and logistics. Council is encouraged to help spread the word to residents and community partners to boost participation.

7. **Home Run Derby Fundraiser (Last Chance to Register)**
The Needles Little League will be hosting its Home Run Derby on **Saturday, January 24 at 12:00 p.m.** at Ed Parry Field as the final fundraiser ahead of the regular season. This family-friendly event is the community's last chance to register and participate while supporting the Little League Shade Structure Project. The derby will feature a structured format with participant awards, an open snack bar, and live music by DJ Loke. The City supports this event, which aligns with City Council goals to promote youth recreation, strengthen community partnerships, and enhance community amenities that improve quality of life. For additional information, please contact Josh Raley at 760-220-7886.

8. **Rivers Edge Golf Course – Upcoming Tournaments and Events**
Rivers Edge Golf Course is in full swing and continues to strengthen its reputation as one of the premier recreational destinations in the Tri-State Region. With outstanding course conditions and some of the finest greens in the area, Rivers Edge is hosting a strong lineup of upcoming tournaments and events, including the **January Blues Tournament (January 17)**, **Golf Clinic (February 14)**, **Wilson Birthday Bash Tournament (February 21)**, and the **Teeing Off on Route 66 Tournament (March 7)**. These events support local tourism, increase community activity, and position Rivers Edge as a growing championship-caliber destination. For tee times or tournament coordination, reach out to **JJ DeLeon** at Rivers Edge Golf Course at **(760) 326-3931**.

9. **Needles Chamber of Commerce – Sponsorship Opportunity**
The Needles Area Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking sponsors for its upcoming **“Teeing Off on Route 66” Golf Tournament on March 7, 2026**. Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and community partners interested in supporting the event while promoting Needles tourism and economic activity. The City encourages interested businesses to participate and partner with the Chamber in supporting this community event. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact **Tena** at **tena@needleschamber.com** or **(760) 326-2050**.

10. **Route 66 100th Anniversary Kickoff – Info Fair & Classic Car Show**
The City of Needles is excited to kick off the Route 66 100th Anniversary with the Route 66 Info Fair and a Classic Car Show at El Garces. The celebration will take place on **Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (PST)** at 950 Front Street and will bring Route 66 heritage to life through vendors, Route 66 memorabilia and information, food trucks, complimentary El Garces tours, and community activities. A Classic Car Show will be added this year for the first time, providing an additional attraction for residents, visitors, and Route 66 travelers. Vendor spaces are complimentary and include a table and two chairs, with setup beginning at **Friday at 12:00 p.m. (PST)**. For vendor reservations or event information, contact Mayor Jernigan at (760) 221-3211. Refer to [the attached flyer](#) for additional details.

11. Needles Chamber “Good Morning Needles” – Palo Verde College Update

At this month’s Good Morning Needles Chamber Coffee, the City appreciated hearing from Palo Verde College – Needles Center regarding the continued value the College provides to our community through affordable and accessible higher education. Palo Verde College continues to expand opportunities for residents, including low-cost courses at \$46 per unit and, in some cases, free college tuition for Needles residents. High school students can also earn up to 11 units at no cost toward an associate degree or certificate program. The College highlighted several workforce training pathways including nursing, early childhood education, construction building trades, welding, phlebotomy, and microbiology. The City encourages residents to stay engaged with these opportunities and attend the Chamber’s monthly gatherings, which continue to support community connection and economic vitality. The Needles Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 950 Front Street and can be reached at info@needleschamber.com or (760) 326-2050.

12. Palo Verde College Needles Center – Spring 2026 Registration

The City is pleased to share that Palo Verde College’s Needles Center is now accepting students for the Spring 2026 semester. New Student Orientation will be held **Thursday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m.** and classes begin **Monday, January 26, 2026**. Registration closes January 30, 2026. Residents interested in enrolling or learning more are encouraged to visit www.paloverde.edu or contact the Needles Center at (760) 326-5033.

