



# City of Needles

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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

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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 23, 2025

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1. Mayor Jernigan, Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember McCorkle, and the City Manager proudly represented the City of Needles at the **2025 ICSC Las Vegas** convention, held **May 18–20** at the Las Vegas Convention Center. This premier gathering of retail and commercial real estate professionals provided an exciting platform to spotlight Needles as a **pro-growth, business-friendly community** with **strategic access to Interstate 40** and **over 23,000 vehicles passing through daily**. We showcased our **growing community** and the unique opportunities we offer along the **Colorado River**, with a focus on attracting **retailers, hotel developers, and destination-driven investment**. The delegation participated in targeted meetings to market available sites and promote the city's development potential. The relationships and insights gained at ICSC will directly support our efforts to **fill commercial vacancies, expand economic opportunity**, and strengthen Needles' position as a rising destination in the Southwest.
2. A **special event** will be held on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025**, to celebrate the **grand opening of Krispy Krunchy Chicken** at **West Side Chevron** located at 2321 Needles Hwy. This event marks a significant milestone in the City's ongoing efforts to support **local business development** and **enhance dining options** for residents and visitors. We invite the community to welcome this exciting new addition to **Needles' growing economy**. More details about the event will be shared soon—**stay tuned! Refer to the attached flyer for more information.**
3. On **May 22, 2025**, **Mayor Jernigan** and **Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell** attended the **Inland Empire Tourism Regional Summit**, joining **regional leaders, Discover IE members, and industry professionals** to discuss **tourism trends**, the upcoming **Route 66 Centennial**, and strategies to attract **international visitors**. This participation aligns with the **City Council's goal to promote tourism and recreation** as key **economic drivers**. The summit provided a platform to **showcase Needles**, engage in **idea exchange**, and strengthen the city's role in **regional tourism initiatives**. **Photos** of the city's booth and participation are **attached**.

4. As part of the **City Council's commitment to enhancing public amenities**, the **new drinking fountain at Jack Smith Park was successfully installed this week**. The project included completing a **¾" water line** and a concrete foundation, providing park visitors with improved access to clean drinking water just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. This upgrade reflects ongoing efforts to invest in high-use community spaces and support a **healthier, more welcoming environment** for residents and guests.
5. The **City of Needles** proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of the **Needles High School Girls' Softball and Boys' Baseball teams**, which competed at the **2025 NIAA Class 2A State Championships at Pershing County High School**. The **Girls' Team brought home the State Championship**, while the **Boys' Team finished as State Runners-up**—a remarkable showing that reflects their talent, determination, and sportsmanship. The **City Council** congratulates the athletes, coaches, school staff, and families for their dedication and leadership. These accomplishments align with the Council's goal to **support youth and families** through **recreation, education, and community pride** investments. Thank you to all that came out to welcome our student athletes. **Photos are attached**, capturing the highlights of this memorable achievement and celebration.
6. We're pleased to welcome **Kimberly Buckley**, a **Mental Health Specialist** with the **Department of Behavioral Health**, to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station**. As part of the **Triage, Engagement, and Support Team (TEST)**, Kimberly will assist with **crisis intervention**, connect individuals to **housing, employment, and treatment resources**, and support deputies with **mental health evaluations** in the field. Her work directly supports the **City Council's goal of fostering a healthy, family-friendly community** by improving behavioral health response and enhancing public safety.
7. On **Friday, May 23, 2025**, the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, City Officials Mayor Jernigan and Councilmember Belt, City staff**, and **dedicated community volunteers** united for the **14th 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. Refer to the attached photo for a glimpse into the event. Join us for a **heartfelt Memorial Day service** at the cemetery on **Monday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m.**, with a **second volunteer effort at 4:00 p.m.** to assist with **flag and cross removal**.
8. **City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025**, in observance of **Memorial Day**. **Regular operations will resume on Tuesday, May 27, 2025**, starting at **8:30 AM**. For **emergencies**, please get in touch with 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 posted on the front door of City Hall for residents' awareness.

