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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 31, 2026

City Manager's Weekly Highlights

Public Safety & Community Services

- Coordinated community outreach during the National Weather Service's Extreme Heat Warning, providing residents with heat safety information, cooling resources, and emergency notifications through Needles Connect.

Economic Development & Legislative Affairs

- Advanced the City's Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination following unanimous City Council approval and prepared for the State's public comment period beginning August 3.
- Continued legislative advocacy supporting AB 1756, which would extend the City's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program through 2033.

Parks, Recreation & Community Engagement

- Successfully concluded another summer season of aquatics, youth basketball, and summer camp programs while preparing for upcoming community events and the Route 66 Centennial celebration.

Regional Partnerships

- Strengthened regional partnerships through the SBCTA Just One Trip marketing campaign, showcasing Needles' transit services, community amenities, and tourism opportunities.

1. **Extreme Heat Warning & Community Outreach:** The National Weather Service extended the **Extreme Heat Warning** for the Needles area through **Sunday, August 2**, with forecasted daytime temperatures ranging from **110°F to 120°F** and overnight lows between **80°F and 95°F**, creating dangerous heat conditions with little overnight relief. In response, the City issued a **Needles Connect** emergency notification providing residents with heat safety information and highlighting available cooling locations and community resources. The notification encouraged residents to stay hydrated, limit outdoor activities during peak heat, check on vulnerable family members and neighbors, and never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. Residents who have not already done so are encouraged to subscribe to Needles Connect to receive emergency notifications, City news, event updates, and other important community information by email or text message. Information on subscribing and downloading the mobile app is available on the [City's Needles Connect webpage](#). Staff will continue to monitor weather conditions and provide additional public notifications as necessary.
2. **Opportunity Zone 2.0 Public Comment Period:** At its July 28 meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 2026-33**, formally supporting and ratifying the City's application to the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) recommending **Census Tract 06071010700** for designation under the **Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program**. The Opportunity Zone designation represents a significant economic development opportunity to attract long-term private investment, support housing and business expansion, create quality jobs, and build upon more than **\$28 million** in recent public infrastructure investments. The **State's public comment period will be open from August 3 through August 28, 2026**, providing residents, businesses, community organizations, and regional partners an opportunity to submit comments and letters of support. Information regarding the public comment process, including access to the [California Department of Finance Opportunity Zone Public Comment Portal](#), is available on the [GO-Biz Opportunity Zones webpage](#). The City has already received letters of support from **San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe** and the **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCTA/SBCOG)** and encourages the community to participate in the public comment process in support of Needles' Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination.
3. **AB 1756 – OHMV Pilot Program Extension Update:** Assembly Bill 1756, authored by Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez, continues to advance through the California Legislature. The bill is scheduled to be considered by the **Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, August 10, 2026**. If approved, the legislation is anticipated to be sent to the Governor shortly thereafter, positioning the bill well ahead of the Legislature's end-of-session deadlines. If signed into law, AB 1756 will extend the City of Needles' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program through **January 1, 2033**, ensuring the continued operation of the City's designated combined-use route network and providing long-term certainty for recreation, tourism, and economic development. The City appreciates Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez's continued leadership and advocacy in advancing legislation that supports the Needles community and

reinforces the City's leadership as California's first city to establish a designated OHMV combined-use route network.

