



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: March 27, 2026

1. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Award – Route 66 Arch Project

The City of Needles is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant to support construction of a Route 66–themed drive-through arch in the downtown corridor. Needles was selected as one of only 25 communities nationwide from nearly 900 applications submitted in Q4 2025, reflecting the strength of the City’s vision and readiness to deliver. The community is invited to attend the official check presentation on **March 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at El Garces**, held in conjunction with Route 66 Centennial activities. The project will celebrate Needles’ Route 66 heritage while enhancing the visitor experience and supporting ongoing downtown revitalization efforts. Located near Train Park along Front Street, the arch will serve as a landmark gateway and photo destination, drawing visitors into the heart of the community. This award represents a key step forward in advancing the City’s Route 66 Centennial efforts and long-term economic development strategy. Additional information is available at: www.t-mobile.com/news/un-carrier/t-mobiles-hometown-grants-top-21-5m and <https://youtu.be/Nk3rhU5nsCw>.

2. Route 66 Centennial – Art in the Park, Art & Craft Fair, and Car Show

Route 66 Centennial celebrations continue tomorrow, **March 28**, at El Garces with the Art & Craft Fair and the River Cruizers “Cruizin’ the Century” Car Show from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** along Route 66. The 3rd Annual Art in the Park Show & Sale will also be on display through **March 28** from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at 950 Front Street. These coordinated events will bring together local and regional artists, vendors, and classic cars, activating the downtown corridor and attracting both residents and visitors. The community is encouraged to attend, support local businesses, and be part of this Route 66 Centennial celebration.

3. Marketing & Video Production – Tripepi Smith Update

The City is excited to share that Tripepi Smith was in Needles this week capturing video footage to support the next phase of our marketing and tourism efforts. This reflects an important step forward in promoting Needles as a premier destination along Route 66 and the Colorado River, aligned with the City Council’s goals of increasing tourism and economic activity. The upcoming campaign will highlight the “Live, Work, Play” experience that defines our

community—showcasing our unique character, recreational assets, and growing opportunities. This effort builds on the City’s adopted marketing and branding strategy and positions Needles to reach a broader audience as we prepare for the Route 66 Centennial. Special recognition to City Planner Irene Romero for her leadership in coordinating this effort and bringing together City staff and community participants. Staff also extends appreciation to City staff, their families, and local business owners who participated in the filming. Utilizing familiar faces from within the community not only reflects the authentic character of Needles, but also allowed the City to be resourceful while delivering a high-quality product. This initiative represents continued progress in telling the Needles story and attracting visitors, residents, and investment to our community.

4. OHV Pilot Program – Community Education Meeting Update

The City hosted the OHV Pilot Program Community Education Meeting on **March 26, 2026**, with participation from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department – Colorado River Station, California Highway Patrol, and the Bureau of Land Management. This is a major milestone for Needles as the community continues to advance this program. Attendees received important information on safety, enforcement, and program expectations, including travel between designated destinations, registration requirements, and protections for sensitive desert resources. The intent of the program is to provide safe, connected access from food, fuel, and lodging to trail systems. Staff has ordered required signage, which is expected to be installed within the next few months to support implementation. Special thanks to Ron Knuckles (BLM), Lieutenant Robert Adelman (CHP), and Captain Jake Gault (SBCSD) for their partnership and presentations focused on public safety. Staff would also like to recognize Fred Minigar, City Traffic Engineer with Minigar & Associates, Inc., who presented on behalf of the City and provided key technical support in advancing the program. Staff also thanks the OHV Committee (Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember McCorkle, and Councilmember Longbrake) and the Mayor and City Council for their leadership in advancing this program. The OHV route map, presentation, and FAQ are attached, and additional information will be made available on the City’s website.

5. Needles Bridge Incident – Emergency Response and Coordination

Over the weekend, City staff responded to an incident involving a dislodged water main attached to the Needles Bridge. Staff worked closely with the Fort Mojave Tribal Utilities Authority (FMTUA) to support immediate response efforts and identify short- and long-term solutions to restore the backup water feed. The City appreciates FMTUA’s quick and coordinated response in addressing the emergency. As part of the recovery effort, the contractor has removed the majority of the damaged infrastructure from the Needles side of the Colorado River without impacting bridge operations or traffic flow. Remaining materials are stable, secured, and will be removed safely as part of the ongoing repair process. There is no impact to the City of Needles’ water supply. The City also extends its appreciation to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Caltrans for their coordination and support. This incident highlights the importance of strong regional partnerships, and the City remains committed to working collaboratively to ensure public safety, infrastructure reliability, and continued service delivery.

