



# 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: September 13, 2024

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1. The City of Needles invites the community to a groundbreaking ceremony for **Phase IV-A Street Improvements** under the Citywide Pavement Management Program. The event will be held on **Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM** at the intersection of Cibola Street and Palm Way. This **\$1.3 million Phase IV-A Street Improvement Project**, funded by Cannabis tax revenue, aligns with the City Council's goals of revitalizing street and water infrastructure. Construction on Desnok Street, Cibola Street, and surrounding roads will begin on September 23 and be completed by the end of October. A second groundbreaking is planned for the **Obernolte Street Improvement Project** in **late September**. The **\$971,988 project** will be funded by the 2022 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending program and general funds. It will repave several streets, including 4th St., 5th St., and Collins St.

Additionally, on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**, the City Council approved the **\$407,708 Phase IV-B Water Service Lateral Replacement Project** in preparation for **Phase IV-B Street Improvement Project**. Construction on Carty Way, Carty Circle, and other streets is expected to begin in **January 2025**. **Refer to the attached maps for a detailed overview for proposed Street Improvement Projects**. For more information, contact City Manager Patrick Martinez at 760-326-2115 ext. 113 or [pmartinez@cityofneedles.com](mailto:pmartinez@cityofneedles.com).

2. The City of Needles Recreation Center, in partnership with The Needles Women's Club, is excited to host the **15th Annual Lynne's Little Ladies Tea Party on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** at the Needles Women's Club. This special event is open to the first 40 girls, ages 5-12, from the tri-state area who register and pay the \$25 fee. Registration can be completed at The Needles Recreation Center, with all fees due by **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**.

For more information, **refer to the attached flyer** or contact the recreation center at 760-326-2814. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to support a little lady's participation—please reach out to the recreation center directly for details.

3. The City of Needles has secured nearly **\$5 million in grant funding**—a monumental achievement! This success is a testament to the hard work and collaboration between our city administration, California Consulting, and our dedicated staff. Together, we've laid the foundation for a brighter future, focused on enhancing the well-being of our residents and driving sustainable growth.

These grants showcase what's possible through bold vision, strategic planning, and strong partnerships. Congratulations to everyone involved! Get ready, Needles—exciting projects are on the horizon, and we can't wait to see their positive impact on our community! Stay tuned for more updates! **Refer to the [attached newsletter](#) from California Consulting for additional information.**

4. The Animal Shelter City Staff is excited to announce the upcoming Spay/Neuter Clinic events on **September 26 and 27, 2024**. Be sure to RSVP your spot today before both clinics are fully booked! These sessions will be led by Dr. Angelina Beeks of Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Unit, a trusted partner since April 2022. Our bi-annual spay/neuter clinics are a vital part of our mission to promote animal welfare and responsible pet ownership in our community. Don't miss out on this significant opportunity! **Refer to the attached flyer** for further or call the Needles Animal Shelter today at (760) 326-4952 for pricing.
5. City officials and staff gathered at the **Needles Elks Lodge #1608 for the Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony**, commemorating the lives lost during the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The ceremony honored the bravery and sacrifices of firefighters, rescue teams, law enforcement, military personnel, and countless civilians. In the wake of that day, these acts of heroism inspired our nation to unite, refocus, and draw strength. **Refer to the attached images** for a look into the solemn and heartfelt ceremony.
6. On **Thursday, September 12, 2024**, city officials and staff attended a meet-and-greet with Palo Verde Community College District Superintendent/President Dr. Bruce Moses. During the event, Dr. Moses outlined his strategic vision for strengthening the integration of Palo Verde College within the Needles community, with a particular emphasis on enhancing the college's role in fostering regional economic development. Additionally, it was noted that Needles High School maintains a 100% graduation rate, with 49% of graduates pursuing higher education and 36% enrolling in California Community Colleges. The school's administration is committed to increasing awareness of financial aid opportunities through FAFSA, ensuring students have the necessary resources to pursue post-secondary education. Over the next two years, Dr. Moses plans to establish an anchor program aimed at defining and branding the Palo Verde College Needles Center. **Refer to the attached images for highlights from the event.**

