



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: April 25, 2025

1. The **Needles Women's Club** will host the **95th Annual Tri-State Flower Show** tomorrow, **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, at the **Needles Women's Clubhouse**, located at **305 W. Broadway**. Entries will be accepted from **8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**, followed by judging until noon and public viewing from **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Admission is free and open to the public. The event will feature a variety of **flower, herb, and garden displays**, along with an **Opportunity Drawing** and **Plant Sale**. **Children's entries are welcome**, encouraging participation from young gardeners. This long-standing community tradition directly supports the **City Council's goals to enhance community engagement and celebrate local creativity**.
2. The **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)** has released updated **Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ)** maps as required under **Government Code 51178**. The **City of Needles** has been designated **Moderate**, the **lowest possible hazard rating** under the state's classification system. Since **joining the San Bernardino County Fire District in 2015**, the Fire District has been responsible for managing fire protection services for the City, including oversight of the FHSZ mapping and public review process. In compliance with state law, the required public comment link has been posted on the **City of Needles website: [Fire Hazard Severity Zone Public Comment Portal](#)**. All public comments submitted through this portal will be collected and reviewed by the **San Bernardino County Fire District** before the formal reading and adoption of the ordinance. Participation in this process directly supports the **City Council's goals of enhancing public safety, ensuring compliance with state regulations, and promoting community resilience**. A copy of the official correspondence from the **State Fire Marshal** is attached for reference.
3. **Yesterday, Thursday, April 24, 2025**, the **City of Needles Utility Department** successfully responded to a **6-inch water main break on Coronado Street**. Water service had been temporarily shut down on **Desoto Street, Carty Way**, and parts of **Coronado Street**. Still, the team **efficiently completed repairs**

and **restored full water service within a few hours**. Swift and effective response to incidents like this is critical to **protecting public health, ensuring reliable infrastructure, and minimizing disruptions to residents and businesses**. These efforts directly support the **City Council's goals to maintain essential services, enhance community resilience, and improve the overall quality of life across Needles**. The **City of Needles** thanks the **Utility Department** for their **professionalism and quick action** in successfully resolving the issue. Residents are encouraged to report water leaks by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#).

4. This week, community members, City officials, and City staff gathered to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the **Phase IV-B Street Improvement Project** at the intersection of "G" Street and Broadway Street. Construction activities began earlier, with **grinding operations starting Monday** and **paving commencing Tuesday**. The project, funded through **local cannabis tax revenues**, represents a **\$1.4 million investment** to enhance road safety, reduce maintenance costs, and improve driving conditions. **Phase IV-B improvements include Desoto Street, El Monte Street, Carty Way, Carty Circle, Carty Place, I Street, H Street, G Street, Crestview Drive, La Mesa Way, and the Senior Center Parking Lot**. This effort is part of the City's 15-year **Pavement Management Plan**, adopted in 2019, which has already resulted in approximately **18 miles of rehabilitated roadway**. Recognizing the need for long-term solutions, the **City Council has allocated \$3.6 million for street improvements this fiscal year**. It has invested **more than \$11 million toward street and infrastructure upgrades since 2020**. The Phase IV-B project directly supports the **City Council's goals** of improving public safety, enhancing quality of life, and ensuring long-term community resilience. **Special thanks** are extended to S. Christensen Engineering, Inc., City staff, and the community for their continued support. **Refer to the attached images for highlights from the event**.
5. As part of the City Council's commitment to **local economic development and strengthening our small business economy**, we are pleased to share several updates that highlight the importance of supporting Needles' businesses:
 - **Hardware Express**, located at **419 W Broadway**, continues to serve the community with a wide variety of products including cleaning supplies, automotive supplies, pool and gardening supplies, irrigation equipment — and even local **Mystic Maze Honey**.
 - **Jolted Coffee Arcade**, located at **109 F Street**, has expanded its offerings and serves **fresh, made-to-order sandwiches**. Customers can order ahead on their website, carry out, or have their food delivered via **DoorDash**.
 - **The Sweet Spot** has officially reopened for the summer season at **1401 Needles Highway**. It will operate daily from **noon to 6:00 p.m.** and offer a variety of cold treats and refreshments.
 - **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** will soon join the Needles business community at the **West Side Chevron (2321 Needles Highway)**.