4. **Needles Transit Services Featured in Regional Marketing Campaign:** This past week, Needles Transit Services participated in the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's (SBCTA) **Just One Trip (JOT)** regional marketing campaign, which encourages San Bernardino County residents to replace single-occupancy vehicle trips with public transit. A professional production team filmed promotional video and photography at several locations throughout Needles, including El Garces, the Needles Regional Museum, and the J Street transit stop, highlighting the City's transit services and community amenities. The campaign will be featured through regional social media and digital marketing efforts, providing additional exposure for Needles and reinforcing the City's partnership with SBCTA to promote accessible, sustainable transportation options. **The City extends its appreciation to the eight local residents who volunteered to participate in the production, as well as Needles Transit Services staff and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) for their collaboration in coordinating the project and showcasing our community.**
5. **Summer Aquatics Season Concludes:** The **Needles Recreation Department** successfully concluded another summer aquatics season, providing swim lessons, recreational swimming opportunities, private rentals, and special events at the Needles Aquatic Center. While many seasonal aquatic programs have concluded, **lap swim and water exercise will continue Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. through September 3**, providing residents with an opportunity to stay active and beat the summer heat. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager**, the **Needles Recreation Department** staff, and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to another successful aquatics season.
6. **Summer Youth Basketball Program Concludes:** The **Needles Recreation Department** concluded another successful season of the **Summer Youth Basketball Program** with an **Awards Ceremony and End-of-Season Barbecue** at the Needles Aquatic Center, bringing together participants, families, volunteer coaches, and staff to celebrate the accomplishments of another outstanding season. Throughout the summer, the program provided local youth, **beginning at age 3**, with opportunities to develop teamwork, sportsmanship, and athletic skills in a safe, positive, and supportive environment. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager**, the **Needles Recreation Department** staff, volunteer coaches, and families for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to delivering another successful youth sports season and a memorable season-ending celebration.
7. **Suns Out...Funs Out Summer Camp Successfully Completed:** The **Needles Recreation Department** successfully completed another **Suns Out...Funs Out Summer Camp**, culminating with an end-of-summer celebration featuring a water slide sponsored by **Tri-State Community Healthcare**. Throughout the summer, the program provided local youth with a safe, engaging, and enriching

environment through structured recreational activities, games, educational experiences, and community partnerships. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **Tri-State Community Healthcare** for its continued partnership and generous support in making the celebration possible. The City also thanks the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department** for joining the celebration and helping create lasting memories and strengthen positive relationships with local youth as they prepare to return to school. The City extends its sincere appreciation to **Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager**, the **Needles Recreation Department** staff, seasonal employees, volunteers, and community partners for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to delivering another successful summer camp program for Needles families.

8. **Animal Shelter Service Hours Update:** To enhance customer service and improve weekday service availability, the Animal Shelter has updated its public service hours. Effective immediately, the Animal Shelter will be open to the public **Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** and **Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The updated schedule enhances weekday service while continuing to provide Friday service, supporting animal care, animal control services, pet adoptions, and customer assistance for the Needles community.
9. **Library Summer Session Concludes:** The Needles Branch Library is concluding another successful summer programming session and will launch Session 4, which runs from August 16 through September 26. Upcoming programs include early childhood activities, children's storytime, adult book club, and other educational opportunities for all ages. Residents are encouraged to visit the Needles Branch Library, scan the QR code on the attached flyer, or visit the San Bernardino County Library website for program information.
10. **Substance Use Disorder Recovery Services Available:** San Bernardino County Behavioral Health continues to provide Substance Use Disorder Recovery Services (SUDRS) to support individuals in recovery and those seeking treatment for substance use disorders. Services include screening and assessment, outpatient treatment, recovery support, peer support, education, family services, and referrals to community resources, with many services available at no cost to eligible residents. Individuals seeking assistance may contact the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Screening, Assessment and Referral Center at (800) 968-2636 or (909) 421-4601 to learn more about available programs and treatment options. For behavioral health emergencies, residents should call (888) 743-1478, or 911 if experiencing a life-threatening emergency. Please refer to the attached informational flyer for additional information and available resources.
11. **Coalition to Protect Community Services Update:** The City continues to participate in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's (CJPIA) **Coalition to Protect Community Services**, which is advocating for proportionate liability reform for local governments. This week, the Coalition distributed an updated legislative support letter to members of the California Legislature as negotiations continue on a broader public agency liability reform

package. Staff will continue to monitor legislative developments and keep the City Council informed as additional updates become available.

12. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit events or update existing listings through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe to and sync the calendar with their mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION

