



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 20, 2025

1. New City of Needles Website Launch

I'm excited to share that the **City of Needles' redesigned [website](http://www.cityofneedles.com) is now live**, representing a key milestone in advancing our Council-adopted Economic Investment Plan. Developed in collaboration with Tripepi Smith, the new site features a modern, user-friendly design that enhances accessibility to city services, economic development resources, and community information for residents, businesses, and potential investors. This platform will serve as the city's digital front door—supporting outreach, engagement, and future marketing efforts. If there are any issues accessing the site or if you notice anything that needs correction, please contact **Kathy Raasch, Development Services Director**, at kraasch@cityofneedles.com.

2. Weekly Mobile Medical Clinic Launches in Needles

Building on the strong community response to May's Mobile Dental Clinic, the **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health** will begin offering **weekly Mobile Medical Clinic services in Needles starting Thursday, June 26**. Clinics will be held every Thursday from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in the **Transitional Assistance Department parking lot at 1090 E. Broadway**, located in the Needles Town Center Shopping Center. As part of the County's **On-The-Go Health initiative**, the mobile clinic provides **no-cost primary and urgent care services**—including chronic disease management, pregnancy testing, minor wound care, health screenings, and assistance with Medi-Cal enrollment. **No insurance is required**, and services are open to all California residents. Appointments are strongly recommended by calling **(800) 722-4777 (Press 5)**. Please refer to the attached flyer for full service details. A message will be sent through **Needles Connect**, and we encourage you to help spread the word through community channels.

3. Needles Area Transit (NAT) Service Update – Effective July 1, 2025

Beginning July 1, NAT will launch a new shuttle service connecting Needles to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City, replacing the current Medical Transport and

Shopper Shuttle pilot programs. The new service will operate Tuesdays and Thursdays with two round trips per day, departing from the El Garces West Parking Lot at 8:15 AM and 11:30 AM, with return trips from Arizona at 10:15 AM and 1:15 PM. Zone 1 (Fort Mohave) includes stops at Safeway, Smith's, and CVS; Zone 2 (Bullhead City) extends to Silver Creek Road. Roundtrip fares are \$9.00 for Zone 1 and \$12.00 for Zone 2. **Reservations must be made by 11:00 AM the day before travel.** This service enhances mobility access for shopping, medical, and essential services, and aligns with the City Council's transportation and sustainability goals. For full details and the schedule, refer to the attached announcement or visit needlestransit.com or call **760-326-2113 ext. 115**.

4. **Upcoming Summer Golf Clinic Celebrates Women's Golf Month**

In celebration of **Women's Golf Month**, Rivers Edge Golf Course will host a **Summer Golf Clinic** on **Saturday, June 28th at 8:00 AM**. This one-hour, co-ed session is open to all guests, including seniors and beginners, and is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game in a welcoming and empowering setting. Led by an experienced instructor, the clinic provides a chance to build confidence, improve technique, and connect with others who share an interest in the sport. The cost is **\$20 per person**, with priority given to the **first 12 registrants**. Monthly clinics like this one support the City's broader goals of promoting health, recreation, and youth engagement—potentially inspiring the next Needles High School golf champion. To register, contact **JJ DeLeon** at jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com or call **(760) 326-3931**. Early sign-up is encouraged due to limited space.

5. **Reminder: Summer Day Camp & Swim Lessons**

As a reminder, the City's **free Summer Day Camp** is in full swing at the Needles Recreation Center and continues through **July 31**, operating **Monday through Thursday, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** for children ages 5–12. With support from The Legacy Foundation and SBCSD's River Daze, the camp features games, pool time, arts and crafts, and themed weeks. Space is limited—families can call **(760) 326-3866** to reserve a spot. In addition, **swim lessons at the Needles Aquatic Center** are well underway. **Session 2** runs **June 23 to July 3**, with upcoming sessions scheduled for **July 7–17 (Session 3)** and **July 21–31 (Session 4)**. Group classes are offered at **10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 6:30 PM**, Monday through Thursday. The cost is **\$30 for eight 30-minute group lessons**, or **\$11 per private half-hour session** (minimum of four lessons). The program is a great way for youth to stay active and gain essential water safety skills. For more details or to register, please contact the Recreation Center at **(760) 326-3866**.

