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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2024

1. The City of Needles proudly took center stage at the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) conference from **May 19-21, 2024**. City officials, in partnership with our Economic Development Consultant, passionately showcased Needles as a vibrant and promising hub for investment. Retailers, developers, and brokers discovered the boundless opportunities our city offers. Check out the attached image of our dynamic conference booth!
2. On **Friday, May 24, 2024**, the San Bernardino County Sheriff, City Staff, and dedicated community volunteers united for the 13th Annual "Decoration Day" at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. Together, they honored our veterans by adorning their gravesites with traditional white crosses and American flags, paying tribute to their selfless service to our country. See the attached photo of our committed law enforcement team. Join us for a heartfelt Memorial Day service at the cemetery on **Monday, May 27, at 11:00 a.m.**
3. City Hall will be closed on **Monday, May 27, 2024**, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular operations will resume on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024 starting at 8:30 AM**. For emergencies, don't hesitate to contact City Staff directly at 760-326-5700. Our after-hours answering service will promptly direct your call to the appropriate staff member. Please refer to the attached flyer placed on the front door of City Hall for residents' awareness.  
  
As we prepare for the influx of tourists to our community, Code Enforcement will actively patrol and manage parking enforcement at Jack Smith Park (JSP). The City's Parks and Rec and Public Works Department will also diligently maintain city facilities to ensure a welcoming environment. Refer to the attached image of the city crew raising the American flag at JSP.
4. On **Wednesday, March 22, 2024**, City Officials proudly honored Kriket Glass for her exceptional dedication and volunteer services at Lynn's Garden at 1661 J Street across from the Recreation Center. The City of Needles Mayor presented Kriket with a plaque of appreciation. Lynn's Garden is a vibrant community garden that

provides our youth with educational opportunities to learn about nutrition and how to grow vegetables and fruits. This initiative not only fosters healthy eating habits but also strengthens community bonds. Refer to the attached images of the celebration.

5. Congratulations to Adrian Chavez, City of Needles Code Enforcement Officer and Needles High School Girls Basketball Coach, for winning the Tri-State Athletics Community and Education Stars (TRACES) Coach of the Year award. We also celebrate Rylie Willis, a Needles High School senior, for being selected as the Female Athlete of the Year. Successful sports programs like these are integral to our economic development strategy, attracting more families to our city and enhancing our community's overall appeal. See the attached image of the award received.
6. Get ready for the highly anticipated Opening Day of the Needles Aquatics Center on **June 1, 2024!** Residents can look forward to various activities, including lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, and open swimming. The Needles Aquatics Center, located at 1101 Civic Center Dr, Needles, CA 92363, promises fun and fitness for all ages. For the pool schedule and pricing, visit [the City of Needles website](#). City Staff has worked diligently to enhance the experience for residents, making significant maintenance improvements to the water slide. Check out the attached images to see the upgrades!
7. The Sheriff's Colorado River Station will be conducting Memorial Day Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations **Friday May 24, 2024 through Monday May 27, 2024**. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will be involved in enhanced patrol activities near and on the waterways of the Colorado River, patrolling by land, water, and air. Deputies will be deployed from the Nevada State line to the Riverside County line and will be monitoring the waterway for operators operating watercraft under the influence or in a reckless manner. All California boat operators 16-60 years old are required to have in their possession a California Boater [Education Card](#) issued by the CA Division of Boating and Waterways. For press releases, news, and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter/X @CORiverStation or Facebook and Instagram at SBCSDColoradoRiverStation.
8. The City Staff is thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the reopening of Jolted Coffee Arcade! Located at 109 F Street, Jolted offers a full coffee shop experience, from rich espressos and refreshing frappuccino to iced coffees and customized energy drinks. This beloved local spot is back and better than ever! Visit their [website](#) for more information, and check out the attached image of their vibrant shop space. Let's show our support and enjoy some fantastic beverages at Jolted Coffee Arcade!
9. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**
  - **Palo Verde College Graduation, Thursday May 30, 2024 at 3pm.** A pinning ceremony will take place for the phlebotomy students at 1pm.
  - **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday June 7, 2024 at 7am.**