- I. **Beat the Heat Night Pool Party & 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament:** Residents and visitors are invited to enjoy two community events this weekend that promote recreation, tourism, and community engagement. On Saturday, August 1, Tri-State Community Healthcare, in partnership with Route 66 Pharmacy, will host a free Beat the Heat Night Pool Party from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Needles Municipal Aquatics Center, featuring free swimming, inflatable water slides, music, food, drinks, and free admission for all attendees. Also on August 1, Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its 4th Annual Night Golf Tournament, attracting participants from throughout the region while promoting tourism, increasing utilization of City facilities, supporting local businesses, and showcasing Rivers Edge Golf Course as a premier recreational destination. The City appreciates Tri-State Community Healthcare, Route 66 Pharmacy, and Rivers Edge Golf Course for their continued partnership and commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Needles. Please refer to the attached event flyers for additional information.
- II. **River Communities Coalition Community Rummage Sale Update:** The River Communities Coalition has postponed its upcoming **Community Rummage Sale** due to flooding at **Palo Verde College**, the event's originally planned location. Organizers are actively working to secure a new venue and will announce once **the new location and date are confirmed**. Donation collection will continue during this time. Community members interested in donating items or requesting pickup assistance may contact the River Communities Coalition by email at **NeedlesRCC@gmail.com** or by contacting **Wayne Colburn** at **(760) 801-4076**, **Nancy Greenwood** at **(562) 900-4808**, or **Roxanne Hooten** at **(928) 706-8323**. The City appreciates the River Communities Coalition's continued commitment to serving the community and looks forward to supporting this event once it is rescheduled.
- III. **Vitalant Community Blood Drive:** Vitalant will host a community blood drive at Elks Lodge 1608 on Monday, August 17, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event aims to recruit 24 blood donors to help maintain an adequate blood supply for hospitals and patients throughout the region. Community members are encouraged to participate in this lifesaving effort, and Vitalant is offering a donor appreciation promotion during the month of August for participants enrolled in the Vitalant Rewards program. Appointments may be scheduled using Blood Drive Code LIU79, by

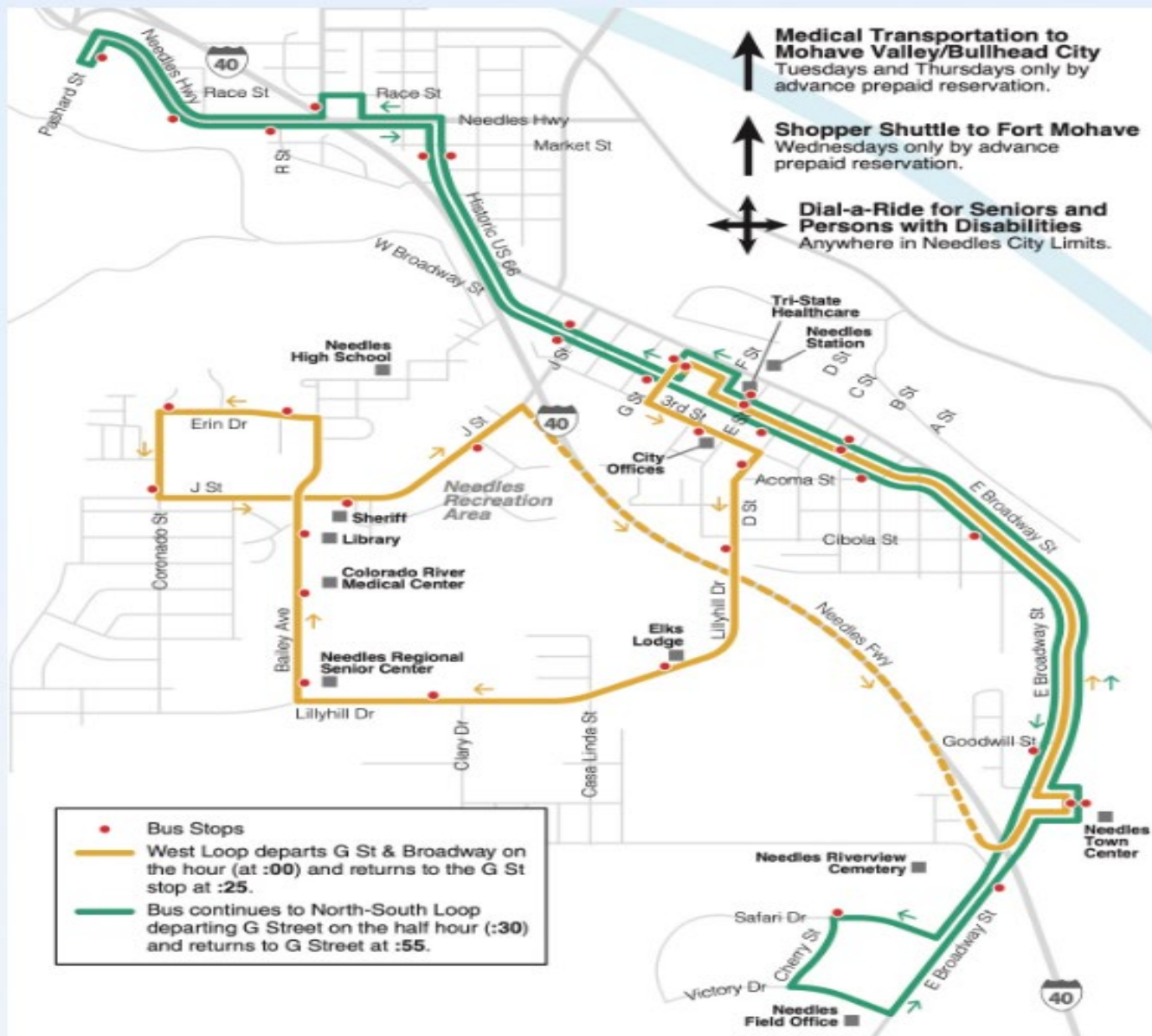
scanning the QR code on the attached event flyer, or by calling Vitalant at (877) 258-4825. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional information, promotion details, eligibility requirements, and appointment scheduling instructions.