Planning approval was granted this week, and the business is expected to open in mid-May.

Shopping local matters. Every dollar spent at a Needles business **supports local jobs, keeps tax dollars in our city, and builds a stronger, more resilient economy.** By supporting our small businesses — buying everyday supplies, grabbing a sandwich, or enjoying a local treat — we invest directly into our community's future. **Thank you to the City Council** for your ongoing leadership and commitment to fostering a thriving local economy.

6. The City of Needles proudly welcomes our newest business addition, **Come N Go Food and Fuel, at 301 J Street.** This week marks the long-anticipated reopening of the gas station at the corner of J Street and Third Street — the first time this key location has been operational in years. The return of services at this intersection will reinvigorate activity in the area, drive new economic opportunities, and generate additional sales tax revenue that supports vital city services. This investment directly advances the City Council's goals of strengthening our local economy, revitalizing underutilized spaces, and fostering a more vibrant, business-friendly environment in Needles. We congratulate the owner and look forward to seeing this important corner thrive once again.
7. This week, from **April 21–27, 2025, Route 66 Bike Week** is taking place, celebrating the iconic spirit of the **Mother Road** with riders traveling from **Needles, California to Seligman, Arizona.** This weeklong event showcases the **adventure, freedom, and vibrant culture** of Route 66, drawing visitors from across the country to experience the historic highway. Hosting the start of Route 66 Bike Week is an important opportunity for the **City of Needles.** It supports the **City Council's goals to boost tourism, support local businesses, and enhance the city's reputation** as a gateway to historic Route 66 experiences. Events like this stimulate the local economy through visitor spending on **lodging, dining, fuel, and shopping,** while also reinforcing Needles' place in the growing tourism market tied to **Route 66 heritage and recreation.**
8. The **Needles Pride Program** continues to grow, inspiring residents to take ownership of their neighborhoods, uphold community standards, and build a lasting sense of local pride. This citywide effort remains focused on **beautifying neighborhoods, enhancing public safety, and improving the overall appearance of Needles.** These actions directly support the **City Council's goals to promote community engagement, preserve vital infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life** for everyone who lives, works, and visits our city.

Get involved and make a difference! The next community cleanup is scheduled for **next Saturday, May 3rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.,** focusing on **Park Road and National Trails Highway.** Volunteers will help remove illegal dumping and litter. **Bags, gloves, and pickers will be provided.** Bring your energy and a few friends, and help spread the word. **Volunteers are needed!** This week, **Public Works crews** continued advancing public safety efforts by

trimming trees at **Bob Belt Beach Park** to reduce fire risks — another example of our proactive approach to maintaining safe and welcoming public spaces. Additionally, **City staff** completed **rehabilitation of the shade structures** at the **Needles Aquatics Center**, ensuring residents will have improved shaded areas during the peak summer heat. These improvements directly support the **City Council's goals** to **enhance public safety, invest in recreational amenities, and improve the overall quality of life** in Needles.

These community-driven projects reflect **civic pride in action**, demonstrating our shared commitment to making Needles a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant community. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, sidewalk damage, overgrown vegetation, or other maintenance by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). **Refer to the attached images for a glimpse.**