6. **Advancing Regional Partnerships**

As part of the City Council's ongoing efforts to promote strategic regional collaboration, City Manager Patrick Martinez recently participated in a meeting with fellow city managers from Bullhead City, Lake Havasu, and Kingman. Mohave County Administrator Sam Elters also joined the discussion as a special guest, reinforcing the importance of multi-jurisdictional cooperation across the Colorado River region. The group focused on shared challenges such as

economic development, infrastructure investment, and environmental sustainability. These discussions are part of a sustained effort to develop joint strategies, exchange best practices, and align regional resources in ways that support smart, sustainable growth. The City of Needles remains committed to advancing these partnerships in pursuit of Council goals and improved quality of life for all area residents.

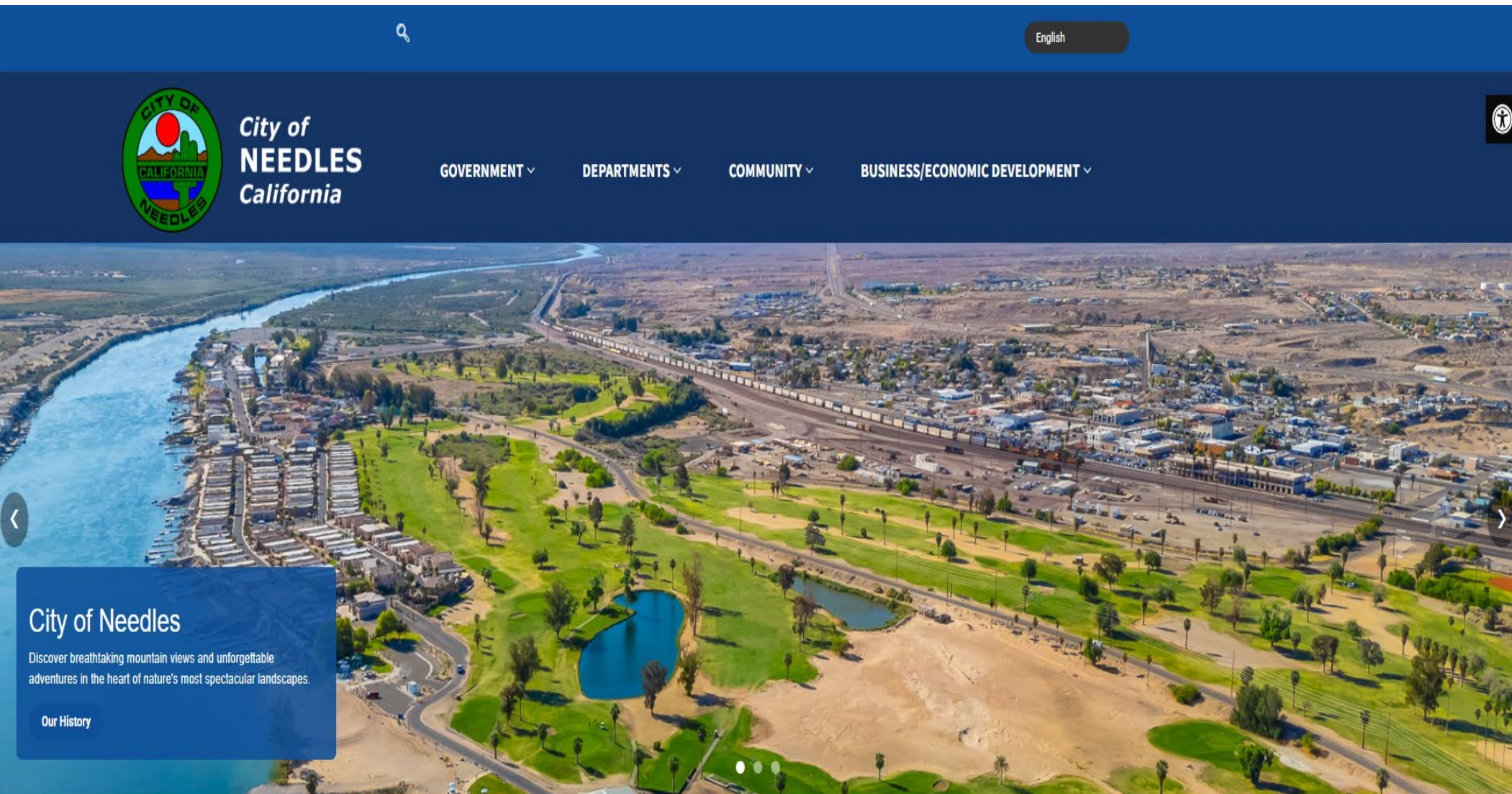
7. City of Needles Participates in Rural Health Collaborative

