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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 9, 2024

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1. The City of Needles, in partnership with Minagar and Associates, will be holding our second community meeting at 4:00 PM on August 14, 2024, at the El Garces. The meeting will focus on developing an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map as part of the OHMV Pilot Program. This program aims to designate specific city streets where off-highway vehicles can travel.

Minagar and Associates have prepared the attached map to gather feedback from the community. The map highlights existing connection routes to BLM interface points and proposed city streets with a speed limit of 35 mph by the proposed law (also attached). Your input is crucial as we move forward with this process.

We hope you can join us at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend, you can still provide feedback by emailing the attached map with your suggested routes to [minagarf@minagarinc.com](mailto:minagarf@minagarinc.com) or by calling 949-707-1199 ext. 2#. Additional information is available on the city's website [link](#).

2. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has informed the City that it will initiate a significant bridge replacement project on Interstate 40 near Needles. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2027. The project will take place between Park Moabi Road and Topock Road in San Bernardino County.

This critical infrastructure project aims to enhance the bridge's safety and longevity by addressing existing deck deterioration and reinforcing the girders to increase the bridge's load rating. In addition to these structural improvements, the project will also include widening lanes and shoulders to meet current standards and upgrading the bridge rail system, all of which are designed to ensure the traveling public's safety further.

This project is a vital investment in the region's infrastructure. While the construction process will be extensive, the result will be a safer and more resilient

bridge for all who travel through the area. Refer to the attached maps, which outline the scope of work and location.

3. The City of Needles is partnering with the American Red Cross to address a national blood shortage. Supplies have been down over 25% since July 1, 2024. The Red Cross urgently needs blood donations to ensure patients receive lifesaving care.

To strengthen local efforts, a stakeholder event will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Organizations interested in participating can RSVP by contacting Utility Manager Rainie Torrance at [rtorrance@cityofneedles.com](mailto:rtorrance@cityofneedles.com).

Donating blood is a simple yet impactful action. You can schedule an appointment via the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

4. Rivers Edge Golf Course has announced its 2024 overseed schedule. The course will be closed from Monday, September 2, 2024, through Thursday, October 3, 2024, with full operations resuming on Friday, October 4, 2024. To ensure you don't miss out on enjoying our beautifully maintained course before the overseeding begins, book your tee time today by calling 760-326-3931 or visiting our [website](#).

Additionally, we're pleased to report that significant progress continues on Phase I of the Rivers Edge Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project. This initiative is crucial for enhancing the sustainability and playability of our course. Please refer to the attached images for a detailed status update on the project. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back to an even better Rivers Edge Golf Course in October!

5. The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 27th Annual Community Achievement Awards, a significant event that celebrates the contributions of individuals, businesses, clubs, and organizations to the Colorado River Region. If you know someone who has made a difference now is the time to submit their nomination. Nominations are due by August 19, 2024. Eligible nominees must work, reside, do business, or provide services in the Colorado River Region. Categories for this year's awards include Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Youth Group Award, Community and Social Service Organization Award, and Educator of the Year, among others.

Last year, Needles was proudly represented by several outstanding community members:

- George DeLeon received the annual Spirit Award for his substantial contributions to enhancing the quality of life within the region.
- Scotty Leonard, a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer and a sophomore at Needles High School, was a finalist for the Alice Garvey 2022 Excellence in Youth Award.
- Nicolle Wilson of Needles Unified School District was honored with the Educator of the Year Award.

This is your opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication of those who make a difference in our community. Submit your nomination today by [clicking here](#).




6. City Staff has thoughtfully curated an extensive community events calendar to keep residents well-informed about Needles's diverse array of happenings. The city invites all organizations to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or modify events on the community calendar. For contributions and updates, kindly contact Candace Clark at [cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com). Your active participation contributes to the vitality of our community experiences. Refer to the attached May 2024 events for further information. Here is a [link](#) to the city website with a digital version.

7. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **The Colorado River Station/ Needles Police** backpack and school supply drive bring your donated items to the Needles Sheriff's Station by August 14, 2024. The station is located at 1401 Bailey Avenue. For additional information, please get in touch with Community Officer M. Hunt at 760-326-9200 or [mhunt@sbcscd.org](mailto:mhunt@sbcscd.org).
- **City of Needles Recreation Center's** After School Program begins on the first day of school, **August 14, 2024**. The program offers homework help, STEM activities, physical education, and snacks. For more information see the attached flyer and contact the Needles Recreation Center at 1705 J Street, Needles, or call 760-326-2814.