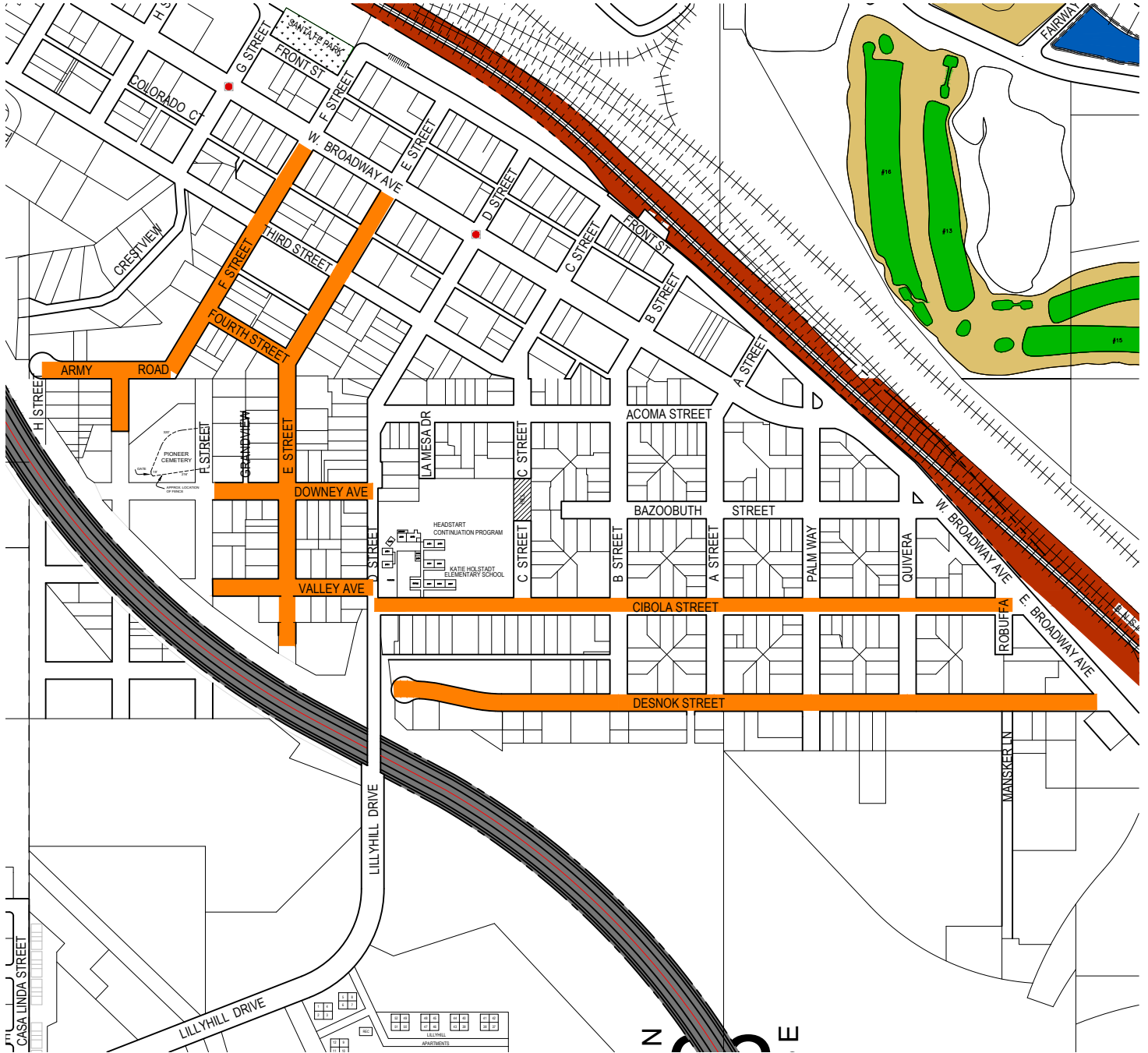
7. The city is committed to providing ongoing professional development opportunities for our staff, and we are excited to congratulate Cainin Perritt on earning his Commercial Driver's License (CDL). This is a notable accomplishment, as Cainin is the first member of our crew to complete the rigorous 80-hour training and pass the exam, but not the last. His success adds tremendous value to our team, increasing our capacity to serve the community, particularly through enhanced street-sweeping services. Additionally, the city remains focused on equipping our staff with the necessary tools to improve the quality of life for our residents. With budget approval, we have begun replacing outdated equipment, and we are proud to announce the arrival of two key replacements this week. First, our 500-gallon vacuum tank, which the water department uses to address water leaks, has been replaced after more than 15 years of service. This new tank will improve our efficiency in maintaining the city's water systems. Second, the Needles Riverview Cemetery has received a replacement mower, a much-needed upgrade. These equipment upgrades are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure our team can perform their duties effectively, benefitting the entire community. **See the attached image for reference.**
  