# 1. ICSC 2024





## 2. DECORATION DAY





### 3. CITY HALL CLOSED



**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY MAY 27, 2024,  
FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY  
MAY 28, 2024, AT 8:30 A.M.**

### 3. MEMORIAL DAY



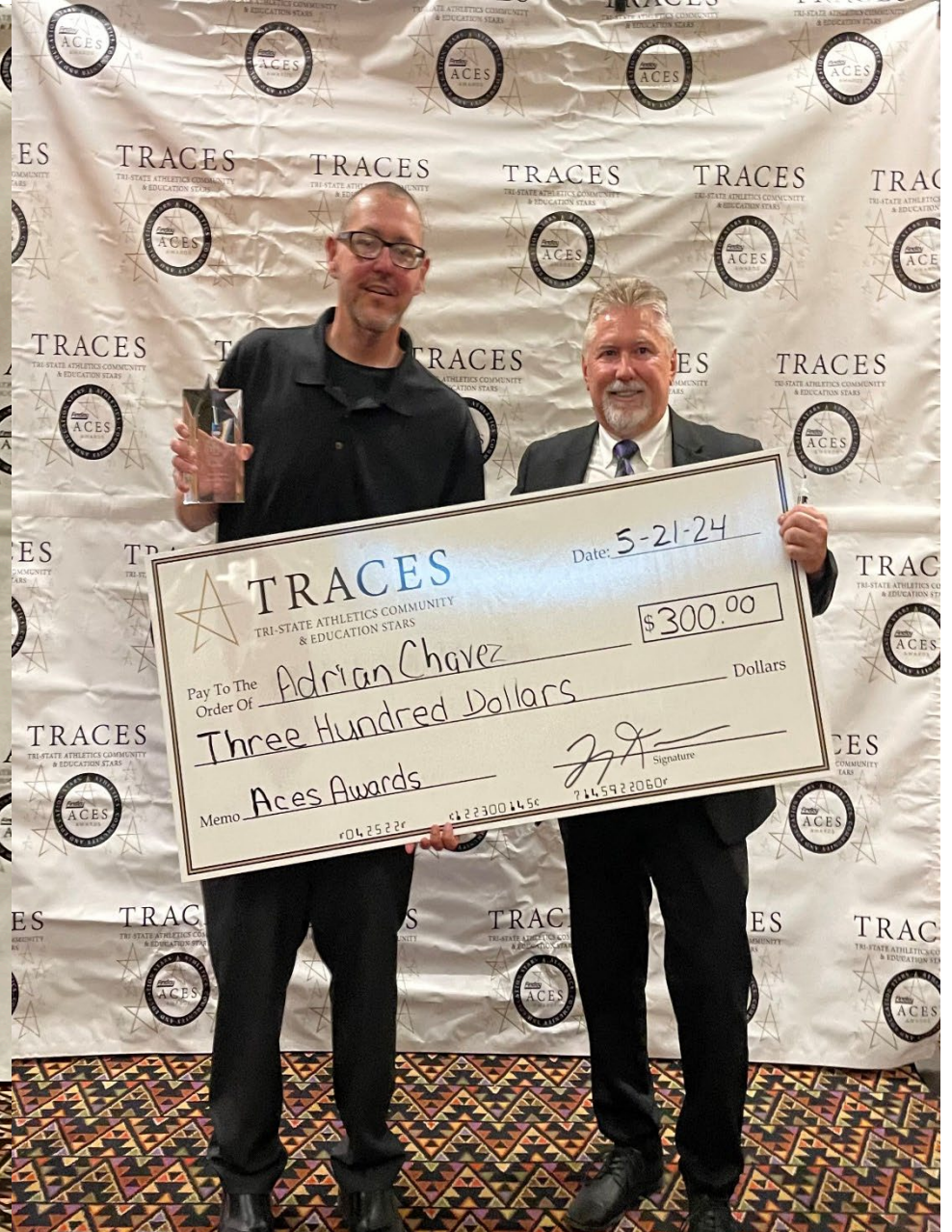


## 4. HONORING KRIKIT GLASS



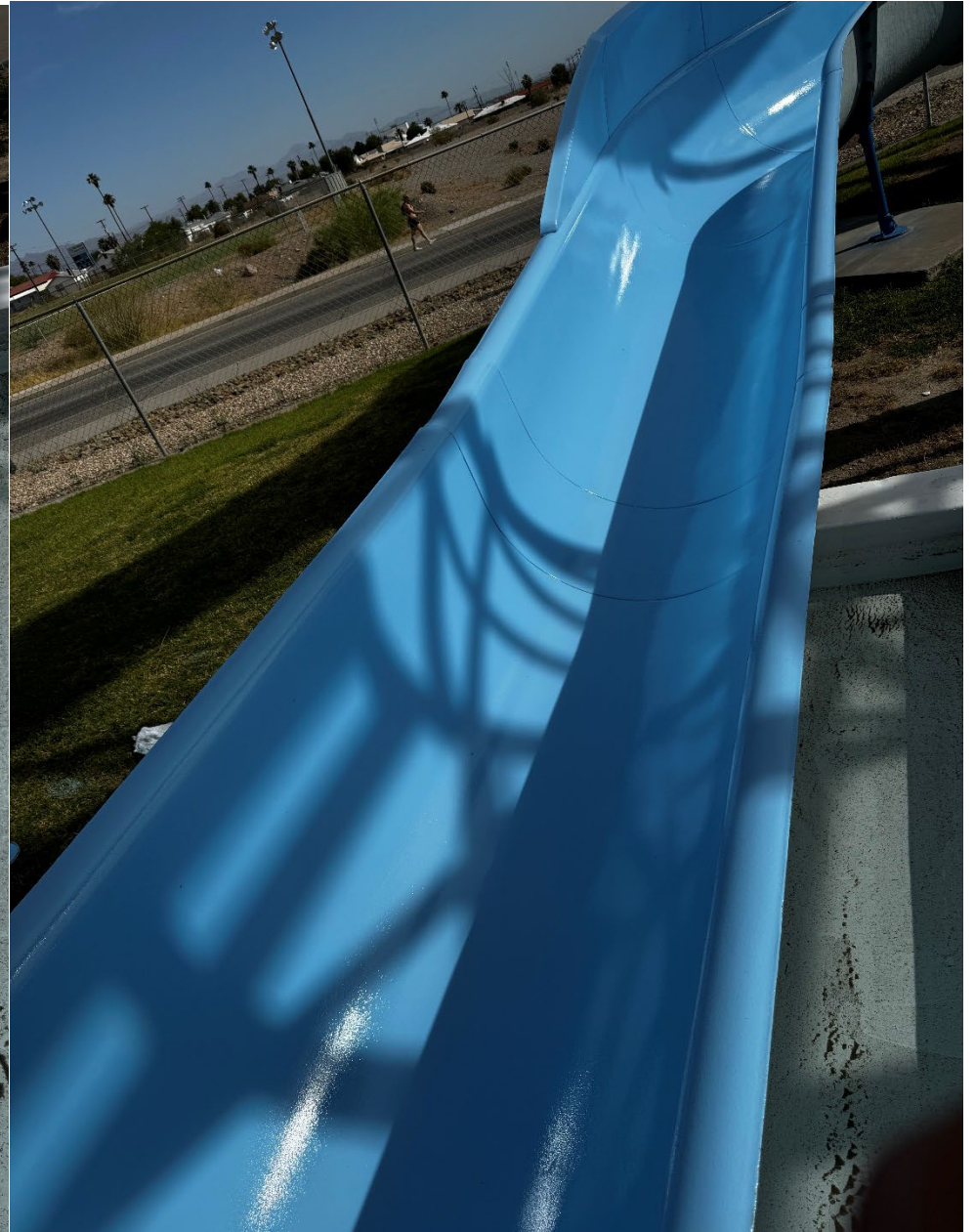


## 5. TRACES COACH AWARD





## 6. NEEDLES AQUATICS CENTER SLIDE





## 8. JOLTED

