



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: June 6, 2025

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1. On **June 3, 2025**, **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** opened at **West Side Chevron (2321 Needles Highway)**, adding a new dining option and contributing to the continued growth of Needles' small business community. The opening aligns with Council's goals to support business development and enhance local amenities. The event saw a **line out the door** and **over 450 meals served the first two days**, reflecting strong community interest. **Councilmember Longbrake** and the **City Manager** attended to show support for the new business. A **ribbon-cutting ceremony** is being planned to formally welcome Krispy Krunchy Chicken, with invitations to the **City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and community** to join in the celebration. Photos from the event are attached.
 2. The City is proud to share a video showcasing the transformation of **Duke Watkins Park**, a \$3.96 million investment funded through the **Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program**. This revitalized community space now features a **splash pad, pump track, small dog park, modern restrooms, resurfaced basketball court, lighting upgrades, a colorful expression wall, landscaping, shade structures**, and enhanced **playground equipment**. The project reflects the City Council's commitment to enhancing recreational spaces for families, youth, and visitors. It also highlights the dedication of **City staff across multiple departments**, whose coordination and hard work helped bring this project to life. **Watch the video [here](#).**
 3. The City of Needles Recreation Center is excited to announce two major additions that support City Council's priorities to promote health, community engagement, and active use of public facilities. **Indoor Pickleball** is now available **Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM** during open gym hours. Equipment is provided on-site, and children must be accompanied by an adult. The pickleball program complements our existing **open gym basketball**, offering residents more indoor recreation options within the same space. The **Needles Pool opens for the season this Saturday, June 7**, with a community kickoff event from **2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Residents are invited to come out and

celebrate the start of summer. In addition, summer programs begin **Monday, June 9**, including **Summer Day Camp** (ages 5–12), **Swim Lessons**, and the **Jr. & Pee Wee Basketball Program** (ages 3–8), be sure to sign up today to reserve your spot. These efforts continue to enhance Needles' reputation as a family-oriented city committed to accessible and engaging recreation. Flyers are attached.

4. **Save the Date:** The City of Needles will host its **second annual Community Fall Festival** on **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, at **950 Front Street (El Garces)**. This **free, family-friendly event** reflects the **City Council's ongoing commitment to fostering community engagement, supporting local schools, and encouraging sustainable economic growth**. In partnership with **Vista Elementary School**, the festival will include **games, a cake walk, the annual kiddie parade, bounce houses, food and craft vendors, and live entertainment** from **DJ Southwest**. With **continued support from local vendors**, the event remains **low-cost to the City** while delivering **strong community impact**. We're proud to carry this tradition forward under the **Council's leadership**. Please see the **attached flyer** for details and feel free to share with your networks. For questions or vendor applications, contact **Jennifer Valenzuela** at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or **760-326-2814**.
5. **Save the Date!** On **August 12, 2025**, from **10 AM to Noon**, the **City of Needles**, in partnership with **Peanuts Worldwide**, the **Foundation for Hospital Art, CRMC**, and local organizations, will host the **Peanuts PaintFest** at **Colorado River Medical Center**. This event celebrates the **75th Anniversary of Peanuts** and the **50th Anniversary of Spike's first comic strip appearance**. CRMC was the **only hospital in the country selected to receive a custom mural** honoring the City of Needles. Community members are invited to help paint the mural featuring **Snoopy and Spike**—no experience needed. Once completed, the mural will be permanently displayed at CRMC to create a more welcoming and uplifting environment. This unique event reflects Needles' community pride and its special connection to the Peanuts legacy.
6. The **Needles Pride Program** continues to encourage residents to take pride in their neighborhoods, reinforcing the City's commitment to **community upkeep and quality of life**. This week, **Public Works crews** focused on improving roadway safety by conducting **pothole repairs along Lillyhill Drive** between Coronado, Bailey, and Rio Vista. As resources allow, crews will continue **citywide maintenance efforts** to keep public spaces in top condition. At the **Rivers Edge Golf Course**, aeration supports turf health, drainage, and root growth. Though briefly disruptive, it's critical to maintaining course quality and preparing for overseeding this fall. **Check out the attached photos** to see their hard work in action! Residents can report road or vegetation concerns by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). **Together, we're building a safer, stronger Needles!**