City Manager Patrick Martinez participated in the Inland Empire Health Plan's (IEHP) Rural Area Support Collaborative (RASC) held in Needles on June 16, 2025. The collaborative convened healthcare providers, county representatives, and community partners to discuss key issues impacting rural health access, wellness, and local support systems. Topics included expanding the provider network, strengthening telehealth and in-home care services, improving transportation options for medical access, and exploring new community partnership opportunities. The session also included updates on IEHP membership trends and utilization data for the Colorado River Medical Center. City Manager Martinez's participation reflects the City Council's commitment to advancing public health equity, regional coordination, and community-driven solutions. For further details, please refer to the attached PowerPoint presentation provided by IEHP.

8. New Community Events Calendar Now Live on City Website

As part of the City's newly launched website, we're excited to introduce a **comprehensive Community Events Calendar** designed to keep residents informed about the many activities and happenings across Needles. We invite **local organizations and event organizers** to collaborate with the **City Clerk's Office** to add or update events—helping ensure the calendar remains vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of our community's diverse offerings. To contribute or request modifications, please contact **Candace Clark** at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your participation helps strengthen community spirit and enrich the local experience for residents and visitors alike.

1. CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN



City of Needles

Discover breathtaking mountain views and unforgettable adventures in the heart of nature's most spectacular landscapes.

[Our History](#)



BILL PAY



HIRING NOW



AGENDAS & MINUTES



OPEN BIDS/RFPs



MUNICIPAL CODE



THINGS TO DO



SHORT TERM RENTALS

Current News

What's happening

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars

2. On-The-Go Health



On-The-Go Health

Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles

No insurance? We can help!



Offering convenient
healthcare for
California residents!
**Appointments
highly recommended.**

Who can benefit?

Open to Medi-Cal patients and those who have applied for Medi-Cal.

Primary care services

- Annual adult health screening physicals
- Point of Care screenings/testing: Hypertension, hemoglobin, and diabetes (HgbA1c, glucose)
- Pregnancy testing
- Chronic disease management medication refills (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, thyroid)

Urgent care services

- Urine tests/Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):
 - Gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, HIV
- Rash
- Fever/cold/flu
- Hepatitis C screening
- Minor wound care

Weekly visits every
Thursday,
starting from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Parking lot of the
Transitional
Assistance
Department**

1090 E. Broadway St.
Needles, CA

**To apply for Medi-Cal,
scan the QR code
or visit the link below:**

bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal



Public Health



1 (800) 722-4777

Press 5 for Mobile Clinic Appointments

dph.sbcounty.gov

3. NAT FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Who can use the Ft. Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

The shuttle is for everyone and can be used for any type of trip – shopping, medical appointments or to connect with other transportation.

Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis.