# 1. PROPOSED ALLOWABLE OHMV ROUTES WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES & CONNECTION TO BLM INTERFACE POINTS

-  **Interface Point**
-  **Needles City Limits**
-  **Needles Parcels**

## Havasu Resources Area

### Acquired 2002, Land & Water Conservation Fund

## Wilderness

- BLM
- BIA
- FWS
- ST
- USBF

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# Arizona

# Proposed Allowable OHMV Routes Within the City of Needles

# California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
AUTHENTICATED  
ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL

# 1. OHMV STAKEHOLDER MEETING

## State of California

### VEHICLE CODE

#### Section 38026.2

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38026.2. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (e), the City of Needles may establish a pilot project to designate combined-use highways on roads in the city for no more than 10 miles so that the combined-use highways can be used to link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service lands, and to link off-highway motor vehicle recreational-use areas with necessary service and lodging facilities, in order to provide a unified system of trails for off-highway motor vehicles, preserve traffic safety, improve natural resource protection, reduce off-highway vehicle trespass on private land, and minimize impacts on city residents.

(b) A pilot project established pursuant to this section shall do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe a procedure for highway, road, or route selection and designation.

The procedure shall be approved by a vote of a majority of the city council.

(2) Prescribe a procedure for the city to remove a combined-use designation, including a designation that is removed as a result of the conclusion of the pilot program.

(3) In cooperation with the Department of Transportation, establish uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices to control off-highway motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Devices to warn of dangerous conditions, obstacles, or hazards.

(B) Designations of the right-of-way for regular vehicular traffic and off-highway motor vehicles.

(C) A description of the nature and destination of the off-highway motor vehicle trail.

(D) Warning signs for pedestrians and motorists of the presence of off-highway motor vehicle traffic.

(4) Require that off-highway motor vehicles subject to the pilot project meet the safety requirements of federal and state law regarding proper drivers' licensing, helmet usage, and the requirements specified in Section 38026.5.

(5) Prohibit off-highway motor vehicles from traveling faster than 35 miles per hour on highways designated under this section.

(6) (A) Prohibit a combined-use highway road segment designated under this section from exceeding 10 miles.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), two or more combined-use highway road segments may share a common starting point or ending point and may partially overlap as long as the resulting network of the highway road segments does not include more than three distinct locations of shared starting or ending points, or both.