9. This week, from **April 23–25, 2025**, **Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell** and **Councilmember Pogue** attended the **California League of Cities City Leaders Summit** at the **SAFE Credit Union Convention Center** in Sacramento. The summit served as a key platform for city officials to advocate for Needles' top priorities, including **housing development, protection of local revenues, economic growth, and enhanced public safety**. A major highlight of the summit was the opportunity for **Vice Mayor Campbell** and **Councilmember Pogue** to meet directly with **Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez** and **State Senator Steve Padilla**. These meetings were critical in strengthening Needles' voice at the State Capitol, building relationships with key decision-makers, and advancing legislative support for issues impacting our community's future. In addition to advocacy efforts, the summit provided in-depth sessions on **leadership development, emerging policy challenges, and best practices in municipal governance**, offering valuable opportunities for professional growth and collaboration with peers across the state. Participation in events like the City Leaders Summit directly advances the **City Council's goals** to **strengthen intergovernmental relations, secure legislative support, and position Needles for continued growth and success**. **Refer to the attached images for a glimpse of the summit.**
10. The **City of Needles** is pleased to introduce **Wes Carrico** as the newest **Capital Projects Technician** within our **Development Services Department**. Mr. Carrico has over **20 years of experience** in **new construction, residential, and commercial projects**, which will be invaluable in strengthening our capital projects and helping ensure they are completed **on time and under budget**. His extensive background in construction management will support a **smooth transition** and **enhance the department's ability to serve the community effectively**. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating **Wes Carrico** on his new role with the City of Needles.
11. **The Animal Shelter** successfully held its **bi-annual Spay and Neuter Clinic** this week, providing services to over **40 dogs and cats**. The clinic **sold out quickly** — residents are encouraged to **sign up early next time** to secure a

spot. A sincere **thank you to our Animal Shelter team** for organizing this valuable event, and to **Dr. Angelina Beeks** of **Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Unit**, a trusted partner since **April 2022**. In recognition of her continued support and dedication to animal welfare in our community, **Mayor Jernigan personally thanked Dr. Beeks and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation**. We also extend our appreciation to those who generously **donated to the Animal Shelter**. Thanks to this community support, residents only paid a deposit, with **all services covered by public contributions**. This initiative directly supports the **City Council's goals of enhancing public health, promoting community engagement, and improving quality of life in Needles**. **Refer to the attached image** for more details.

12. Last Saturday, the City of Needles hosted two highly successful community events that advanced the **City Council's civic engagement goals, family-friendly programming, and local economic development**. At **Jack Smith Park**, **Tri-State Community Healthcare** presented the **Third Annual Needles Easter Egg Hunt**, featuring over **5,000 Easter eggs**, prize giveaways, face painting, and photos with the Easter Bunny. The event fostered a strong sense of community and was enjoyed by regional families. At **Santa Fe Park**, the **River Community Coalition** and **Firehouse Ministries** hosted the **1st Annual World-Famous Chili Cook-off and Car Show**, featuring chili tastings, live entertainment, K-9 demonstrations, arts and crafts, and a classic car show, helping to activate our downtown corridor and support local economic activity. **The City extends its appreciation to the organizing partners, volunteers, and sponsors** for their efforts in making these events a success. Their contributions reflect the strong community partnerships that continue to move Needles forward. **Refer to the attached images for highlights from both events**.
13. This week, the **City of Needles** proudly honored **Captain Ross Tarangle** for his **38 years of distinguished service** with the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department**, including **15 years** serving the **Needles and Colorado River area** communities. During his retirement celebration, **Mayor Janet Jernigan** presented Captain Tarangle with a **City proclamation**, recognizing his exceptional leadership, commitment to public safety, and lasting contributions. Captain Tarangle began his career on **September 26, 1987**, and was promoted to **Captain of the Colorado River Station** in **July 2013**. On **May 13, 2025**, at the **City Council meeting**, **Lieutenant Jake Gault** will officially succeed Captain Tarangle as the new **Captain of the Colorado River Station**, ensuring continued strong leadership for our community. The City of Needles sincerely thanks Captain Tarangle for his outstanding service and wishes him a happy and well-deserved retirement. **Please see the attached image for a glimpse of the celebration**.
14. On **Saturday, May 3, 2025 — next Saturday — Dance Trax 51**, in collaboration with the **Needles Recreation Center**, will present its annual showcase, *"A Night at the Movies,"* at the **Needles High School Auditorium**. There will be **two performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. Tickets are available

for **\$8 pre-sale** or **\$10 at the door**. This event highlights the talents of local youth and supports the arts within the community. It aligns with the **Needles City Council's goals** to promote **family-oriented programming**, expand **recreational opportunities**, and foster **community pride and engagement**. **Refer to the attached flyer for more information.**