13. Palo Verde College Blood Drive

Palo Verde College – Needles Center will be hosting a community blood drive at 725 W. Broadway. The blood drive will take place on **Wednesday, January 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.** and residents are encouraged to participate if they are able. Donating blood is a simple way to make a meaningful difference and help ensure lifesaving supplies are available for those in need. As an added incentive, all donors will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 gift card. Appointments are encouraged to help streamline the donation process and reduce wait times. To schedule an appointment, visit vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825 and use blood drive code 100563204. The City appreciates Palo Verde College and Vitalant for their partnership in supporting this important community service opportunity.

14. Palo Verde College– Needles Center Scholarship 5K Color Run & Walk

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Needles Center Scholarship 5K Color Run & Walk, hosted by the Palo Verde College Foundation on **Saturday, March 21, 2026** at Palo Verde College. Check-in begins at **7:30 a.m.** and the event starts at **9:00 a.m.** Registration is \$25 per person and includes a t-shirt and meal. Last year’s event raised **\$8,000**, supporting **64 students** through scholarship assistance. Participants must register by **March 14, 2026** to secure a spot. For more information or to register, visit paloverde.edu or contact the Needles Center at (760) 326-5033.

15. St. Vincent de Paul – Open House & Pantry Dedication

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently hosted an open house and dedication of its newly improved pantry, providing residents an opportunity to tour recent facility upgrades and learn more about available services. The City of Needles appreciates St. Vincent de Paul's continued commitment to supporting individuals and families in need and strengthening the local social safety net. This event reflects the importance of community partnerships that help expand access to resources and improve quality of life for residents. Refer to the attaches imaged for a glimpse.

16. Assemblymember Gonzalez Mobile Office Hours

Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez's Mobile Office Hours were successfully held at El Garces on Thursday, January 15, providing residents with convenient local access to state legislative support and resources. **Three representatives from Assemblymember Gonzalez's staff** attended to meet with residents, listen to community concerns, and gain a better understanding of local needs and priorities. The City of Needles appreciates Assemblymember Gonzalez and his staff for their continued engagement and responsiveness, and for taking the time to connect directly with our community and serve our residents.

17. Needles Sunday Farmers Market at Santa Fe Park

The Needles Sunday Farmers Market continues each week at Santa Fe Park, providing residents and visitors with an opportunity to shop local and support small businesses. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc., the market features a rotating mix of vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, coffee, handmade items, flowers, and other local goods. The market is held every Sunday through **March 31, 2026** from **8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park. The market is also welcoming new vendors, further expanding opportunities for local entrepreneurs and artisans. This effort supports the City Council's goal of promoting community engagement while strengthening local economic activity. Additional vendor information is available by contacting Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at (760) 848-8289 or needlesfarmers@gmail.com.

18. Needles Elks Lodge – Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Pairing Event

The Needles Elks Lodge #1608 will be hosting its second annual Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Pairing Event, open to both members and non-members. The event will take place on **February 7, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Needles Elks Lodge located at 1000 Lilyhill Drive. Ticket prices are \$25 per person, and proceeds will support local youth scholarships. Residents interested in attending are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. To reserve tickets, contact Sharon Dooley at (917) 797-1205. Refer to the attached flyer for more information.

