



# 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: August 22, 2025

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### 1. **Future of Palo Verde College – Needles Center**

The Palo Verde Community College District Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting/Study Session on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 4:00 PM** to review two key items regarding the Needles Educational Center: enrollment and a re-examination of institutional data (agenda attached). These discussions come at a pivotal moment, as the Center represents far more than an educational facility—it is a cornerstone for workforce development, economic growth, and a pathway for local residents to pursue higher education close to home. The meeting will be held at the Needles Center, 725 W. Broadway, and will include an opportunity for local public comment. Given the City and community's ongoing financial contributions through property taxes to PVCCD operations, strong local engagement in this discussion remains essential.

### 2. **Rider Appreciation Day – Free Transit Services on September 4**

The City of Needles is pleased to announce Rider Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 4. We love our riders, and to show our appreciation, all transit services will be free throughout the day, including Needles Area Transit, Dial-A-Ride, and the new Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle. From 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the El Garces West Parking Lot, 950 Front Street, attendees can enjoy refreshments, giveaways, and learn more about our expanding transit options. Riders are also encouraged to try the new Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle at no cost during the event, with departures scheduled from El Garces at 8:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required by calling 760-326-4789 before 11 a.m. the day prior, as space is limited. A flyer with additional event details is attached.

### 3. **Good Morning Needles – August Recap & September Preview**

This week's "Good Morning Needles" coffee gathering at the Chamber and Visitor Center was well-attended and featured Kush on 66 Dispensary, Lounge & Café along with breakfast from Needles Smash Burgers. These monthly meetings continue to grow in popularity and provide a valuable forum for

businesses, community members, and civic leaders to connect. Save the Date: the next Good Morning Needles will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. and will feature Sal Monica from the San Bernardino Workforce Development Agency as our guest speaker. Following the meeting, Sal will be available to connect directly with businesses that have five or more employees. This is a great opportunity for employers to access resources, training, and workforce solutions. If you know of a business that could benefit, please share their contact information with the Chamber so they can be included.

**4. Vandalism at Duke Watkins Park Bathrooms**

A recent act of vandalism at the bathrooms in Duke Watkins Park is under investigation. Vandalism is unacceptable and undermines the community's shared investment in our parks and public spaces. The City is reviewing surveillance footage and working closely with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to identify those responsible and ensure accountability. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the City at (760) 326-9200, or, to remain anonymous, contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). The bathrooms have since been repaired and reopened for public use, ensuring residents and visitors continue to enjoy the facility without disruption. Over the past year, the City has implemented multiple strategies to deter vandalism, including installing cameras at Duke Watkins Park, forming a multi-agency graffiti and vandalism task force with SBCSD and the Needles Unified School District, offering cash rewards for information, and promoting positive community use of the park through projects such as the Expression Wall. These actions align directly with the City Council's goals to enhance public safety, protect community investments, and promote clean, family-friendly public spaces. We will continue to work diligently with our law enforcement and school partners to prevent future incidents and safeguard the City's facilities for residents and visitors alike.

- 5. The City of Needles Recreation Center and The Needles Women's Club** will be hosting the 16th Annual Lynne's Little Ladies Tea Party on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This event will be held at the Women's Club and is open to the first 40 girls ages 5–12 in the tri-state area who register and pay their fee. Registration is \$25 and can be paid at the Needles Recreation Center. All registration fees must be paid by Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Please call the Needles Recreation Center at (760) 326-2814 with any questions. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to support a little lady's participation. Please contact the Recreation Center directly for details.

**6. Labor Day Fireworks Enforcement Reminder**

As we head into the Labor Day weekend, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will enforce a zero-tolerance policy on illegal fireworks in Needles. Only "safe and sane" fireworks are permitted; any firework that explodes or flies is illegal. Violators may face criminal charges and will be held liable for any damages or fires caused. Fireworks remain one of the leading causes of fires, injuries, and fatalities each year—please celebrate responsibly. Residents are

reminded not to call 9-1-1 to report illegal fireworks unless there is an immediate emergency requiring law enforcement, fire, or medical response. To report violations, please contact Sheriff's Dispatch at (909) 387-8313.