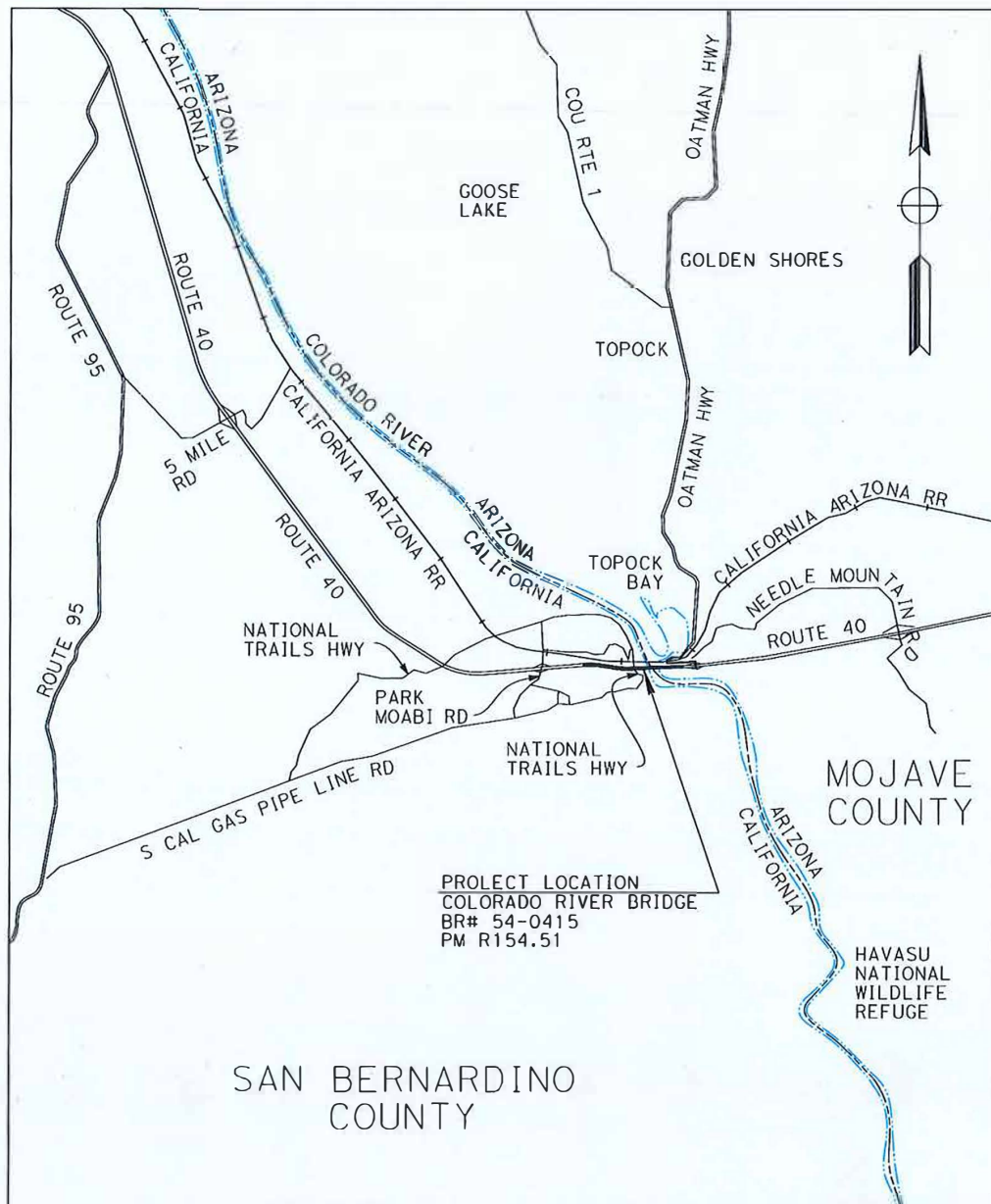


(2) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2028, deletes or extends that date.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 185, Sec. 4. (AB 2152) Effective January 1, 2023. Repealed as of January 1, 2028, by its own provisions.)