- 6. City Hall Awning Project – Construction Update**
Construction of the City Hall Administration Building awning project is scheduled to begin on **March 30, 2026**, marking the start of improvements to address deterioration and protect City facilities. The total project cost is approximately **\$220,012**, including construction, related improvements, and contingency. During construction, parking at the “E” Street entrance and along Third Street will be temporarily restricted to accommodate contractor access and ensure safety. Palo Verde College has provided temporary parking accommodations for City staff to help minimize impacts. Staff will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.
- 7. Aquatics Center – Opening Day Preparation**
Staff is actively preparing for the highly anticipated opening of the Needles Aquatics Center on **June 6, 2026**. The Recreation Department and Aquatics Team are working diligently to ensure the facility is ready for a full season of programming, including lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, and open swim. During the offseason, staff drained the pool to complete evaluations and necessary repairs, including slide maintenance, equipment updates, lighting improvements, and repairs to various pool features. The main pool has been repainted, refilled this week, and is now moving into final preparation phases. Staff will continue with slide maintenance and operational readiness efforts as we approach opening day.
- 8. City Beautification – Needles Pride Initiative Update**
The City’s Needles Pride initiative continues with efforts to address overgrown vegetation and improve highly visible areas throughout the community. Staff appreciates the cooperation of property owners who are maintaining their properties and working with Code Enforcement to achieve compliance, including recent efforts along Washing Machine Road. Public Works crews also completed improvements to Front Street sidewalks to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility in the downtown corridor. In addition, due to increased impacts to the underpass bridge, staff repainted the 8-foot clearance markings to maintain visibility and support public safety. Public Works also installed a dog waste dispenser at Santa Fe Park to support park cleanliness and encourage responsible pet ownership.
- 9. Sheriff/Council Chambers Monument Sign Replacement**
Public Works removed the former Sheriff sign this week following vandalism and deterioration that made the structure unsafe. We want to thank the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department for their partnership, contribution, and for helping make the replacement of this sign a reality. The proposed design includes a non-illuminated, single-face monument sign with masonry detailing that aligns with the existing civic campus aesthetic and provides clear identification for the Colorado River Station, Needles Police, and City Council Chambers. Staff will continue coordinating with the Sheriff’s Department to move the project forward and ensure timely installation of the new sign.
- 10. Enhanced Transit Access – Fort Mohave/Bullhead City Shuttle Reminder**
Staff would like to highlight the ongoing shuttle service connecting Needles residents to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City, which has been in operation since **July 1, 2025**. The service runs every Tuesday and Thursday with scheduled

stops at key destinations, including grocery stores and essential services, providing reliable transportation for residents without access to a vehicle. Despite this service being available, there are still reports of limited awareness within the community. Staff is reemphasizing this program to ensure residents are aware of available transportation options. Reservations are required and can be made through the Needles Senior Center. Additional route, schedule, and fare information is included in the attached flyer.

11. Canine Parvovirus Alert – Community Update

The Needles Animal Shelter has reported multiple cases of canine parvovirus within the community. Parvovirus is a highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that primarily affects puppies and unvaccinated dogs. Staff is actively conducting outreach to inform residents and encourage preventative measures, including vaccinations and limiting exposure to public areas. Low-cost DA2PP vaccines are available at the Needles Animal Shelter for \$20 per shot, Monday through Friday from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to seek veterinary care immediately if symptoms are observed.

12. Public Input Ongoing – OHMV Staging Area Grant Application

Public input remains open through **May 4, 2026**, for the City's OHMV Staging Area Project grant application submitted to the California State Parks OHMVR Program (Cycle G26). The proposed project supports the City's 9.20-mile designated OHMV route network and is designed to improve access, safety, traffic flow, and rider amenities, including designated trailer parking and sanitation facilities. Community input continues to play a critical role in the grant scoring process. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to review the updated project flyer and submit comments by visiting https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egramm_ohmvr, selecting "Review Preliminary Applications," and choosing "City of Needles."

13. Colorado River Round Up Rodeo – Upcoming Event

The 48th Annual Colorado River Round Up Rodeo will take place on **April 3–4, 2026** at the Needles Rodeo Grounds. Hosted by the Needles Rodeo Association, this long-standing event brings the community together for a weekend of rodeo action, western tradition, and family-friendly fun. The Rodeo Store opens this week, **March 30 through April 2**, at **920 W Broadway**, where community members can purchase presale tickets and official merchandise. Community members are encouraged to plan ahead and secure tickets early. Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez is scheduled to attend on Friday evening, providing an opportunity for residents to connect with their state representative.