Where can you go on the Shuttle

The shuttle serves shopping, medical and other destinations within a limited area of Fort Mohave and Bullhead City. You can be dropped off and picked up within the area shown on the map inside this brochure. All destinations must be within 1 mile of Hwy 95 and no further north than Silver Creek Road. Popular destinations include:

- **Ft. Mohave** – Walmart, Safeway, Smith's, CVS and Valley View Medical Center
- **Bullhead City** – Target, Walmart, Smart & Final and numerous medical facilities

When making a reservation, be prepared to provide your desired destination.

Other Transit Services in Needles



Needles Dial-a-Ride Specialized Transportation Service

The Needles Dial-a-Ride provides curb-to-curb service within the Needles city limits for seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities. It operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM. The fare is \$1.25 per one-way trip and exact cash is required. Riders going to the Senior Center for lunch pay a discounted fare of only \$1.25 per round trip.

To register for Dial-a-Ride or request a ride, call 760-326-4789. Rides are requested on the day you wish to travel.



Needles Area Transit

NAT provides deviated fixed-route bus service hourly, Monday through Saturday. You can catch the bus at a bus stop or request a deviation to pick you up at your curb (available as time allows). Regular fare is \$1.35 from a bus stop, \$2.00 with a deviation. Seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities ride for \$1.25 or \$1.90 with a deviation (requires City issued photo ID). Call 1-866-669-6309 for deviation services.

Complete information about DAR and NAT transportation services can be found at www.needlestransit.com or their respective Riders Guide.



760-326-4789
www.needlestransit.com



Shuttle Service Between Needles, Ft. Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Effective July 1, 2025



A City of Needles project operated by
Transportation Concepts

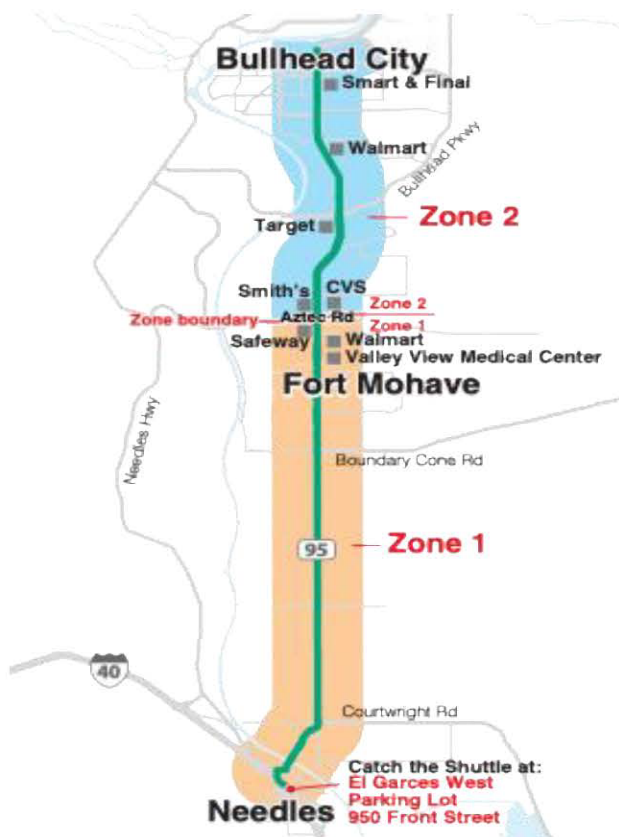
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3. NAT FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Route and Service Area



How to Make a Reservation for the Shuttle

Prepaid advance reservation is required no later than 11 AM the day prior to taking a trip.

Reservations can be made for any trip during the current month or for the next month during the last week of the current month. The service operates on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. Call the Needles Senior Center at **760-326-4789** for information or to schedule a trip.

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Be prepared to tell us your Arizona destination and return time.

If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.

Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

Shuttle Service Between Needles, Fort Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday,
2 round trips per day

Available to everyone, by prepaid advance reservation

Serving:

- Grocery Stores
- Drugstores
- Walmart
- Medical Centers and Offices

Shuttle Schedule

Precise pickup and drop off times in Fort Mohave and Bullhead City will depend on the number of riders and their destinations. The time ranges shown in the schedule below provide a window for use in scheduling appointments. Be sure to schedule your appointments after the drop-off window for your location.

Needles to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City

Leave Needles	Drop Off in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Bullhead City
8:15 AM	8:35-8:55 AM	9:05-9:20 AM
11:30 AM	11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	12:20-12:35 PM

Bullhead City and Fort Mohave to Needles

Pickup in Bullhead City	Pickup in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Needles
10:15-10:30 AM	10:35-10:55 AM	11:15 AM
1:15-1:30 PM	1:40-2:00 PM	2:20 PM

Roundtrip Fare from Needles

(exact cash is required)

Destinations in Fort Mohave (Zone 1) \$9.00

Destinations in Bullhead City (Zone 2) \$12.00

Where to Catch the Shuttle

You will catch the shuttle at El Garces West Parking Lot, 950 Front Street in Needles.

Guidelines for Riding the Shuttle

Holidays

The Shuttle operates Tuesdays and Thursdays except official holidays. These include New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Rules of the Road

We try to serve as many people as possible, on a space-available basis. Please help us by following these guidelines.

- If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.
- The driver is unable to assist with boarding and debarking so if you need assistance, please plan to have someone accompany you (fare applies).
- No more than two grocery bags and one case per passenger will be allowed. The driver cannot help loading or unloading them from the vehicle.
- There is no smoking, eating or drinking on the vehicle.
- No loud talking, loud radios and/or use of profanity. This infringes on others' rights.
- Talk to the driver only when necessary. The driver must concentrate on driving and be 100% focused at all times for the safety of all concerned.
- The City of Needles and its contract operator, Transportation Concepts, reserve the right to refuse service to any person that it feels it cannot transport safely or who may jeopardize the safe transport of others.

4. RIVERS EDGE GOLF CLINIC



SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH 2025

SUMMER GOLF CLINIC

Join us in celebrating Women's Golf Month! Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our experienced instructor will guide you through the fundamentals of the game while you connect with like-minded golfers. Elevate your game and expand your network in a relaxed and empowering setting!

FIRST 12

\$20 Per Person

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Contact:
JJ DELEON

(760) 326-3931

jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com



5. RECREATION CENTER

NEEDLES MUNICIPAL AQUATICS CENTER

Opening Day - Saturday, June 7, 2025

1661 J Street Needles, California 760 326-3866 (FUNN)

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30- 8:00 am	LAP SWIM				<i>Aquatic Center is available for Private Rentals Fri - Sun after 6pm</i>		
8:00- 9:15 am	MORNING EXERCISE						
9:00-10:00 am	STAFF INSERVICE						
10:00-10:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
10:30-11:00 am	PRIVATE LESSONS						
11:00-11:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
11:30-12:00 pm	PRIVATE LESSONS						
12:00-4:00 pm	OPEN SWIM		Sat/Sun Open Swim is 2pm-6pm for the month of June				
4:00-6:30 pm	NEEDLES SANDSHARKS SWIM TEAM PRACTICE						
6:30-7:00 pm	S W I M L E S S O N S						
7:00-9:00 pm	OPEN SWIM						
9:00- 10:00 pm	LAP SWIM						

ADMISSION PRICES

DAYTIME: \$3.00 (3 & Under is free)
NIGHT: Child \$1.75 Adult \$2.25

PASS SALES

Adult/Child/Senior - Open Swim		*Family of Four \$125.00	Exercise & Lap Swim	
10 Visit Pass	\$20.00 (Save 25%)	*Plus \$15.00 for each additional	10 Visit Pass	\$15.00
30 Visit Pass	\$50.00 (Save 33%)		30 Visit Pass	\$40.00
Season	\$80.00 (Save 50%)		Season	\$60.00
			(Daily rate without a pass: \$2.00)	
			<i>Exercise & Lap Swim runs thru end of September</i>	