9. The **Spring 2025 Pet Vaccination & Licensing Clinic**, held on Saturday, **May 17, 2025**, at the City of Needles Animal Shelter, **was a success and well attended by residents**. Led by Dr. Joseph Velasco in partnership with **PetSmart Veterinary Services**, the event provided low-cost vaccinations, microchipping, and on-site dog licensing. This effort supports the City Council's goal of fostering a **healthy, family-friendly environment** by promoting **responsible pet ownership**, enhancing **public health**, and strengthening **community engagement**. In addition to public health services, the Needles Animal Shelter **is a haven for animals seeking loving homes**. Dogs currently available for adoption include **Hazel, Roxie, Penelope, Buddy, Gigi, and Ranger**—each vaccinated and ready to meet their forever families. With an adoption fee of just **\$59**, our team is available **Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, to assist with the adoption process. **Refer to the attached flyer and images for details and a glimpse of the event and adoptable pets**. Contact the shelter at **760-326-4952** to schedule a visit.
10. The Needles Public Health Clinic, operated by San Bernardino County and located at **1406 Bailey Ave., Suite D**, continues to provide essential services to our residents, including **primary care, pediatrics, immunizations, reproductive health, and TB testing**. Open **Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM**, the clinic accepts Medi-Cal, Medicare, and IEHP and accepts new patients. This resource directly supports the **City Council's goal of fostering a healthy, family-friendly environment** by expanding local access to preventative care and public health services. **Please refer to the attached flyer for more details**.
11. The **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station** will conduct **Memorial Day Marine Enforcement Patrols** from **Friday, May 23, through Monday, May 26, 2025**, along the Colorado River from the **Nevada state line to the Riverside County line**. Deputies will patrol by **land, water, and air**, targeting **impaired and reckless boating** while enforcing key **safety laws**—including **life jacket use** for children under 13, **transom/bow riding**, the **blue light no-wake rule**, and mandatory **equipment checks**. All boat operators ages **16 to 60** are required to carry a valid **California Boater Education Card**. This high-visibility operation supports the **City Council's public safety goals** and helps ensure a **safe and enjoyable holiday weekend** for residents and visitors alike. For updates, follow **@CORiverStation** on **X, Facebook, and Instagram**, or contact **Sergeant Travis Vessells** at **(760) 326-9200**.
12. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**  
City staff have **carefully curated a comprehensive community events calendar** to inform residents about **Needles' diverse activities and happenings**. The community events calendar can now **be found on the Needles Connect App!** Organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk's Office** to add or update events, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive calendar. For contributions or modifications, please get in touch with Candace Clark at [cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com). Your active participation helps strengthen our community and enrich local experiences. Check the attached calendar for the remaining 2025 events and stay engaged with all Needles offers!



# 1. ICSC 2025





## 2. GRAND OPENING KRISPY KRUNCHY CHICKEN

### FAMILY MEALS

*Best value!*

#### Chicken + Tenders

12-pc Chicken  
6 Tenders  
6 Biscuits  
Family Wedges

#### Chicken

12-pc Chicken  
6 Biscuits  
Family Wedges

#### Tenders

12 Tenders  
6 Biscuits  
Family Wedges

*Craving more?*  
**Chicken *OR* Tenders**  
8-pc / 12-pc / 16-pc



**HONEY BUTTER  
SHRIMP**  
5-pc / 10-pc

### SIDES



*Customer favorite!*

Honey Biscuits / Wedges  
Mac & Cheese / Jambalaya  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Red Beans & Rice



Scan here to find a location near you! ▶▶



Please call **30 minutes**  
ahead for large orders

Menu items may vary by location. © 2025 Krispy Krunchy Foods, LLC



**YOU EITHER KNOW HOW GOOD  
IT IS OR YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT.**

### HAND BREADED CHICKEN

2-pc / 3-pc / 4-pc

#### Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit  
Chicken + Biscuit Option Available



### HAND BREADED TENDERS

3-pc / 4-pc / 6-pc

#### Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit  
Tenders + Biscuit Option Available



1<sup>st</sup> Sauce  
FREE with  
Tenders  
& Nuggets!