14. Beat the Heat Softball Tournament – Community Event

The Needles Community Partners will host the Beat the Heat Softball Tournament on **May 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Jo Jo Garcia Memorial Sports Complex. The event invites teams, volunteers, sponsors, and vendors to participate, with all proceeds benefiting youth programs in Needles. For more information or to register, contact Tena at 760-985-4050. This effort supports the City Council's goals of promoting recreation, community engagement, and youth development. Refer to the attached flyer for more information.

- 15. Needles High School Music Department Fundraiser – Community Event**
This week, community members came together to support the Needles High School Music Department at its BBQ fundraiser held on **March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Needles High School Gym. The event featured performances by student groups, including the Blue Notes, Advanced Band, and the Needles High School Choir, and was a successful event with strong community participation. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Music Department, supporting continued student opportunities in the arts.
- 16. Palo Verde College Foundation 5K Color Run & Walk**
Last weekend's Palo Verde College Foundation 5K Color Run & Walk delivered another strong showing, continuing its steady growth. The event brought out 75 participants, including 55 walkers and 20 runners, and raised \$11,000 to directly support Needles students. Ryan Dunn (1st) and Stacey Martinez (3rd) again placed in the 18 & Up division, building on last year's results. The event highlights the community's ongoing investment in student success and active living. Thank you to Palo Verde Needles Center Dean Jaclyn Randall and City Public Works staff for helping deliver a successful event.
- 17. CRAGS Opening Ceremonies – Community Update**
The Colorado River Area Girls Softball (CRAGS) Opening Ceremonies were well attended, with strong community participation in support of our youth athletes. Families, residents, and local supporters came out to celebrate the start of the 2026 season, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. The event successfully brought the community together and highlighted the importance of youth sports in Needles. Thank you to the CRAGS Board and the league's many sponsors for their continued support in making the season possible. This turnout reflects strong community pride and aligns with the City Council's goals of supporting recreation and strengthening community engagement.
- 18. Tri-State Community Healthcare Easter Egg Hunt – Reminder**
A reminder that Tri-State Community Healthcare will host the Fourth Annual Needles Easter Egg Hunt on **April 4, 2026**, at Jack Smith Park (1000 River Road). The event will take place from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, with the egg hunt beginning promptly at **9:30 a.m.** Families can expect a fun-filled morning featuring 5,000 eggs with prizes and gift baskets, along with face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny. This well-attended community event continues to bring families together and is a great example of community partnership in Needles. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details.
- 19. Youth Basketball Tournament Season Wrap-Up**
The City of Needles Recreation Department concluded three consecutive weekends of youth basketball tournaments, including hosting the 19th Annual Needles Spring Classic, followed by competitions in Beaumont and 29 Palms. Needles teams earned a 1st place finish, multiple 2nd place finishes, and several 3rd place placements, while all teams competed with pride and strong sportsmanship. These events supported the City Council's goals of promoting sports tourism and activating local facilities. The City thanks Recreation Services Manager Jennifer Valenzuela and staff for leading a successful All-Star season and nearly 20 years of tournament participation. Most importantly, these

experiences created lasting memories for our families and helped build confidence, teamwork, and community pride in our youth.

20. Needles Sunday Market – Ongoing Community Activation

The Needles Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park continues to see strong participation from residents, visitors, and local vendors, with the season now extended through **April 2026**. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc., the weekly market features fresh produce, baked goods, coffee, flowers, and a variety of locally made goods. The market is held every Sunday from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park, 950 Front Street. Continued community support helps sustain local businesses and strengthens ongoing activation of the downtown corridor.

21. 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.