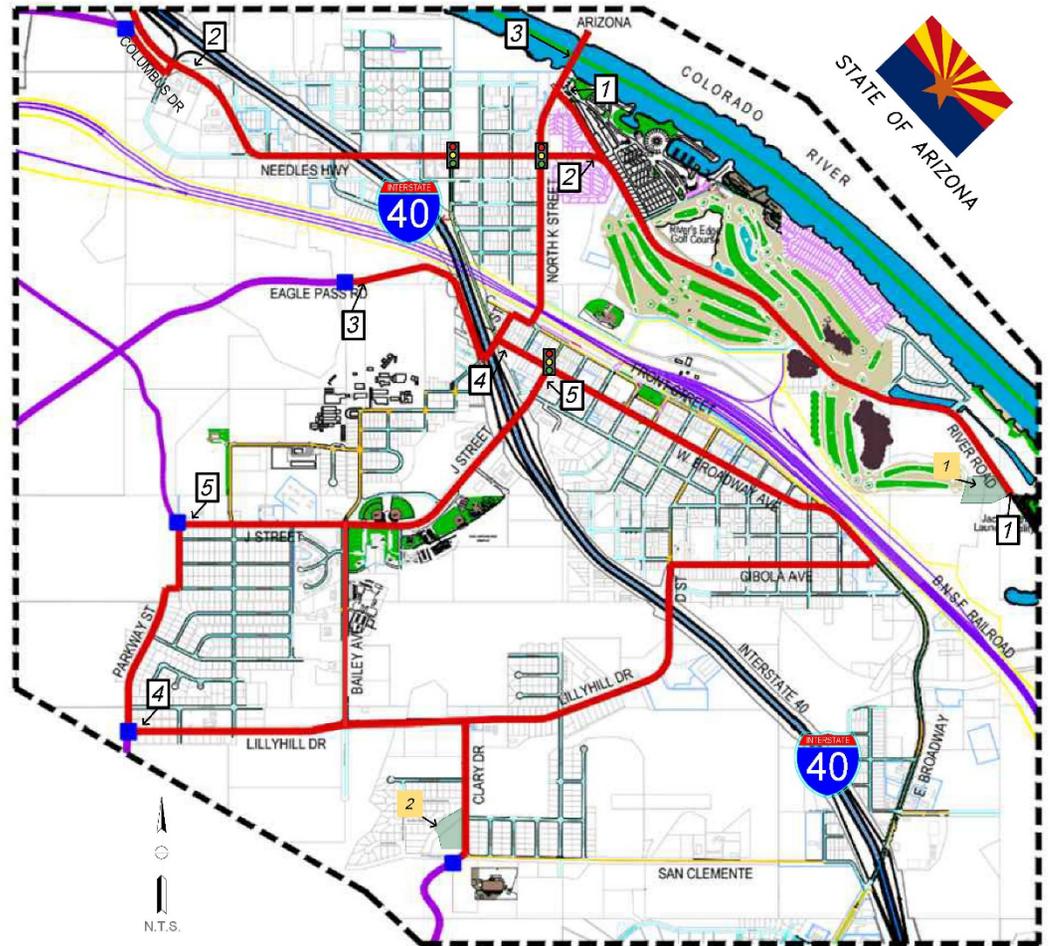
1. OHMV MASTER PLAN SIGNAGE PLAN

CITY OF NEEDLES

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE (OHMV) MASTER PLAN & DESIGNATED ROUTES SIGNAGE CITY OF NEEDLES PILOT PROGRAM

INDEX OF DRAWINGS

SHEET No.	ROUTE No.	DESCRIPTION - TYPE
1	-	TITLE SHEET
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4	2	ROUTE 2: ALONG NEEDLES HWY
5	3	ROUTE 3: ALONG N K RD & EAGLE PASS RD
6	4	ROUTE 4: SEGMENT 1 - ALONG W BROADWAY AVE
7	4	ROUTE 4: SEGMENT 2 - ALONG LILLYHILL DR
8	5	ROUTE 5: ALONG J ST
9	-	CONNECTING ROUTES



LEGEND

- CITY SIGNAL
- ALLOWABLE O.H.M.V. ROADWAY NETWORK
- ROUTE NUMBER
- O.H.M.V. ROUTES
- B.L.M. TRAILS
- STAGING AREA NUMBER
- STAGING AREA
- NEEDLES CITY ROUTES AND B.L.M. TRAILS MEET



LOCATION MAP

2. TRI-STATE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE



3. ON-THE-GO HEALTH MOBILE CLINIC



On-The-Go Health Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles

No insurance? We can help!

Offering convenient healthcare for California residents!
Appointments highly recommended.