8. The City of Needles is nearing completion of the **\$747,061 Rivers Edge Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project**, funded by the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program. This project, featuring water-efficient sprinkler heads and an advanced irrigation system with water-saving gate valves, will enhance the course's sustainability and appearance. To support these improvements, a \$3 fee increase will take effect when the course reopens on **October 4, 2024**. This measure ensures the course remains well-maintained and supports future upgrades, providing an exceptional experience for all golfers. Book your tee time today by calling 760-326-3931 or visiting our [website](#). For tournament inquiries, contact JJ DeLeon at the same number. **Additional details are in the attached flyer and photo.**
  
9. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**
  - **The Needles Chamber of Commerce State of the City on October 3, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** located at 950 Front Street (El Garces).
  - **Annual Bridge to Bridge First Responders Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 11 am-2 pm** at the Mohave Valley Legacy Community Park at 9200 Aquarius, Mohave Valley.
  - **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: The Well No. 11 Water Treatment Facility Project is anticipated for mid-October.** The date, time, and location are TBD.
  - **SBCSD/Needles Police 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at the Recreation Center parking lot at 1705 J Street. If you're interested in participating, please get in touch with Misty Hunt at 760-526-9200 or [mhunt@sbcscd.org](mailto:mhunt@sbcscd.org).
  - **Community Fall Festival: November 2, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at 950 Front Street. To participate vendors can contact Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, via email at [jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com](mailto:jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com) or directly at 760-326-2814.