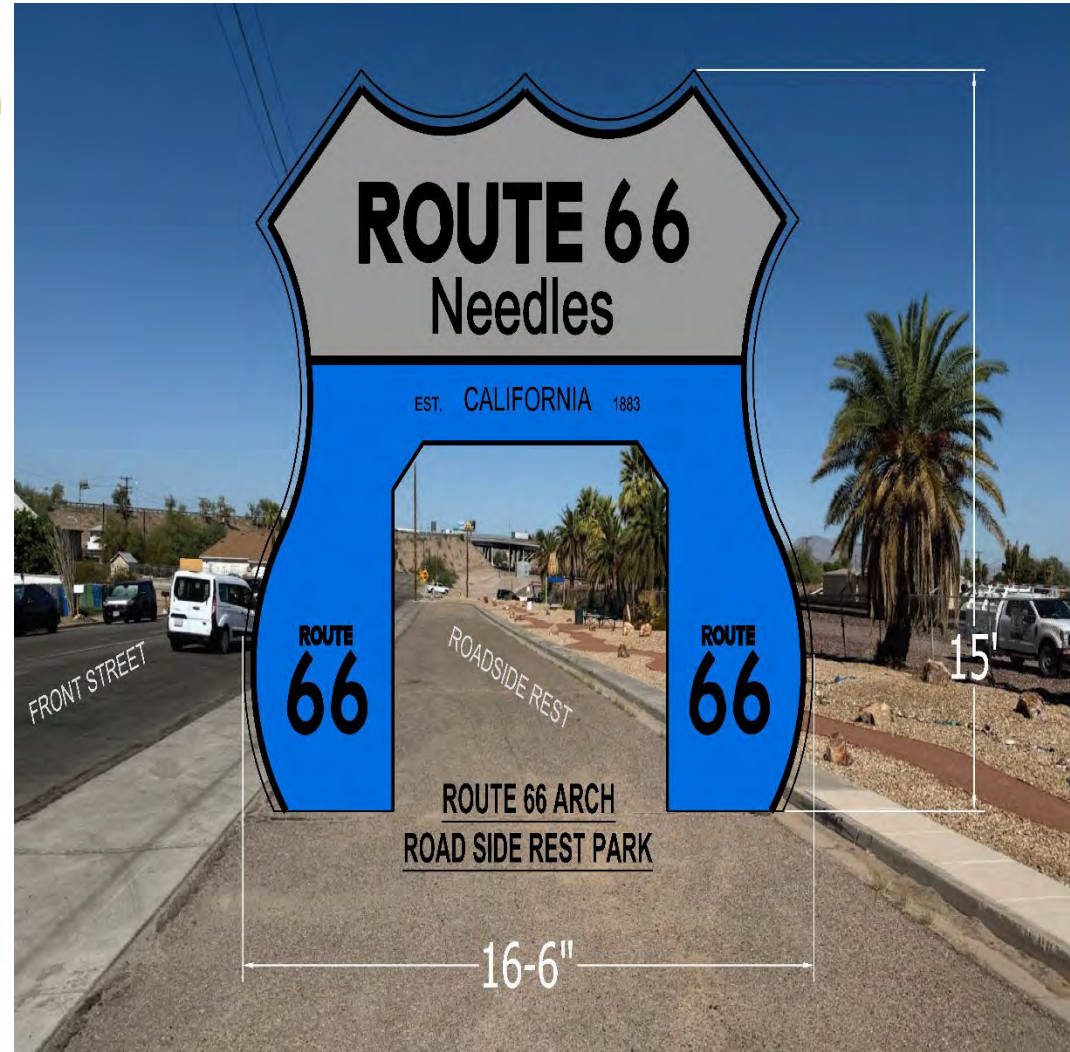
1. T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT



Needles, California:

“Needles is honored to be selected as a recipient of a T-Mobile Hometown Grant! As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66 this year, this investment from T-Mobile represents more than a monument — it represents momentum for our community. Located near our official Route 66 roadside rest stop at Train Park, the new arch will serve as a permanent gateway feature that strengthens our downtown corridor, enhances the visitor experience, and reinforces Needles’ identity as California’s eastern gateway to the Mother Road. We are grateful for T-Mobile’s partnership and continued commitment to Needles.”

— Janet Jernigan, Mayor, City of Needles



1. T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT

BELLEVUE, Wash. — March 26, 2026— T-Mobile (NASDAQ: TMUS) today announced the latest 25 Hometown Grants recipients, including, for the first time, a town in North Dakota. With the latest and second-to-last round, T-Mobile has invested more than \$21.5 million in grants to 475 small towns and rural communities across 49 states and Puerto Rico over the last four years.

Since Hometown Grants started in April 2021, the program has impacted 2.8 million people and created nearly 2,700 jobs. With up to \$50,000 awarded per town, communities have used the funding on projects that strengthen communities and improve lives, with this round including a new STEM initiative for students, a revitalized historic school building and transforming a barn into a community hub.

“Nearly five years ago, we launched this program to invest in small towns with big ideas and help turn local vision into meaningful impact,” said Jon Freier, Chief Operating Officer, T-Mobile. “Across 475 communities, thousands have come together to create positive change, contributing nearly 300,000 volunteer hours and proving what’s possible when heart and community pride lead the way.”