15. Next week, from **May 8–10, 2025**, Needles Unified School District is proud to participate in the **2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Baseball and Softball Championships hosted by Laughlin High School**. The **City of Needles** is committed to supporting regional athletic events that strengthen community ties, promote youth achievement, and enhance our position as a **sports tourism destination**. Hosting and participating in events like these directly advance the **City Council's goals** of fostering community engagement, promoting recreational activities, and encouraging economic vitality through increased visitation. We encourage everyone to **come out and support our student athletes** as they compete for the **Southern League titles**. For more information, please refer to the attached tournament brackets.

16. **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**. 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!

2. CAL FIRE



**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

P.O. Box 944246
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2460
(916) 568-3800
Website: www.fire.ca.gov



March 24, 2025

Dear: City Manager,

Re: Official Transmittal of Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The State Fire Marshal is mandated by Government Code (GC) 51178 to identify levels of fire hazard based on consistent statewide criteria and the expected severity of fire hazards. Government Code 51179 requires the State Fire Marshal to make recommendations of fire hazard severity zones to local agencies, as defined per GC 51177(e), for their designation and adoption by ordinance. This letter serves as the official transmittal of the recommendation. For the Statutory requirements for local adoption please review [California Code, GOV 51179](#).

Your City/County has been identified as having Moderate, High, Very High or a combination of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) within your jurisdiction. The maps and data are available in the FHSZ HUB at <https://fire-hazard-severity-zones-rollout-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Please complete the Public Contact Survey in the FHSZ HUB using the link above. This information will be used for a public Webmap on the CAL FIRE-Office of State Fire Marshal website to guide your constituents to the appropriate contact person or website for the Local Responsibility Area FHSZ in your jurisdiction.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our Team at FHSZinformation@fire.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel Berlant
State Fire Marshal
CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal

3. WATER MAIN BREAK



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4. PHASE IV-B



City of Needles



PHASE IV-B STREET IMPROVEMENTS

CANNABIS
TAX DOLLARS AT WORK
\$1,387,680

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6. COME N GO GAS STATION



8. NEEDLES PRIDE



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9. LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



11. SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC



12. EASTER EGG HUNT



12. CAR SHOW CHILI COOK-OFF



12. CHILI COOK-OFF



13. SBCSD CAPTAIN RETIREMENT



14. DANCE TRAX

Dance Trax 51

PRESENTS



"A Night At The Movies"

WITH

Needles Recreation Center

Saturday May 3, 2025
2:00 pm & 6:00 pm



Needles High School Auditorium

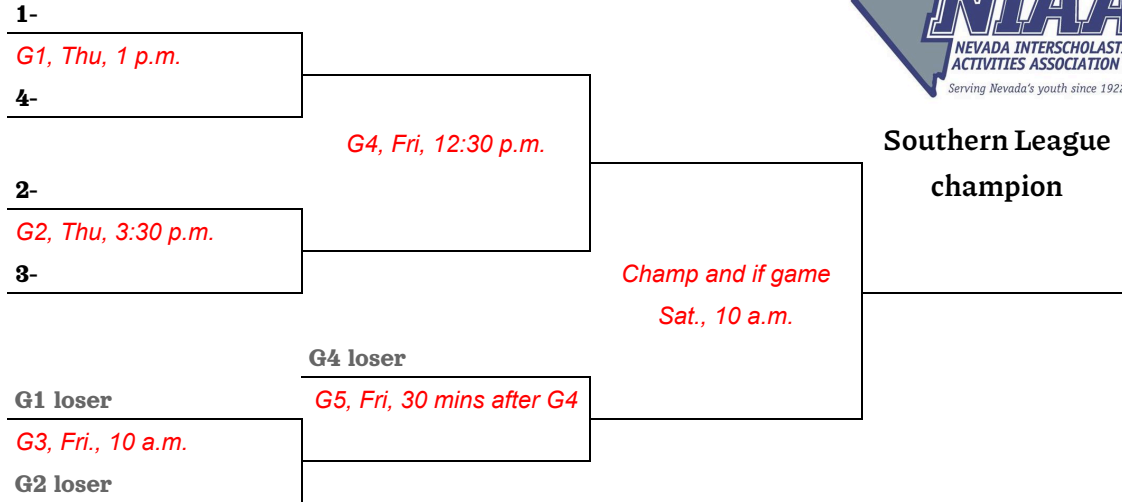
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15. NUSD