Who can benefit?

Open to Medi-Cal patients and those who have applied for Medi-Cal.

Primary care services

- Annual adult health screening physicals
- Point of Care screenings/testing: Hypertension, hemoglobin, and diabetes (HgbA1c, glucose)
- Pregnancy testing
- Chronic disease management medication refills (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, thyroid)

Urgent care services

- Urine tests/Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):
 - Gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, HIV
- Rash
- Fever/cold/flu
- Hepatitis C screening
- Minor wound care

Weekly visits every
Thursday,
starting from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Parking lot of the
Transitional
Assistance
Department**
1090 E. Broadway St.
Needles, CA

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

bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal



Public Health



1 (800) 722-4777

Press 5 for Mobile Clinic Appointments

dph.sbcounty.gov

6. NEEDLES PRIDE

SPRING INTO ACTION

Community Cleanup Day

**Duke Watkins Park
Flip Mendez Pkwy/J Street
Saturday, January 17, 2026
8 AM - 9 AM**

Join your friends and neighbors as we work together to clean our community. No registration required. The City will provide bags, pickers and gloves!



cityofneedles.com

7. HOME RUN DERBY



HOME RUN DERBY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 12:00 PM START

Ed Parry Field • NEEDLES, C.A

Come swing for the fences at the 2026 Needles Little League Home Run Derby! Open to all ages – from youth to adults! Snack bar will be serving food.

Divisions

- 6 & Under
- 7-8
- 9-10
- 11-12
- 13-15
- 19+ Adult Division

(Legends Division 40+ if turnout allows)

REGISTRATION

Sign up early or register at the field starting 11:15 AM

Entry Fees

- Ages 6 & Under – \$5
- Ages 7-12 – \$10
- Ages 13-18 – \$15
- Adults – \$20
- Extra 10 swings – \$5
- Second-chance swing – \$2

Awards

- Movie tickets
- Snack bar bucks

Zelle: @NeedlesLittleLeague@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Josh Raley 760-220-7886
or Ashley Smith 928-605-5010

8. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE
Presents

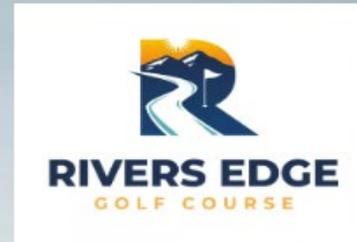
JANUARY BLUES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 17th 2026
8:30 CA Shotgun Start

*3-PERSON SCRAMBLE - Handicap Included
\$55 Per Player Includes Golf, Cart, Range Balls
Prizes & Payouts*

Closest to Pin - Long Drive
Optional Skins/Buy-In

144 Marina Drive Needles, CA 92363
(760) 326-3931
JJDELEON@GOLFNEEDLESCA.COM



**Feb 21st
2026
8:00 AM Shotgun**

**3-Person
Scramble**

**Low Net/Gross
Plus Skins**

**\$55 Per Player
\$165 Team**

Wilson Birthday BASH TOURNAMENT

Call Rivers Edge Golf Course to sign up or
email JJ DeLeon @ jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com
(760) 326-3931

8. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



**FEB
14TH**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**GOLF
CLINIC**

**Topic - SHORT
GAME**

HOSTED BY JJ DELEON

ADMISSION FEE: \$25 PER CLIENT / ALL AGE RANGES

LIMITED TO FIRST 12 SIGN UPS

144 MARINA DRIVE NEEDLES, CA 92363 / GOLFNEEDLESCA.COM /

9. NEEDLES CHAMBER GOLF SPONSORSHIP

2026 "Teeing Off on Route 66" Golf Tournament

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Business _____
 Contact Person _____
 Contact Phone _____ Business Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Email _____ Website _____