7. The **restored 1938 Needles Fire Truck** was seen around town this week as it underwent its **first test drive since recent repairs—including a new clutch—were completed**, marking an exciting step forward in preserving this historic community asset. Over the past year, critical components such as the **radiator, water pump, and clutch** were installed to make the vehicle operational. With just a few finishing touches remaining, approximately **\$15,000** is still needed to complete the restoration. This project reflects years of community support and volunteer dedication. **Donations are welcome** to help bring this effort across the finish line. To contribute, please contact **Jesse Fragoso** at jfragoso@cityofneedles.com.
8. On **June 5, 2025**, the **City of Needles** conducted **State-mandated Sexual Harassment Prevention Training** at **El Garces**, led by the **City Attorney**. The training was attended by **City staff, elected officials, and commissioners** to ensure compliance with state law and reinforce the City's policies and expectations. This training reflects the City's **zero tolerance policy toward harassment and discrimination** and demonstrates a continued commitment to fostering a **safe, respectful, and inclusive workplace**. It also supports the City's broader goals of **professionalism, accountability, and ethical public service** across all levels of the organization.
9. The **City of Needles** extends its appreciation to **Tri-State Community Healthcare** and community partners—especially **Bienestar Wellbeing, Make Bullhead Better, and IEHP**—for hosting a **fresh produce giveaway at 820 W. Broadway, where over 80,000 pounds of food were distributed**. This marks their **second distribution event in two weeks**, directly supporting the **City Council's goals of improving health equity and food access**. In a city where the nearest grocery store is over 20 miles away, these efforts have had a measurable impact by providing **fresh, nutritious food**, promoting **community engagement**, and demonstrating a strong model of **collaborative, mission-driven service**. The City looks forward to continuing this partnership to serve the residents of Needles. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the event.
10. Palo Verde College's Needles Educational Center is now accepting registration for **Summer and Fall 2025 classes**. **Summer classes begin next week on June 9**, and **Fall classes start August 11**. PVC has been proudly serving the educational needs of Needles residents since **1998**, offering a wide range of affordable courses that support **transfer to four-year institutions**, develop **entry-level job skills**, enhance **vocational training**, and provide **non-credit community education opportunities**. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these accessible local resources to begin or continue their **educational and career journey**. For more information, call **760-326-5033** or visit www.paloverde.edu. Refer to the attached flyer for details.
11. The City of Needles has been selected as one of only six municipalities to participate in the prestigious **Urban Land Institute (ULI) California-Nevada Technical Assistance Exchange**, a fully grant-funded program focused on advancing housing, land use, and sustainable community development. This

opportunity aligns with Council goals to attract investment, expand housing, and improve quality of life. As part of the program, **City Planner Irene Romero** attended the **2025 ULI Spring Meeting** in Denver, gaining valuable insights into best practices, emerging trends, and innovative urban solutions. Special thanks to **Kendra L. Chandler** and **ULI Orange County/Inland Empire** for recognizing Needles' commitment to smart, sustainable growth.

12. **Rivers Edge Golf Course** has implemented its **summer hours and rates**, now open **daily from dawn to 11:00 a.m.**, with all carts due back by **1:00 p.m.** Updated pricing is in effect — see the attached flyer for complete details. Starting **next Wednesday, June 11**, the **Annual Summer Youth Golf Camp** kicks off and runs through **August 6**. Open to youth ages **5–17**, the camp costs **\$60** and offers an excellent opportunity to learn the game, build skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Children **ages 5–11** meet from **7:00–8:00 a.m.**, and **ages 12–17** from **8:00–9:00 a.m.** To register, contact **JJ DeLeon** at **jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com** or call **(760) 326-3931**. **Spots are limited, so early registration is encouraged.** This is a great way to keep kids active this summer — and maybe even inspire the next **Needles High School Boys State Champion**.
13. The **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD)** successfully conducted the **semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event** in **March 2025**, resulting in the collection of **2,704 pounds** of hazardous and electronic waste from **50 participants**. This marks a significant increase from the **October 2024** event, which collected **960 pounds** from just **2 participants**, demonstrating improved community engagement and awareness of safe disposal practices. The HHW Collection event is held **twice a year—in March and October**. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the next opportunity this fall. Full event data is attached for reference.
14. On June 6, 2025, the Needles underpass was closed to allow juniors from Needles High School to participate in their annual painting tradition, a cherished rite of passage. Juniors gathered with **family and friends** to leave their mark and celebrate this unique milestone. It was **great to see the community come out in support**, including a few **City employees whose children will be seniors next year**. Please refer to the **attached pictures** for highlights of this **cherished community tradition**.
15. The **Needles Unified School District Graduation Ceremony** will be held **tonight, Friday, June 6, 2025, at 8:00 PM** at **Branigan Field**. This event celebrates the **hard work and achievements** of our students, highlighting the **strong partnership** between families and schools that drives academic success. **NUSD offers a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment with dedicated staff, small class sizes, and strong community values.** Families choose NUSD for its **commitment to student growth, personalized support, and opportunities for parent involvement** through campus events, committees, and volunteer programs. **Registration is now**