# 1. PAVEMENT GROUNDBREAKING

City of Needles Capital Projects

## Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

### PHASE 4 A



#### DOWNTOWN AREA

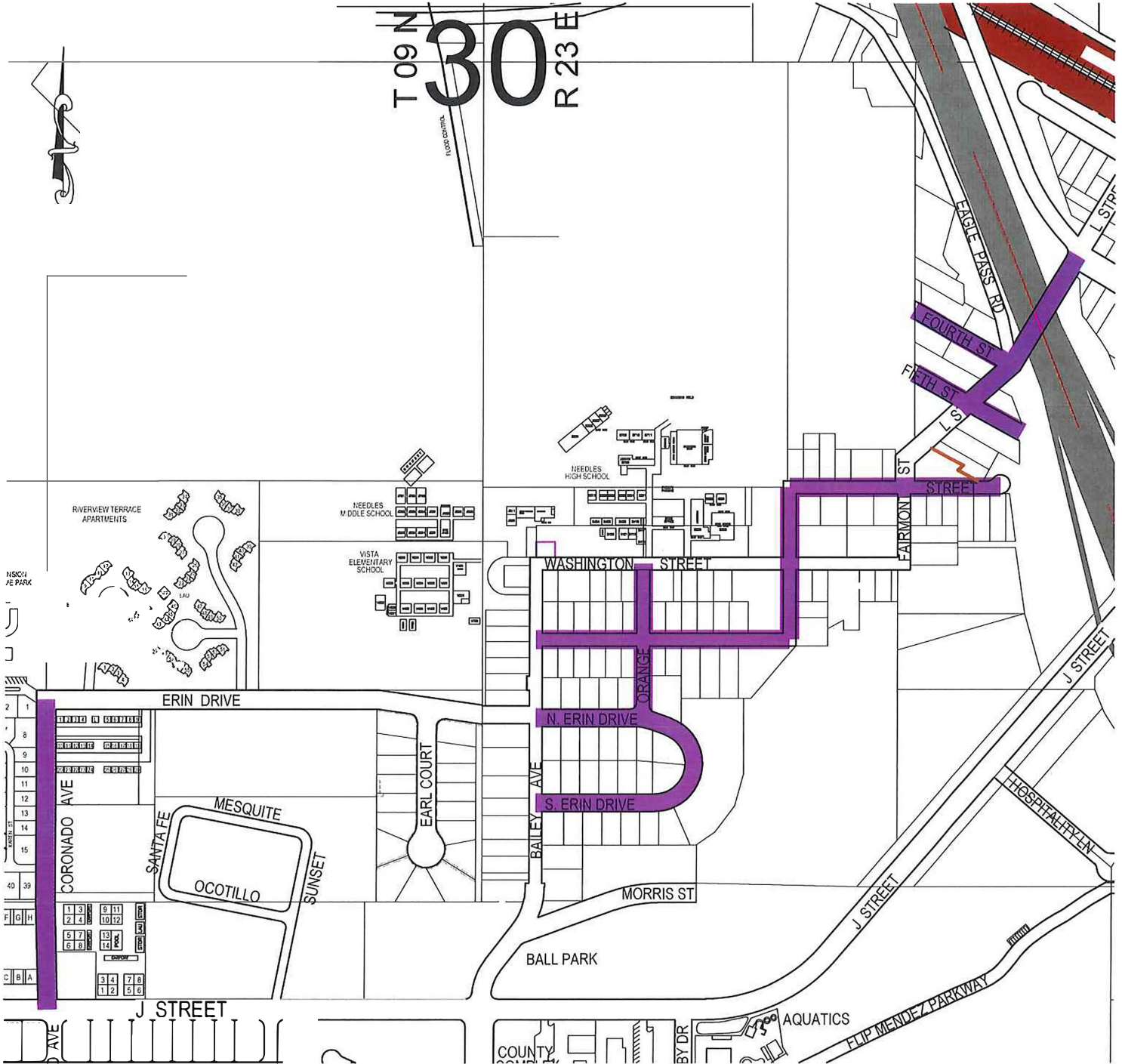
- DESNOK STREET (D Street to W. Broadway Ave)
- CIBOLA STREET (D Street to W. Broadway Ave)
- F STREET / ARMY RD (Broadway Ave to Interstate 40)
- E STREET (Broadway Ave to Interstate 40)
- DOWNEY AVE (D Street to F Street)
- VALLEY AVE (D Street to F Street)
- FOURTH STREET (F Street to E Street)
- G STREET (@ Army Rd)

#### LEGEND

PHASE 4A - PAVING IMPROVEMENTS including Water Services

# 1. PAVEMENT GROUNDBREAKING

## City of Needles Capital Projects Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement OBERNOLTE STREET PROJECT



### HIGH SCHOOL HILL

- |                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| L STREET        | (5th Street to W. Broadway Ave)     |
| 4TH STREET      | (L Street to End)                   |
| 5TH STREET      | (L Street to End)                   |
| HIGHLAND STREET | (Park Ave to End)                   |
| PARK AVE        | (Highland Street to Collins Street) |
| ORANGE AVE      | (Washington Ave to Erin Drive)      |
| COLLINS STREET  | ((Bailey Ave to Park Ave)           |
| ERIN DRIVE      | (Bailey Ave - The Loop)             |
| CORONADO STREET | (Erin Dr to J Street)               |

### LEGEND

**Obernolte Water Service Replacements & Street Improvements Project - Awarded by Rep. OBERNOLTE**

# 1. PAVEMENT PHASE IV-B

City of Needles Capital Projects

## Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

### PHASE 4B



#### VISTA AREA

- ELMONTE STREET (Parkway to Coronado St)
- CARTY WAY (El Monte to Coronado St),
- CARTY CIRCLE,
- CARTY PLACE
- DESOTO ST (Parkway to Balboa St)



#### DOWNTOWN AREA

- I STREET (Third Street to Broadway Ave)
- H STREET (Third Street to Broadway Ave)
- G STREET (Third Street to Broadway Ave)
- CRESTVIEW (Third Street to End)

#### LEGEND

PHASE 4B - PAVING IMPROVEMENTS Including Water Services

## 2. NEEDLES WOMEN'S CLUB

15th Annual  
Lynne's Little Ladies Tea Party

# LETS PAR-TEA

Saturday, September 21st, 2024  
1:00PM - 3:00PM  
Needles Women's Club

Contact: **760-326-2814**



### 3. GRANT AWARD SUCCESS



## City of Needles Achieves Remarkable Success in Grant Awards!



The City of Needles has recently secured an impressive \$4,791,850.72 in grant funding, a significant milestone that reflects the city's ongoing commitment to growth, sustainability, and community well-being. Thanks to the tireless efforts of city administration and the expert guidance of California Consulting, several transformative grants have been awarded to support the city's future:

- 1. Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program**  
The City of Needles has been awarded \$3,965,400.00 by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This competitive program is focused on creating new parks and recreational opportunities in underserved communities. For Needles, this grant will be a game-changer, providing much-needed green spaces and recreational facilities to enhance residents' quality of life and foster community engagement.
- 2. CalTrans Sustainable Planning Transportation Grant Program**  
Needles also secured \$203,987.00 through CalTrans' Sustainable Planning Transportation Grant Program. These funds will be used to update the Transportation Element of the General Plan, ensuring that Needles grows in a sustainable and well-planned manner. This is a critical step in shaping the city's future transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of its residents.



3. **CalTrans Local Road Safety Program**

The city received \$40,000.00 from the CalTrans Local Road Safety Program. This grant will fund a city-wide systemic safety analysis, a vital initiative that will prepare Needles for the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The analysis will help identify key areas for safety enhancements, contributing to the well-being of all who travel through the city.

4. **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program**

Lastly, Needles has been awarded \$582,463.72 through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program. These funds will be used to upgrade the city's manual water and electricity meters to Automated Meter Reading (AMR), leading to more efficient resource use, reducing waste, and promoting sustainability.

**Total Success: \$4,791,850.72 in Grant Funding**

In total, the City of Needles has secured \$4,791,850.72 in grant awards, an extraordinary achievement that highlights the city's dedication to improving the lives of its residents. These grants will have a lasting impact, providing resources for parks and recreation, transportation planning, road safety, and utility efficiency.

City Manager **Patrick Martinez** stated:

“Securing nearly \$5 million in grant funding is a monumental achievement for the City of Needles. This success is a testament to the hard work and collaboration between our city administration, California Consulting, and our dedicated staff. Together, we have positioned Needles for a brighter future, one that prioritizes the well-being of our residents and the sustainable growth of our community.”

Needles is on a path of growth and innovation, and these grant awards demonstrate what can be achieved through strategic planning and effective partnerships.

Congratulations to the City of Needles and all involved in securing these grants! This success story is a shining example of how targeted grant writing and collaboration can unlock new opportunities for communities across California. Keep an eye on Needles as these exciting projects come to life!



#### 4. ANIMAL CONTROL

# CITY OF NEEDLES



# SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

ANGEL'S TOUCH MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT

DR. ANGELINA BEEKS  
NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER  
1662 FLIP MENDEZ PKWY  
NEEDLES, CA 92363  
(760)326-4952

**SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH**

- ✓ Open to everyone
- ✓ By appointment only
- ✓ **CASH DEPOSIT REQUIRED**

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PRICING AND MORE INFORMATION. MUST  
COME INTO SHELTER AND FILL OUT  
APPLICATION AND PAY DEPOSIT TO  
SECURE APPOINTMENT**



# 5. NEEDLES ELKS LODGE #1608 9/11 REMEMBERANCE



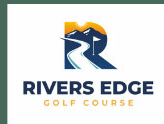
## 6. PALO VERDE COLLEGE MEET AND GREET DR. MOSES



## 7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & NEW EQUIPMENT



# 8. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



## MEMBERSHIPS

Monthly Passes	Silver	Gold	*Route 66
	\$220	\$242	\$330
Silver – Golf Only	Gold – Golf & Driving Range		Route 66 – Golf, Cart & Range
Yearly Passes	Silver	*Gold	*Route 66
	\$1,100	\$1,430	\$1,650
Silver – Golf Only	Gold – Golf & Cart		Route 66 – Golf, Cart & Range
			*Only Passes to Include Cart
All Passes may start at Customers Discretion			14 Day Booking Window



### INITIATION FEE:

Initiation fee waived for all membership types

### BENEFITS :

*Applicable to All Membership Options Above*

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- Advanced Tee Time Privileges: Make tee times 14 days in advance...
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## 8. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE UPGRADES