Here are the next 25 Hometown Grant recipients and their projects:

- **Pine Bluff, Ark.:** Install the Blues Junction Monument, a 20-foot landmark featuring artistic design, a commemorative granite marker highlighting local blues history, a QR-code digital soundscape, and a reflective bench celebrating the musical traditions of Pine Bluff and the Delta Rhythm & Bayous Highway.
- **Texarkana, Ark.:** Remodel nonprofit We Are Washington’s community library space by upgrading lighting, furnishings, technology and literacy resources to inspire curiosity, increase access and reading engagement among youth.
- **Chino Valley, Ariz.:** Construct an 18-hole disc golf course at Old Home Manor, creating a recreational destination that supports youth wellness and placemaking in a rural community.
- **Nogales, Ariz.:** Revitalize a long-underutilized building on historic Morley Avenue in Downtown Nogales into a welcoming, bilingual, community-led legal advocacy center, strengthening access for underserved residents.
- **Eureka, Calif.:** Upgrade sound, lighting and production equipment at the historic 1939 Streamline Moderne designed Eureka Theater, providing an inclusive community hub for film, music and cultural events.
- **Needles, Calif.:** Construct a Route 66 themed novelty drive through arch, celebrating the city’s historic Route 66 heritage while supporting downtown revitalization and enhancing visitor experience.
- **Henderson, Ky.:** Replace the playground surface at Central Park with poured-in-place rubber, enhancing safety and providing a welcoming community gathering space.
- **Scandia, Minn.:** Transform a historic tankhouse barn into a lively community hub for performances, classes, and local history, drawing guests from the surrounding St. Croix Valley and helping revitalize Scandia’s Village Center through tourism.
- **Nettleton, Miss.:** Construct a public tennis court, providing a safe space for youth recreation, school athletics and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- **West Point, Miss.:** Install a permanent sound system and storage cabinets at Black Prairie Blues Museum, providing reliable sound for concerts and events and a designated storage space for rotating displays and artifacts.
- **Mandan, N.D.:** Transform a reimagined site into a dedicated gathering space for families residing in the 3rd Street Corridor, strengthening community connections.
- **Peterborough, N.H.:** Build the Farm-to-Table Campus, providing a permanent, accessible hub for hands-on learning in sustainable agriculture, cooking and environmental stewardship.
- **Farmington, N.M.:** Create a vibrant, outdoor food space with cold storage units, picnic tables, outdoor counters and raised garden beds, expanding access to healthy food, supporting local farmers and providing a welcoming gathering and entrepreneurial learning space for San Juan County residents.
- **Grants, N.M.:** Revitalize River Walk Park’s ramada and amphitheater area to host free, family-friendly movies, music and live theatre events, foster civic pride, encourage local engagement and support downtown revitalization efforts.
- **Lima, Ohio:** Renovate the existing Mizpah Community Center, updating equipment in classrooms, the laundry room, and kitchen to further support the center’s community members.
- **Ashland, Ore.:** Transform a public space in downtown Ashland into an immersive storytelling destination that pairs a John Pugh Trompe L’oeil mural with interactive AI to connect residents and visitors to the city’s rich history.
- **Stroudsburg, Pa.:** Revitalize a historic school building into a vibrant community hub where families and children can access essential resources for education, health and employment.
- **Bristol, Tenn.:** Expand access to brand new free books, Wi-Fi and educational resources to underserved communities in Appalachia, with the addition of a traveling book mobile, serving as a literacy hub and mobile community center, promoting learning, digital inclusion and community connection.
- **Loudon, Tenn.:** Improve the Public Library at Tellico Village drainage system to prevent future water damage to the building due to flooding, ensuring that the library can continue to serve the community.
- **Rio Grande City, Texas:** Launch the renovation of the Hope and Help Center of Starr County, to enhance facilities and expand access to essential services for families across Starr County.
- **Rocky Mount, Va.:** Purchase and install 12 AEDs and 10 all-weather protective enclosures at high-traffic county parks to enhance rapid access to life-saving defibrillation and improve emergency response outcomes.

2. ART IN THE PARK AND CAR SHOW

Cruizin' the Century

River Cruizers[®] INC.



Rt. 66 Centennial Car Show

On the street in front of El Garces Hotel • Needles, CA

Show your car \$20 • Register at the Show

Saturday
March 28, 2026
9am - 2pm CA Time

River Cruizers welcomes all makes & models
of cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

100th Anniversary
of Route 66 2026

- Show Plaques
- 50/50 Drawing
- T-shirt Sales
- Food Trucks

For show info:

Dave Hasenwinkle cell (206) 947-0997

Danny Moran cell (909) 226-7437

Thank you for helping us support our community!

More events in the park: River Valley Art Guild • Friends of El Garces

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

THIRD ANNUAL

ART in the PARK

AT EL GARCES, NEEDLES, CA

River Valley Artists Guild, Inc.