open for the **2025–26 school year**—children who turn **four (4)** on or before **September 1, 2025**, are eligible for **Transitional Kindergarten**.

16. The **Needles Women's Club** will host a **Pork Loin Luncheon** on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, at their clubhouse located at **305 W. Broadway Street**. This fundraiser supports the club's ongoing efforts to promote **women's empowerment, youth activities, educational scholarships, and civic responsibility**. For just **\$10**, each meal includes **pork loin, pasta with Tuscan cream sauce, and a side of glazed carrots**. **Delivery is available** for orders of **three or more within the Needles area**. **Orders must be placed online by 5:30 PM on Monday, June 9** by clicking this [link](#). For assistance, residents can contact **Karrie at (928) 201-1836**. This monthly effort highlights the important role local service organizations play in supporting Needles residents and strengthening our community.

17. **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!

1. GRAND OPENING



2. DUKE WATKINS VIDEO



3. SUMMER REC. PROGRAMS



CITY OF NEEDLES

**EXCITING NEWS!!!
THE RECREATION
CENTER NOW HAS
INDOOR PICKLEBALL
AVAILABLE.**

Children must
be
accompanied
by an adult



Court availability during open
gym hours 9:30am - 12:00pm
Monday - Thursday



Equipment Available

Call the Recreation Center
for more information

760-326-2814



CITY OF NEEDLES RECREATION CENTER

**JUNE 9TH -
JULY 31ST**



**SUMMER
DAY CAMP**

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS
5-12 YEARS OLD
MONDAY - THURSDAY
1-5PM
\$4 PER DAY**



- Closed June 19th
- Every Tuesday 1 - 2pm meet at Library

ACTIVITIES:

- June 09 - 12 TEAM Building
- June 16 - 19 AMONG Us Games
- June 23 - 26 Family FEUD
- June 30 - July 3 FEAR Factor
- July 7 - 10 Deal or NO Deal
- July 14 - 17 Food WARS
- July 21 - 24 TOP Chef
- July 28 - 31 Let's LUAU



1705 J Street, Needles CA



Info (760) 326 2814

5. RECREATION CENTER

CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration: May 1st–June 2nd



Players: Boys & Girls

Ages: 3yr–5yr old Jr Pee Wee

6yr–7/8yr old Pee Wee
1st/2nd grade

Game Nights: Monday – Thursday

Season: June – July

Cost: Resident–35 Non-Resident–40

**JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD
PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD**

(1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL)

Please call the Needles Recreation Center
@ 760–326–2814 with any questions

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

1161 J STREET, NEEDLES CA



LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

SESSION 1: JUNE 9 ~ JUNE 19

SESSION 2: JUNE 23 ~ JULY 3

SESSION 3: JULY 7 ~ JULY 17

SESSION 4: JULY 21 ~ JULY 31

****10 AM / 11 AM / 6:30 PM****

GROUP RATE: \$30 FOR (8) 1/2 HOUR
(MON-THURS)

PRIVATE RATES: \$11 FOR EACH 1/2 HOUR
(MIN 4 LESSONS)



CALL (760) 326- 3866 (326-2814 BEFORE JUNE 7TH)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