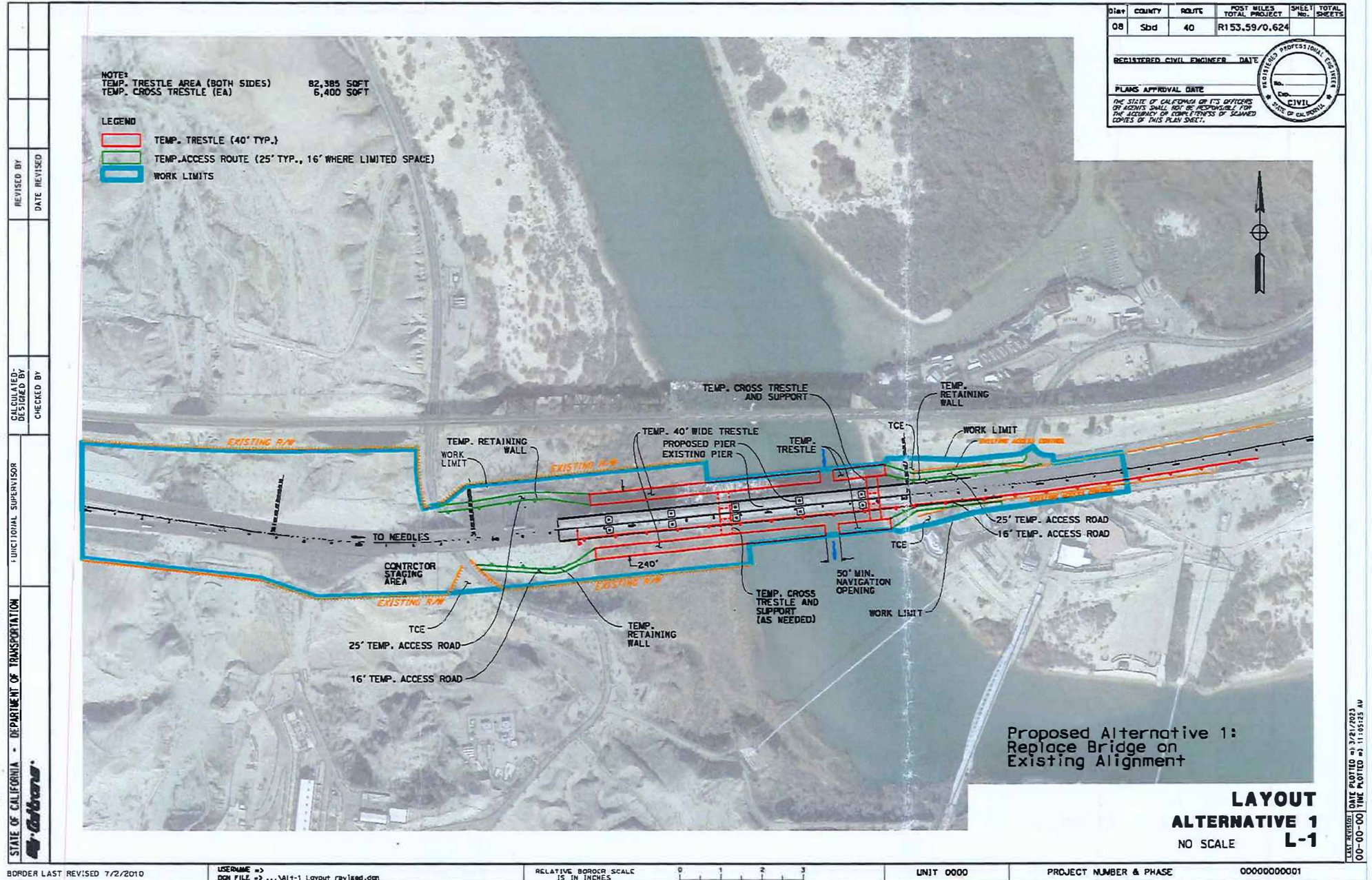
## 2. CALTRANS I-40 BRIDGE PROJECT



In San Bernardino County on Route 40 near Needles between Park Moabi Road and Topock Road in Mojave County Arizona, at the Colorado River Bridge



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## 4. GOLF COURSE OVERSEED



### 2024 Upcoming Over-Seed Schedule



## 2024 OVERSEED SCHEDULE **CLOSED**

Monday, September 2nd -Thursday, October 3th 2024

### **BACK OPEN TO FULLTIME HOURS**

Friday, October 4th

WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
PATIENCE AS WE PREPARE  
FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

760-326-3931

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[Book a Tee Time](#)



## 4. GOLF COURSE PHASE I IRRIGATION PROJECT





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# Aug6st 2024

## 6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Womens Club PULLED PORK - \$10 305 W BROADWAY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	7 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM PLANNING COMMISSION	8	9	10
11	12	13 CITY COUNCIL	14 SB Co. Sheriff's Dept. Backpack & School Supply Drive Ends	15	16 FOOTBALL NHS vs BATTLE MTN AWAY - BEATY, NV JV 4PM V 7PM	17
18	19 PARKS & RECREATION	20 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	21	22	23	24 FOOTBALL NHS vs PARKER ANDERSON FIELD HOUSE JV 1PM V 4PM
25	26 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	27	28 HOUSING COMMISSION	29	30 FOOTBALL NHS vs MONUMENT VALLEY AWAY - FLAGSTAFF V 7PM	31



# September 2024

## 6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	4 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	5	6	7
8	9	10 CITY COUNCIL	11 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM CANDIDATE FORUM EL GARCES - 6 PM	12	13	14 FOOTBALL NHS vs KINGMAN ACADEMY ANDERSON FIELD HOUSE JV 1PM V 4PM
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	18	19 FOOTBALL NHS vs WILLIAMS HOME JV 6 PM	20 MOBILITY 21 SUMMIT - SEPT. 19-20	21
22	23 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	24 FOOTBALL NHS vs WILLIAMS AWAY JV 6 PM	25 HOUSING COMMISSION	26	27 FOOTBALL NHS vs MEADOWS AWAY V 7 PM	28
29	30					



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		1 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	2 FOOTBALL NHS VS MALC AWAY JV 6PM SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO  <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	3	4	5
6	7	8  <b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	9  MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM	10	11 <b>HOMECOMING</b> FOOTBALL NHS vs WHITE PINE JV 4PM V 7PM	12  ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUND RAISER ELKS LODGE - 5 PM
13	14	15 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	16 LCC ANNUAL CONF. - LONG BEACH - OCT. 16-18	17	18  FOOTBALL NHS vs LINCOLN AWAY V 7 PM	19
20	21  <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	22  <b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	23  <b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b>	24  FOOTBALL NHS vs GVC HOME V 7 PM	25	26
27	28  MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	29	30	31		



# November 2024

## 6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  FOOTBALL NHS vs LAKE MEAD AWAY JV 4PM V 7PM	2
3	4	5 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	6 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	7	8  FOOTBALL NHS 1ST ROUND REGION TBD	9 NEEDLES TOURISM HONORING VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SANTA FE PARK 8AM - 11AM
10	11	12  CITY COUNCIL	13 MAIN CAMPUS ON BROADWAY PALO VERDE COLLEGE 10AM - 2PM	14	15	16
17	18  PARKS & RECREATION	19 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	20	21	22	23  FOOTBALL NHS STATE SEMI FINAL TBD
24	25  MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	26  CITY COUNCIL	27  HOUSING COMMISSION	28	29	30



# December 2024

## 6. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	4 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN BERNARDINO PLANNING COMMISSION	5	6	7 OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY FUN FAIR
8	9	10 CITY COUNCIL	11	12	13	14
15	16 PARKS & RECREATION	17 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 MDAQMD CITY HALL - 10AM	24 CITY COUNCIL	25 HOUSING COMMISSION	26	27	28
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