Needles Art In The Park Show & Sale

Show dates: March 25-28, 2026

Applications: artguildRVAG.com/workshops

Application Deadline Monday, March 16

Submit Your
Route 66
100th Anniversary
Artwork



River Valley
Artists
Guild

Questions Contact: Victoria 951-334-8454 or memberrvag@gmail.com

3. TRIPEPI SMITH MARKETING



4. OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING



Stickers (Year-Round Use)

- A. Nonresident OHV Permit
- For out-of-state vehicles
- Yellow OHV permit sticker
- Valid for 1 year

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4. OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING



Ellen Campbell
Vice Mayor

5. NEEDLES BRIDGE EMERGENCY



6. CITY AWNING PROJECT



7. AQUATICS CENTER



8. CITY BEAUTIFICATION



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NO
ALCOHOL
BEVERAGES
ORD. SECTION 15A-6

PET WASTE
TRANSMITS DISEASE
LEASH AND CLEAN
UP AFTER
YOUR PET



PLEASE KEEP
THIS AREA
CLEAN

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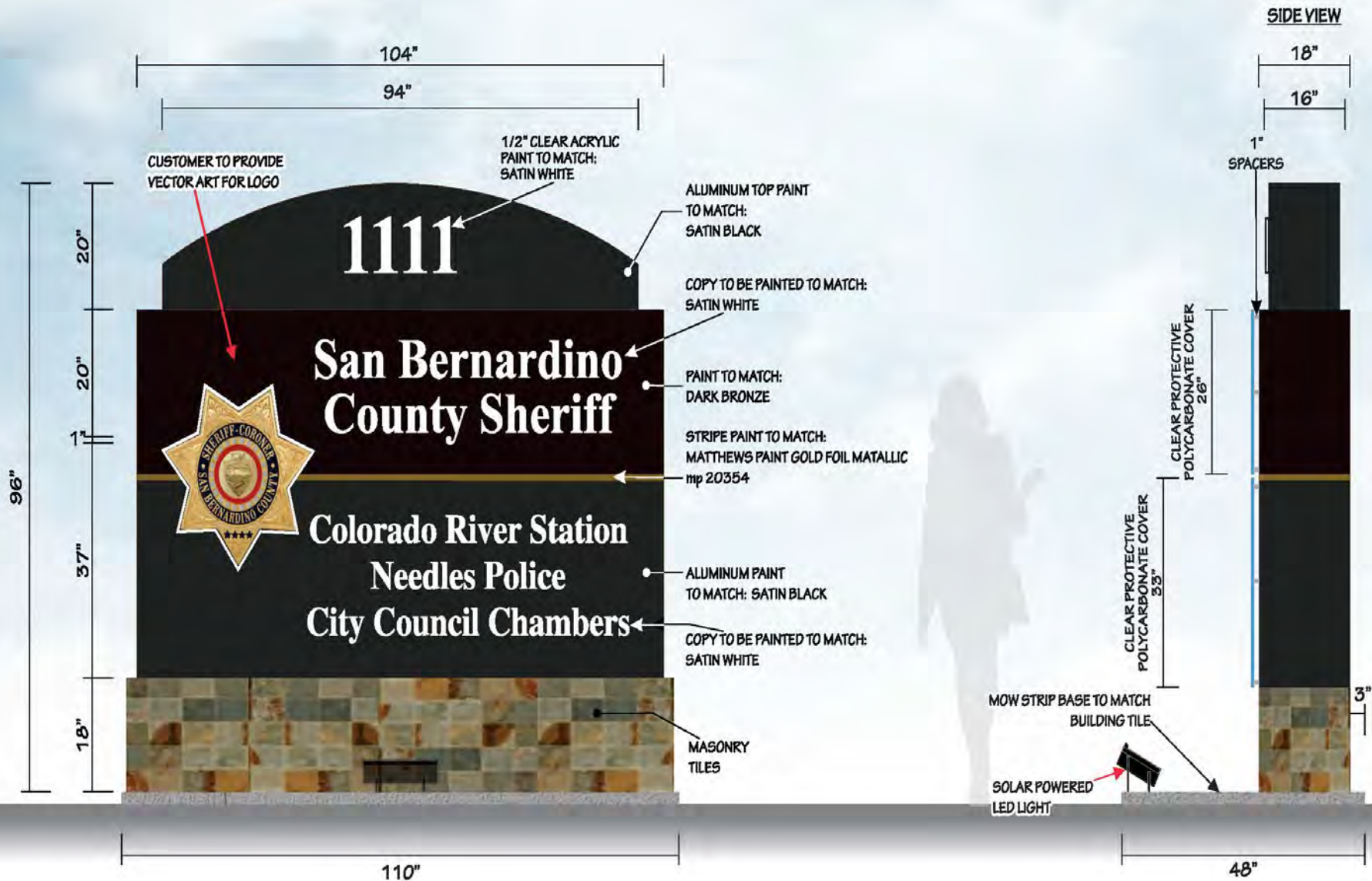
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9. SHERIFF/COUNCIL CHAMBERS SIGN



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10. DAR FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Who can use the Ft. Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

The shuttle is for everyone and can be used for any type of trip – shopping, medical appointments or to connect with other transportation.

Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis.



Where can you go on the Shuttle

The shuttle serves shopping, medical and other destinations within a limited area of Fort Mohave and Bullhead City. You can be dropped off and picked up within the area shown on the map inside this brochure. All destinations must be within 1 mile of Hwy 95 and no further north than Silver Creek Road. Popular destinations include:

- **Ft. Mohave** – Walmart, Safeway, Smith's, CVS and Valley View Medical Center
- **Bullhead City** – Target, Walmart, Smart & Final and numerous medical facilities

When making a reservation, be prepared to provide your desired destination.

Other Transit Services in Needles



Needles Dial-a-Ride Specialized Transportation Service

The Needles Dial-a-Ride provides curb-to-curb service within the Needles city limits for seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities. It operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM. The fare is \$1.25 per one-way trip and exact cash is required. Riders going to the Senior Center for lunch pay a discounted fare of only \$1.25 per round trip.

To register for Dial-a-Ride or request a ride, call 760-326-4789. Rides are requested on the day you wish to travel.



Needles Area Transit

NAT provides deviated fixed-route bus service hourly, Monday through Saturday. You can catch the bus at a bus stop or request a deviation to pick you up at your curb (available as time allows). Regular fare is \$1.35 from a bus stop, \$2.00 with a deviation. Seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities ride for \$1.25 or \$1.90 with a deviation (requires City issued photo ID). Call 1-866-669-6309 for deviation services.

Complete information about DAR and NAT transportation services can be found at www.needlestransit.com or their respective Riders Guide.



760-326-4789
www.needlestransit.com



Shuttle Service Between Needles, Ft. Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Effective July 1, 2025



A City of Needles project operated by
Transportation Concepts

760-326-4789
www.needlestransit.com



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760-326-2113, ext 115
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

10. DAR FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Route and Service Area



How to Make a Reservation for the Shuttle

Prepaid advance reservation is required no later than 11 AM the day prior to taking a trip.

Reservations can be made for any trip during the current month or for the next month during the last week of the current month. The service operates on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. Call the Needles Senior Center at **760-326-4789** for information or to schedule a trip.

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Be prepared to tell us your Arizona destination and return time.

If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.

Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

Shuttle Service Between Needles, Fort Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday,
2 round trips per day

Available to everyone, by prepaid advance reservation

Serving:

- Grocery Stores
- Drugstores
- Walmart
- Medical Centers and Offices

Shuttle Schedule

Precise pickup and drop off times in Fort Mohave and Bullhead City will depend on the number of riders and their destinations. The time ranges shown in the schedule below provide a window for use in scheduling appointments. Be sure to schedule your appointments after the drop-off window for your location.

Needles to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City		
Leave Needles	Drop Off in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Bullhead City
8:15 AM	8:35-8:55 AM	9:05-9:20 AM
11:30 AM	11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	12:20-12:35 PM

Bullhead City and Fort Mohave to Needles		
Pickup in Bullhead City	Pickup in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Needles
10:15-10:30 AM	10:35-10:55 AM	11:15 AM
1:15-1:30 PM	1:40-2:00 PM	2:20 PM

Roundtrip Fare from Needles

(exact cash is required)

Destinations in Fort Mohave (Zone 1) \$9.00

Destinations in Bullhead City (Zone 2) \$12.00

Where to Catch the Shuttle

You will catch the shuttle at El Garces West Parking Lot, 950 Front Street in Needles.

Guidelines for Riding the Shuttle

Holidays

The Shuttle operates Tuesdays and Thursdays except official holidays. These include New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Rules of the Road

We try to serve as many people as possible, on a space-available basis. Please help us by following these guidelines.

- If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.
- The driver is unable to assist with boarding and deboarding so if you need assistance, please plan to have someone accompany you (fare applies).
- No more than two grocery bags and one case per passenger will be allowed. The driver cannot help loading or unloading them from the vehicle.
- There is no smoking, eating or drinking on the vehicle.
- No loud talking, loud radios and/or use of profanity. This infringes on others' rights.
- Talk to the driver only when necessary. The driver must concentrate on driving and be 100% focused at all times for the safety of all concerned.
- The City of Needles and its contract operator, Transportation Concepts, reserve the right to refuse service to any person that it feels it cannot transport safely or who may jeopardize the safe transport of others.

11. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER ALERT



CANINE PARVOVIRUS **IS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Multiple cases have been reported locally. **Protect your dogs now!**

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS?

- A highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that affects dogs—especially puppies and unvaccinated dogs.