4. FALL FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE

*The City of Needles
Community
Fall Festival*

SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 1ST

**COME BE A PART OF THIS
COMMUNITY EVENT**

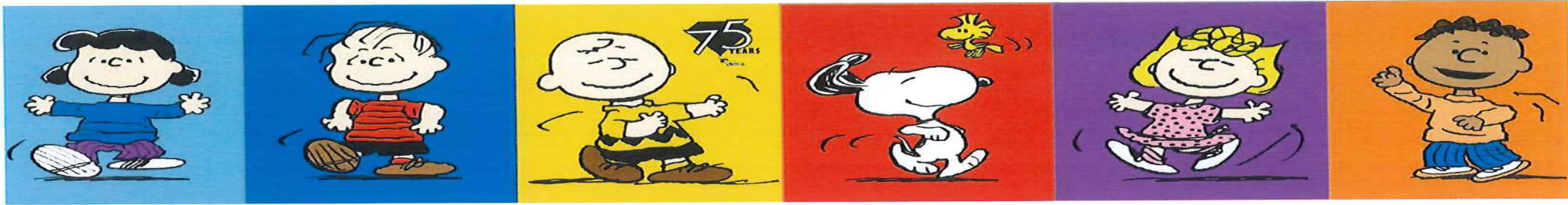


PARTNERING THIS YEAR
WITH VISTA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TO INCLUDE GAMES,
CAKE WALK, ANNUAL KIDDIE
PARADE, BOUNCE HOUSE AND
MORE!! THERE WILL ALSO BE A
VARIETY OF FOOD, CRAFT
BOOTHES AND DJ SOUTHWEST

**950 Front Street,
Needles, CA**

**FOR VENDER APPLICATION OR QUESTIONS EMAIL
PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM**

5. PEANUTS WORLDWIDE PAINTFEST



Peanuts Worldwide PaintFest

We are partnering with Peanuts and FFHA to bring the joy of Snoopy, Spike and the Peanuts Gang to the hospital and celebrate Peanuts' 75th Anniversary.

Come paint with us!

Follow the paint-by-color design. Artistic talent is not required. The mural will be donated to our hospital.

Foundation for Hospital Art is a non-profit organization whose mission is to lift patient spirits and brighten walls.

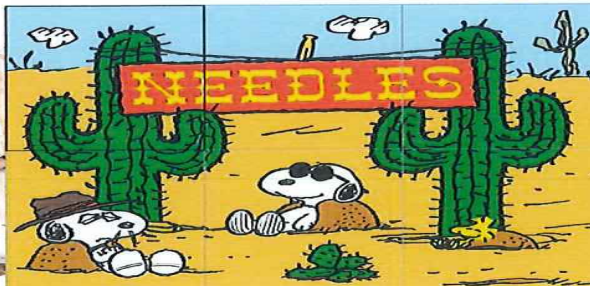


August 12, 2025

Front Lobby of CRMC

10am-Noon

More Community Events to Follow



6. NEEDLES PRIDE PROGRAM



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7. 1938 NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK



9. TRI-STATE COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



10. PALO VERDE SUMMER CLASSES

**PALO VERDE
COLLEGE
NEEDLES
EDUCATIONAL
CENTER**

**REGISTER
FOR CLASSES!**

SUMMER & FALL 2025

Summer classes begin June 9th
Fall classes begin August 11th

Empower your future with
excellence and growth in
every learning experience.



For More Information
www.paloverde.edu

725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363



**APPLY
HERE**



11. ULI CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TA



12. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE

RIVERS EDGE
GOLF COURSE PRESENTS



R I V E R S E D G E

SUMMER HOURS '25

BEGIN Monday, June 2nd 2025

OPEN DAILY FROM DAWN - 11:00AM

All Carts in by 1:00PM

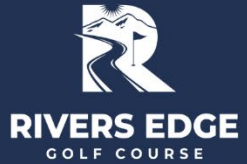
All Golfers will be offered the following
Rates beginning Monday, June 2nd 2025