SPONSORSHIP SELECTION

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Road | <input type="checkbox"/> TEE SIGN | <input type="checkbox"/> HOLE IN ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Street of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Booklet | <input type="checkbox"/> PROMO ITEMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will Rogers Highway | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 PERSON SCRAMBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSET TO PIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1926 Legacy | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | <input type="checkbox"/> GIFT BASKET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neon Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> LUNCH | <input type="checkbox"/> RAFFLE ITEM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Route 66 (Special) | <input type="checkbox"/> LONGEST DRIVE | <input type="checkbox"/> DOOR PRIZES |

Please List Names of Players (Teams)

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____

PLEASE ATTACH BUSINESS CARD OR LOGO

Date Payment Received _____ Amount \$ _____

Method: Cash Credit Card Check# _____

NOTES: _____

Please make checks payable to Needles Area Chamber of Commerce
 or Contact the Needles Chamber to make other arrangements.

RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE PRESENTS



TEERING OFF ON ROUTE 66 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAT 2026
MAR 7

PRICE PER PERSON: \$75
 PRICE PER TEAM: \$225

3-PERSON SCRAMBLE
 SHOTGUN START AT 8:00AM (CA)
 PAYOUTS AND PRIZES AT 1:30 PM

BENEFITTING NEEDLES
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP
 MARCH 5, 2026

CONTACT US AT: +1 (760) 326 - 3931

WWW.GOLFNEEDLESCA.COM

10. ROUTE 66 100TH INFO FAIR & CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Entries: Pre- 1975

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

9:00AM ~ 2:00PM

Registration begins at 7am

COST: \$20.00 (payable in cash, check or zelle)

LOCATION: EL GARCES
950 FRONT ST NEEDLES, CA

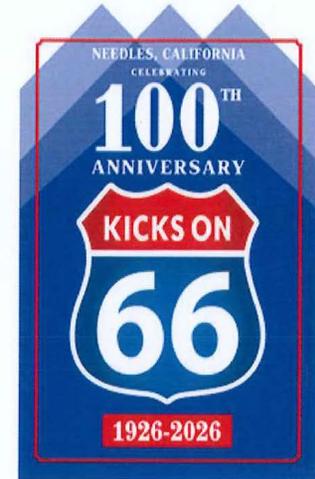
RAFFLE PRIZES AND A 50/50
RAFFLE

CATEGORIES:
*BEST IN SHOW
*UNDER CONSTRUCTION
*RAT ROD
*PEOPLE'S CHOICE



CONTACT JAN JERNIGAN FOR INFORMATION
at 760 221 3211

Have some fun with us at
El Garces on Route 66 Needles!



Let's **KICK OFF**
our **100th Anniversary!**

Saturday, February 14th, 2026
9am - 2pm (PST)

Featuring...

- ★ Route 66 Information
- ★ Route 66 Books
- ★ Route 66 items/memorabilia
for sale
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Complimentary El Garces
- ★ Tours
- ★ Vendor Drawings



All Route 66 Vendors Invited!

No Charge for vendor tables / Setup begins Friday at Noon / Call to reserve a table

Questions or Vendor Reservations? - Call Jan Jernigan at 760-221-3211

11. GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER



12. PALO VERDE COLLEGE NEEDLES

WELDING CLASSES



SPRING 2026

WEL
103-01

Basic Tungsten Arc

201-01

Adv Gas Tungsten Arc

202-02

Adv Oxyacetylene Gas

Classes held at Needles High
Monday - Friday
Start Date: Jan. 26, 2026

www.paloverde.edu

PALO VERDE
COLLEGE
NEEDLES
EDUCATIONAL
CENTER

REGISTER FOR CLASSES!

SPRING 2026

Registration Closes Jan 30, 2026
Classes Begin Jan 26, 2026

Empower your future with
excellence and growth in
every learning experience.