SWIM LESSONS

Session 1	June 9 - June 19	Group Rates: \$30.00 for eight 1/2 hour sessions Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks
Session 2	June 23 - July 3	
Session 3	July 7 - July 17	Private Rates: \$11.00 for each 1/2 hour session Minimum of 4 lessons. Dates & times to be arranged with instructor
Session 4	July 21- July 31	

* Evening Lessons are taught during Session 1 - 3
** Parent-Tot Lessons are taught during Session 2

Pool Parties \$90.00

Up to 4 hours of swim fun for
14 children and 2 adults:
~PLUS~

2 Large Pizzas
24 Cupcakes
2 Gallons Lemonade
Cups, plates, forks & napkins

Private Rental Rates

\$80.00 per Hour

Groups renting the facility must
provide proof of insurance, or
purchase insurance from the City
of Needles for an additional
minimal charge of \$207.05

July 4th

Celebrate Freedom

Join us for great family fun.
Lots of games and prizes! We have once
again partnered with the Needles Elks
Lodge to make this event
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL AGES!!
We will also crown:
Miss Freedom & Mr. Firecracker
(4-5 yr olds eligible)

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

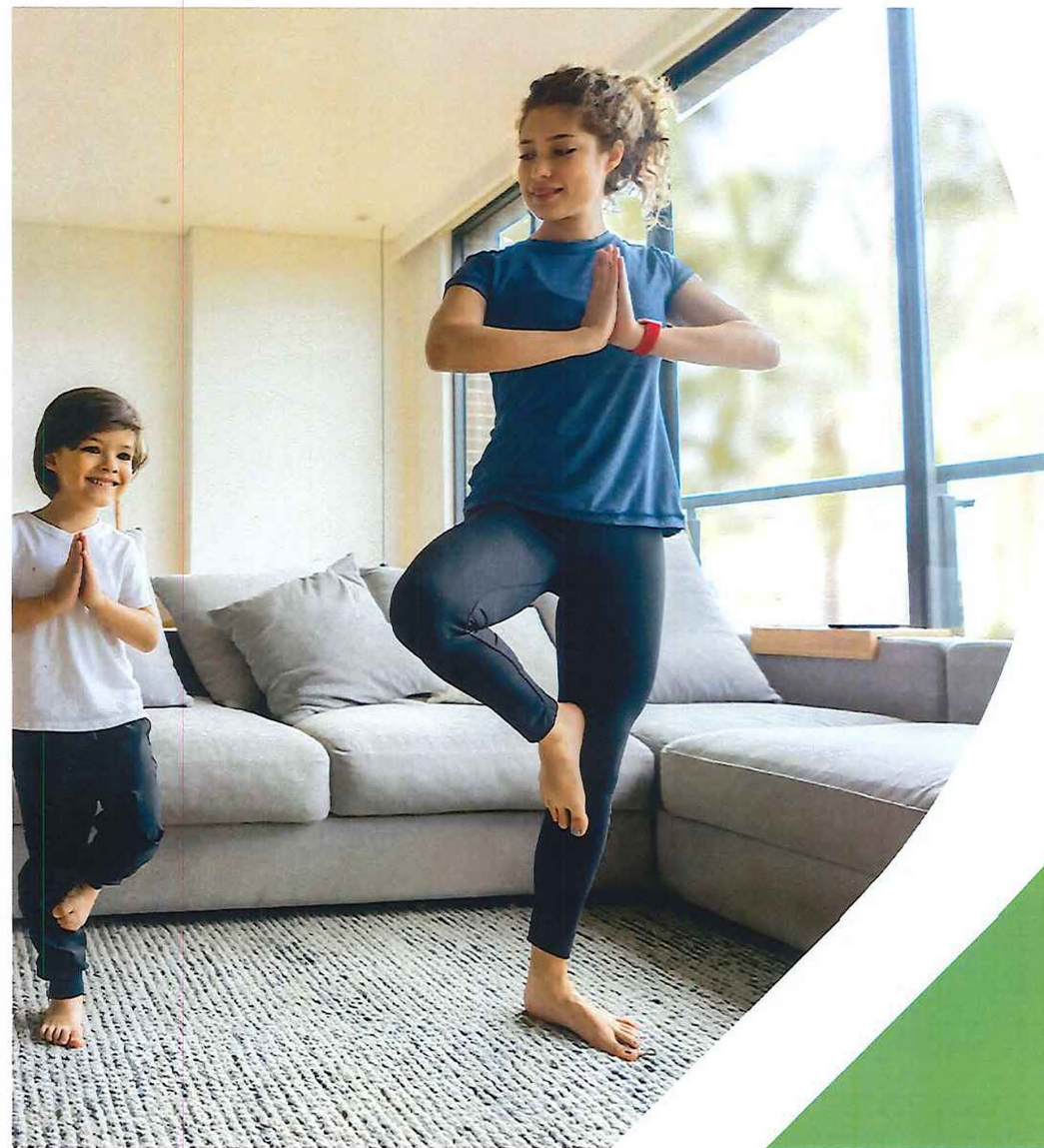
GROUP RATE: \$30 FOR (8) 1/2 HOUR
(MON-THURS)