2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Baseball Playoffs

(May 8-10, 2025)

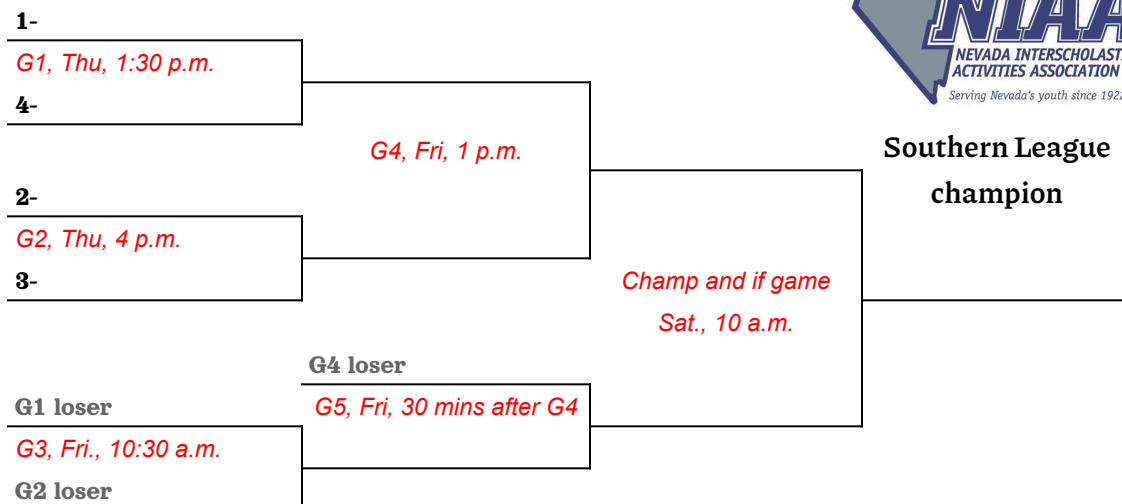
at Laughlin High School



2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Softball Playoffs

(May 8-10, 2025)

at Laughlin High School



16. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM</div>	<div>2</div> <div>PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>47th ANNUAL COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div>
<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>WELL 11 TREATMENT PLANT 9AM</div> <div>WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH CITY COUNCIL 6 PM</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div></div>	
<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM</div>	<div>16</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div></div>
<div>20</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM</div>	<div>22</div> <div>CITY COUNCIL 6 PM</div>	<div>23</div> <div>HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div>	<div>25</div> <div>APRIL 21 - 27</div>	<div>26</div>
<div>27</div> <div>ROUTE 66 BIKE WEEK</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	OTHER EVENTS IN APRIL		

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	7 PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	14 	15 GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 9-11AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	16	17 Rabies and Licensing Clinic Needles Animal Shelter 1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy Needles, CA 92363 May 17th 9:30-12:30 CASH ONLY
18	19 PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	20 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	28 HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	29	30	31

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	4 PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	18	19 GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 9-11AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	20	21
22	23	24 CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	25 HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	26	27	28
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