For More Information
www.paloverde.edu

725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363

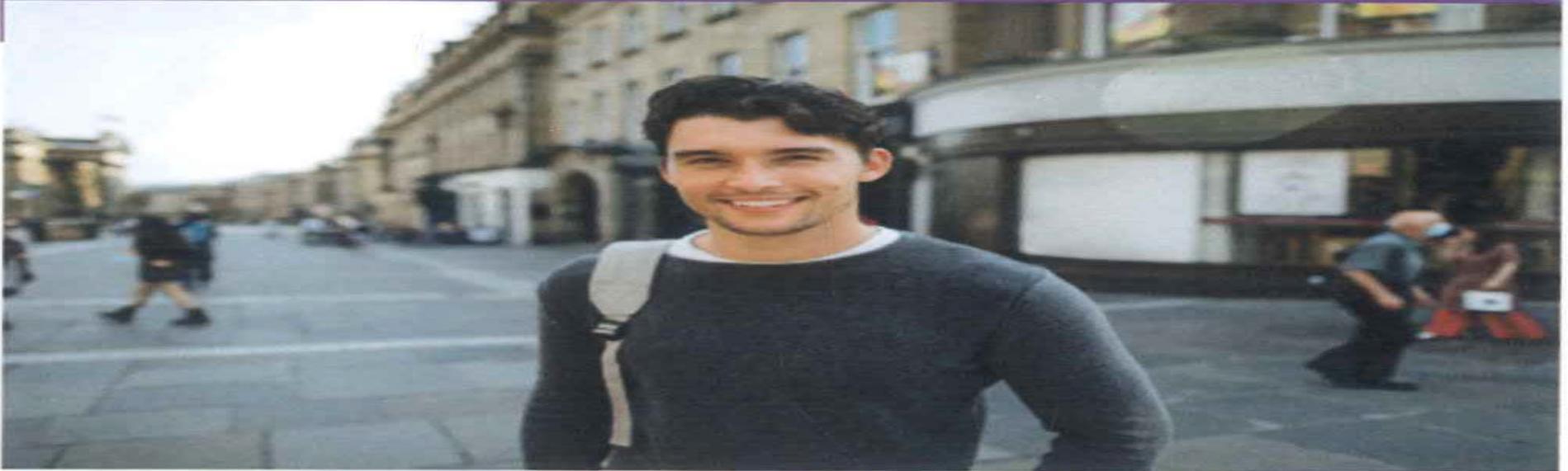


APPLY
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13. PALO VERDE BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - NEEDLES CENTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
10:00 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.
BLOODMOBILE - 725 W. BROADWAY ST.
NEEDLES

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL
Use blood drive code: 100563204



Save Lives for Your Chance to win a \$500 Gift Card

We're wishing our donors a prosperous 2026! To give you a head start, 26 donors will win a special thank-you gift. Donate Jan. 5-Feb. 8 for a chance to win one of 26 \$500 Rewards gift cards, opt-in required

For more information visit us at vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. **Because of you, life doesn't stop.**

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14. PALO VERDE COLLEGE



PALO VERDE COLLEGE
FOUNDATION
WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

NEEDLES CENTER
SCHOLARSHIP
5K
COLOR
RUNNER
WALK



SATURDAY,
MARCH 21, 2026

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

For more information call (760) 326-5033
or visit www.paloverde.edu

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

REGISTRATION

\$25 PER PERSON, INCLUDES TSHIRT & MEAL

- Age Categories:**
- 12 years & Under
 - 13 - 17 years
 - 18 - 49 years
 - 50 years & above



Scan code or follow
link to get started
<https://bit.ly/NdIs5k>

Must Register Before March 14

15. ST VINCENT OPEN HOUSE



16. ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



17. FARMERS MARKET



18. NEEDLES ELKS LODGE EVENT



**NEEDLES LODGE#1608
1000 LILYHILL DRIVE
NEEDLES CA 92363
IS PROUD TO PRESENT
ITS SECOND ANNUAL**

WINE CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE PAIRING OPENED TO ALL

Proceeds to Fund Scholarships

FEBRUARY 7, 2026 2-5 PM

TICKETS \$25.00

at the Bar or

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET

Sharon Dooley @ 917-797-1205