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



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

7. RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



NEEDLES Rural Area Support Collaborative (RASC)

June 16, 2025



PURPOSE OF THE RASC

The purpose of the Rural Area Support Collaborative is to positively impact our providers, members, and the community at large in the areas of Health, Wellness, and Community **as requested by the community.**

We will accomplish this by taking lead in partnering with our key provider, county, and community partners to focus available resources and activities where most needed **as identified by the community.**

HEALTH ACCESS NEEDS DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Provider Network – Biggest Needs to Improve Local Access?
 - Presentation by (SBC Department of Health Clinic)
 - Discussions with Tri-State to expand services in contract
 - Oxygen Vendors status
- Telehealth and Mobile / In-Home Services?
 - Kiosk of Telehealth services discussion
- Transportation?
 - IEHP continues to seek examples of Call the Car cancellations – GreenMed is preferred

WELLNESS NEEDS DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Physician Wellness / Peer Support?
- Social Determinants of Health – Member Support?
- Other Member-focused Needs?
- Mobile Unit Discussion
- Food Distribution video (share)

COMMUNITY NEEDS DISCUSSION TOPICS

- CRMC Community Needs Assessment Activity Support?
- IEHP Health Equity Team Support?
 - Community Wellness Programs
 - Community Advisory Committee Membership
- Other Community Partnership Opportunities?
 - Titanium Health (ECM Provider) – Marc Writz
 - Discussion around CHW
 - Community Sponsorships

IEHP NEEDLES AREA “VITAL STATISTICS”

- IEHP Membership Trend Report – Needles / Mojave Valley Region
- IEHP / Colorado River Medical Center – Q2 2024 Key Stats

Membership Report – Mohave Valley Region

Membership Profile – April 2024 thru June 2025

MCL Members	6/05/25	2/11/2025	1/7/2025	10/1/2024	7/31/2024	7/1/2024	6/4/2024	4/29/2024
Mohave Valley								
Bullhead City	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0
Big River	222	236	232	225	227	229	239	244
Parker Dam	9	13	13	13	11	11	11	11
Cima	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Essex	8	7	8	14	15	15	15	19
Needles	1,755	1775	1756	1760	1746	1748	1761	1807
Nipton	12	14	12	10	9	9	9	10
Mountain Pass	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	2,009	2048	2024	2025	2011	2014	2037	2093
Net Change	-39	24	-1	14	-3	-23	-56	-119



Overview – COLORADO RIVER MEDICAL CENTER

Utilization 3rd and 4th Quarter 2024