HOW TO PREVENT PARVO

- Vaccinate your dog
- Avoid dog parks/public areas if unvaccinated
- Keep puppies away from unknown dogs
- Disinfect shoes, yards, and surfaces

SIGNS TO WATCH FOR

- Lethargy (low energy)
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Severe diarrhea (often bloody)
- Fever or low body temperature


 *If your dog shows these signs, seek veterinary care immediately.*

LOW-COST VACCINES AVAILABLE

DA2PP Vaccines — **ONLY \$20** per shot

 **Needles Animal Shelter**
1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy
Needles, CA 92363

 **Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

 **(760) 326-4952**



 **PROTECT YOUR PET. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.** 
Vaccinate today!

12. PUBLIC INPUT GRANT

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) GRANT APPLICATION

PUBLIC INPUT REQUEST – CITY OF NEEDLES

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OHV ACCESS IN NEEDLES

The City of Needles is seeking community input as part of its application to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant Program (Cycle G26).

The City has submitted a \$995,911 grant application for the proposed:

OHMV STAGING AREA PROJECT



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Designated trailer parking
- Reduced roadside staging and congestion
- Protection of natural resources and habitat
- Improved ADA accessibility
- Restroom and sanitation facilities
- Enhanced traffic flow and safety

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project supports the City's 9.20-mile OHMV route network, connecting BLM trails to local businesses, including fuel, lodging, and services.

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS

SCAN HERE



OR Visit:

- https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrams_ohmvr/User/home.aspx
- Select "Review Preliminary Applications"
- Choose "Needles OHMV Staging Area Project"
- Submit your comments

CONTACT INFORMATION

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13. COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP RODEO



PRESENTS THE

48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS 1001 SAN CLEMENTE STREET

* RODEO DANCE *

"Littletown"

Presented by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe



* SPECIAL EVENTS *

- # Junior Barrel Race presented by Campbell Redi-Mix
Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 to register.
- # 8th Annual Cornhole Tourney
Call Wade Evans at 760-220-1039
- # Local Contestants -
Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 from March 1-27
- # Mutton Bustin' - call Judy Thornton at 760-333-5255



* THE RODEO STORE *

March 30-April 2
920 W. Broadway in Needles
10am-4pm

* TICKETS *

- Ages 5 and under - free
- Ages 6-17 - \$5
- Ages 18 and over - \$10

PRESALE TICKETS

- 2-Day Adults - \$15
- 2-Day Kids - \$5
- Rodeo Store only

Coordinated by Needles Rodeo Association

Facebook at Needles Rodeo/CRRU

needlesrodeo@outlook.com www.needlesrodeo.com

For more info, call Judy Thornton @ 760-333-5255

(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED)



48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL

- 4 PM: GATES AND VENDORS OPEN
- 6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"
RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

SATURDAY, APRIL

- 9 AM: GATES OPEN
RODEO SLACK
CORNHOLE TOURNEY REGISTRATION
- 10 AM: CORNHOLE TOURNEY PRESENTED BY
THE HUNTER FAMILY
- 1 PM: JUNIOR BARREL RACE PRESENTED BY
CAMPBELL REDI-MIX
- 1-3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN' REGISTRATION
- 3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN'
- 6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"
RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

VIP AREA
Presented by

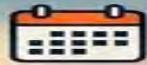


Presented by Needles Rodeo Association
(No outside alcohol permitted)

14. BEAT THE HEAT EVENT

NEEDLES COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTS

BEAT THE HEAT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026



6:00 PM | UNDER THE LIGHTS



JO JO GARCIA MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX

**PLAY | CHEER | SUPPORT
THE COMMUNITY!**

- WE NEED YOU! -



TEAMS: All skill levels welcome!

VOLUNTEERS: Help make it happen!

SPONSORS: Showcase your business!

VENDORS & FOOD: Fun for the whole family!

**ALL PROFITS BENEFIT THE YOUTH
OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

CONTACT TENA @ 760-985-4050

15. NUSD HIGHSCHOOL FUNDRAISER



16. PALO VERDE 5K RUN



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17. C.R.A.G.S. OPENING CEREMONIES



18. EASTER EGG HUNT

5,000 Eggs
Gift Baskets & prizes

NEEDLES, CA

Easter

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY- APRIL 4

9:00-10:00 AM

Hunt starts at 9:30

Jack Smith Park

1000 River Rd, Needles, CA

**FACE PAINTING & PHOTOS WITH
THE EASTER BUNNY**

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19. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET EXTENSION

NOW EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL !!



SANTA FE PARK
950 FRONT ST. NEEDLES, CA
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 8AM - 12PM PST

TODAY IS MARKET DAY!

**NEEDLES
SUNDAY
MARKET**

8AM ~ Noon
Santa Fe Park • Needles, CA