18 Holes w/ Cart \$34

9 Holes w/ Cart \$22

CALL TODAY! (760) 326.3931 www.golfneedlesca.com

SUMMER GOLF CAMP



RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



**JJ DeLeon, Golf
Instructor**

✓ Ages 5-11 from 7-8:00am
Ages 12-17 from 8-9:00am

✓ Excels at All Ages

**Begins June 11th
8 Week Camp - \$60**



jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com | 760.326.3931
144 Marina Dr. Needles, CA 92363

13. HHWC SBCFIRE



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2824 "W" Street Bldg. 302 • San Bernardino, CA 92415-0799 • (909) 382-4401 • Fax (909) 382-5413

Office of the Fire Marshal
Household Hazardous Waste Section
sbcfire.org

Daniel R. Munsey
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Monica S. Ronchetti
Fire Marshal

April 21, 2025

Rainie Torrance, Finance Assistant
City of Needles
817 3rd St.
Needles, CA 92363

Dear Rainie,

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The data listed below can be used to fulfill the reporting requirements of the city's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Element of the city's Solid Waste Management Plan. During fiscal year 2024, 51 Needles residents used the HHW collection facilities and 1 Very Small Quantity Generator. Residents of Needles visited the following permanent household hazardous waste facilities:

Sites Visited	Total Participants
NEEDLES	50
ONTARIO	1
Total	51

The following table lists the calculated waste averages collected. The amounts of waste per individual participant are not tracked.

Waste	Amounts (lbs.)	Waste	Amounts (lbs.)
Latex Paint	292.03	Household Batteries	97.34
Oil Base Paints	86.53	NiCad Batteries	40.56
Flammable Liquids/Solids	73.01	Motor Oil/Oil Products	935.04
Bulked Flammable Liquids	10.82	Oil Filters	375.04
Poison (excluding aerosols)	18.93	Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT)	316.37
Corrosive Acids	8.11	Electronic Waste	292.03
Corrosive Bases	5.41	Fluorescent Tubes	21.63
Oxidizers	8.11	Compressed Gas Cylinders	5.41
Aerosols	10.82	Cooking Oil	8.11
Home Generated Sharps	4.06	Pharmaceuticals	18.93
Antifreeze	13.52	Waste Exchange Materials	8.11
Lead/Acid Batteries	51.38	Other	2.70
TOTAL: 2,704.00			

Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
First District

Jesse Amendarez
Second District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Dawn Rowe
Chairman, Third District

Curt Hagman
Fourth District

Joe Baca, Jr.
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Luther Snoke
Chief Executive Officer

14. NUSD UNDERPASS TRADITION



June 2025

15. EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  SUMMER CAMP JUNE 2 - AUGUST 1 M-TH 1PM-5PM NEEDLES REC CENTER	3  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	4  PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	5  HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING 10AM-12PM & 1PM - 3PM EL GARCES	6	7  POOL OPENS 2PM - 6PM
8	9  AQUATIC CENTER SWIM LESSONS START	10  WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	11  RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE SUMMER GOLF CAMP STARTS	12	13	14
15	16  PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	17	18	19  GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 7:30AM 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
29	30	OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH:	<div> CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL Registration: May 1st-June 2nd  Players: Boys & Girls Ages: 3yr-5yr old Jr Pee Wee 6yr-7/8yr old Pee Wee 1st/2nd grade </div> <div> Game Nights: Monday - Thursday Season: June - July Cost: Resident-35 Non-Resident-40 JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD (1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL) </div> <div> LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER SESSION 1: JUNE 9 ~ JUNE 19 SESSION 2: JUNE 23 ~ JULY 3 SESSION 3: JULY 7 ~ JULY 17 SESSION 4: JULY 21 ~ JULY 31 **10 AM / 11 AM / 6:30 PM** </div> <div> Please call the Needles Recreation Center @ 760-326-2814 with any questions </div>			

July 2025

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

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	6  PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	7	8	9 SPIKE'S BDAY PARTY PALO VERDE COLLEGE
10	11	12 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH  CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	13 SPIKE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY & PEANUTS GANG 75TH ANNIVERSARY MUSEUM & CRMC MURAL PROJECT	14	15	16
17	18  PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	19	20	21  GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 7:30 AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	22	23
24	25	26	27  HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	28	29	30
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