**7. Fall Youth Sports Registration Now Open**

The City of Needles Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for fall youth sports through Friday, September 12, 2025. This season will feature Peewee Soccer, Flag Football, and Volleyball, with games running from early October through late November. Flag Football is open to students in 2nd through 5th grade, with games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volleyball is open to students in 3rd through 6th grade, with games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Peewee Soccer is available for ages 6–7, and Jr. Peewee Soccer for ages 3–5, with games held on Saturdays. The registration fee is \$45 for residents and \$50 for non-residents, except for Jr. Peewee Soccer, which is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Sibling discounts are available, and scholarships may be offered for qualifying families. For more information or to register, please call (760) 326-2814 or email [parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com](mailto:parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com).

**8. Citywide Beautification – Code Enforcement Success at 404 D Street**

The owner of 404 D Street has completed an impressive transformation — turning what began as a code enforcement matter into a fully renovated home, now available for sale or rent. The home features a modern, open-concept layout with new flooring, updated kitchen cabinetry, stone countertops, stylish lighting, and energy-efficient appliances. Bathrooms have been fully remodeled with contemporary fixtures, dual vanities, and upgraded finishes. The property also includes a refreshed exterior with new fencing, xeriscape landscaping, and fresh paint — all contributing to stronger curb appeal and neighborhood revitalization. This project is a clear example of how our Council's goals for neighborhood revitalization and housing improvements are taking root in the community. What began as a code enforcement case has now become a restored home that adds value to the neighborhood, enhances livability, and expands housing options in Needles. A special thank you to our Code Enforcement Team and the City Attorney's Office for their efforts in maintaining a robust receivership program that continues to clean up our community — one property at a time. 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're building a safer, stronger Needles!

**9. Community Events Calendar Now Live**

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—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](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com) to participate. Together, we can showcase the best of Needles and strengthen community spirit.

# 1. PALO VERDE COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4PM  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting/Study Session

PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Open Session 4:00 p.m.

Primary Location: One College Drive, Blythe, CA CS 209

Livestream Location: PVC Needles Center, 725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

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Accessibility:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend, and/or participate in Board meetings are requested to contact Naomi Alaniz at (760) 921-5440 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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Public Comment:

The Palo Verde College Board of Trustees encourages public participation and welcomes comments from members of the public during its meetings. Individuals wishing to address the Board must complete a Speaker Request Form and submit it to the Executive Assistant to the Board prior to the start of the meeting. Forms may be submitted via email to [pvc-presidentsoffice@paloverde.edu](mailto:pvc-presidentsoffice@paloverde.edu). To be processed, emailed forms must be received by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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Public Records:

In compliance with Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all members of the Board in advance of a meeting may be inspected at the Office of the Superintendent/President, Palo Verde Community College District, One College Drive, Blythe, CA 92225; on the College website at [www.paloverde.edu](http://www.paloverde.edu); or at the meeting location.

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## Public Content

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Presenter: Ger Xiong, Dean of Student Services

Subject :

3.4 Needles Educational Center - Enrollment

Meeting :

Aug 26, 2025 - Board of Trustees Special Meeting /Study Session

Category :

3. Presentations

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## 2. RIDER APPRECIATION DAY

# You're invited!

Rider Appreciation Day - September 4  
**RIDE FREE ALL DAY**

**Come celebrate with us.  
Enjoy refreshments and giveaways.**

**When:** Thursday, Sept 4 from 7:30 to 11:30 AM

**Where:** El Garces West Parking Lot – 950 Front Street, Needles



**We love our riders!** To show our appreciation, we're offering free fares on all services and giving away grocery bags and other fun gifts.

**Try the NEW Ft. Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle for free on September 4.** Call 760-326-4789 by 11 AM the day before to reserve your ride. Space is limited.



# Ride Happy!



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## 7. FALL SPORTS REC CENTER

# OPEN REGISTRATION

*City of Needles Recreation Fall Sports*

**PEEWEE  
SOCCER**



**AGES: JR PEE WEE 3YR~5YR OLDS  
PEE WEE 6YR~7YR OLDS  
GAMES: SATURDAYS**

**FLAG  
FOOT  
BALL**

**GRADES: 2ND ~ 5TH  
GAMES: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**



**GRADES: 3RD ~ 6TH  
GAMES: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**



**VOLLEY  
BALL**

**REGISTRATION DATES:  
AUG. 4<sup>TH</sup> ~ SEPT. 12TH.**

**SEASON: OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER**

**COSTS: RESIDENTS \$45 NON \$50**

**PEE SPORTS RESIDENTS \$35 NON \$40**

**SIBLING DISCOUNTS GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE**

*All Recreation Sports are open to  
Boys & Girls in the Tri~State area*

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