Original, Sweet & Sour, Barbecue,  
Honey Mustard, Ranch, Buffalo

### CHICKEN NUGGETS

6-pc / 10-pc

#### Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit  
Nuggets + Biscuit Option Available



### CAJUN CHICKEN SANDWICH



### WINGS

Krispy, Buffalo  
or Sweet & Sour

5-pc / 10-pc / 20-pc





### 3. REGIONAL SUMMIT 2025





## 4. BEAUTIFICATION





## 5. NUSD STATE CHAMPS



Photo Source: NUSD



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## 7. DECORATION DAY





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## 7. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

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# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Remembering and  
honoring all who served

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**NEEDLES RIVERVIEW CEMETERY**



## **8. CITY HALL CLOSED**



**THIS OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY MAY 26, 2025,  
FOR MEMORIAL DAY. WE WILL  
REOPEN ON TUESDAY MAY 27, 2025,  
AT 8:30 A.M.**



## 9. ANIMAL SHELTER





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***Needles Animal Shelter***



***Adopt Us***



**HAZEL**

SHARPEI/PITBULL MIX  
APROX 2 YEARS OLD  
SPAYED & VACCINATED



**ROXIE**

PITBULL/LAB MIX  
APROX 8 MONTHS OLD  
VACCINATED  
NOT SPAYED



**PENELOPE**

SHEPHERD/LAB MIX  
9 MONTHS  
VACCINATED  
NOT SPAYED



**BUDDY**

RETRIEVER MIX  
APROX 5 YEARS OLD  
VACCINATED  
NEUTERED



**GIGI**

BOXER MIX  
APROX 2 YEARS OLD  
VACCINATED  
NOT SPAYED



**RANGER**

HEELER  
APROX 2 YEAR OLD  
VACCINATED  
NOT FIXED

CONTACT US 760-326-4952

1662 Flip Mendez PKWY  
Needles, CA 92363



**FOR ALL UNALTERED DOGS –  
A SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER WILL BE GIVEN  
AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION.**



# 10. SB COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC



Public Health  
Clinic Operations

## THE NEEDLES PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC WELCOMES YOU

Located at:

**1406 Bailey Ave., Ste. D  
Needles**

Hours of Operation:

**Mon. – Thurs.  
7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

### OUR SERVICES:

- ✓ Primary Care
- ✓ TB Skin Testing
- ✓ Reproductive Health
- ✓ Pediatrics
- ✓ Immunizations

Medi-Cal, Medicare, and IEHP is accepted.

**\*Accepting new patients**



**CONTACT US**  
**(760) 326 – 9230**





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# 11. MARINE ENFORCEMENT

## Enforcement Patrol Operations Over Memorial Day Weekend

For Immediate Release  
May 16, 2026  
Sgt. Travis Vessells  
760-326-9200

The Colorado River Station will be conducting Memorial Day Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations on Friday May 23rd through Monday May 26th. 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. Deputies will also be closely watching for children under the age of 13 without personal floatation devices (PFD's) while aboard vessels.

The law requires all persons under the age of 13, while onboard a vessel, wear a personal floatation device. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department encourages all persons to wear personal floatation devices while on the waterways as it is a proven fact personal floatation devices save lives.

Other violations commonly seen by marine patrol deputies are transom/bow riding and blue light violations. With the increasing popularity of wake boarding, wake surfing, and tubing, deputies are noticing an increase of people on boats who are transom riding. All persons on board a boat while underway (not moored or at anchor) shall be within the confines of the vessel so the risk of falling overboard or being struck by a propeller is greatly reduced. The blue light law requires all vessels approaching a law enforcement vessel with activated blue lights to come off plane and pass at a no wake speed so not to endanger the deputies during the stop and to reduce the chance of damaging boats.

Deputies will be conducting carriage equipment inspections of all boats stopped for violations. These carriage requirements include; a type IV throwable PFD immediately available, enough PFD's for every person on board the vessel readily accessible, a servicable fire extinguisher and a sounding device.

All California boat operators are required to have in their possession a California Boater Education Card issued by the CA Division of Boating and Waterways. For information on obtaining a card go to <http://californiaboardercard.com/>.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to providing a safe boating atmosphere for the public and urges everyone to boat sober and wear their life jackets. For more information regarding safe boating practices, visit the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways web site at [www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov).

For press releases, news and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter at: @CORiverStation, Facebook @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation and/or Instagram @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation

Refer: Travis Vessells, Sergeant  
Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit  
Phone No: (760) 326-9200

SHANNON DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner  
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department

**Address/Location**  
[SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department](#)  
1111 Bailey Ave  
Needles, CA 92363

**Contact**  
Emergency: 9-1-1