- IV. **Fall Spay & Neuter Clinic Reminder:** Registration remains open for the Needles Animal Shelter's **Fall Spay & Neuter Clinic**, scheduled for **September 24–25, 2026**, in partnership with **Dr. Angelina Beeks of Angel's Touch Veterinary Services**. This biannual clinic provides affordable spay and neuter services for pet owners throughout the tri-state area and supports the City's commitment to responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and public health. Appointments are required and are expected to fill quickly. Residents are encouraged to contact the Needles Animal Shelter at **(760) 326-4952** to schedule an appointment. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional information.
- V. **Route 66 Centennial Community Fall Festival Update:** Planning continues for the **Third Annual Community Fall Festival** on **November 7, 2026**, the City's signature celebration commemorating the **100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66**. As California's eastern gateway on the Mother Road, Needles is uniquely positioned to welcome residents, visitors, Route 66 enthusiasts, and travelers from across the nation for this once-in-a-generation milestone. The event will feature live entertainment, an OHMV car show, food vendors, family activities, a Kids Zone, and a Route 66 Centennial fireworks celebration. Staff continues coordinating event logistics, vendor participation, sponsorships, and community partnerships to deliver a memorable experience that celebrates Needles' history while promoting tourism, supporting local businesses, and showcasing Needles as a regional destination. Businesses, community organizations, sponsors, and vendors are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration. Additional information, including vendor registration and sponsorship opportunities, is available on the City's [Route 66 Centennial webpage](#) or by contacting Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, at (760) 326-2814 or parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com.
- VI. **1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck Restoration Project Update:** Restoration efforts continue on the City's historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck, and community sponsorship opportunities remain available to support the next phase of the project. The restoration will help preserve this historic vehicle as a symbol of Needles' rich history while ensuring it continues to appear at community events, parades, civic celebrations, and educational programs for future generations. The City extends special recognition and sincere appreciation to Tim Wahlstrand for generously volunteering his time, expertise, and craftsmanship in support of the restoration effort, as well as to the residents, businesses, and community partners who continue to help preserve this important piece of Needles history. Additional information regarding sponsorship opportunities is available in the attached restoration flyer. Those interested in supporting the project may contact Jesse Fragoso at jfragoso@cityofneedles.com.

1. EXTREME HEAT- TRANSIT SERVICES

Deviated Fixed Route

Schedule Below



Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday:

7:00 am to 6:55 pm

Saturday

10:00 am to 4:55 pm

Catching The Bus At The Bus Stop

Times shown on the schedule are the minutes after each hour that the bus departs that stop.

Bus may arrive a few minutes late due to deviation service requests, but will not depart a stop before the time listed.

Deviated Fixed Route Service

NAT can deviate off the route to pick you up at your location. For details about requesting a deviation, click here:

[Request A Deviation](#)

Click here to see fares:

[Fares](#)

No service on:

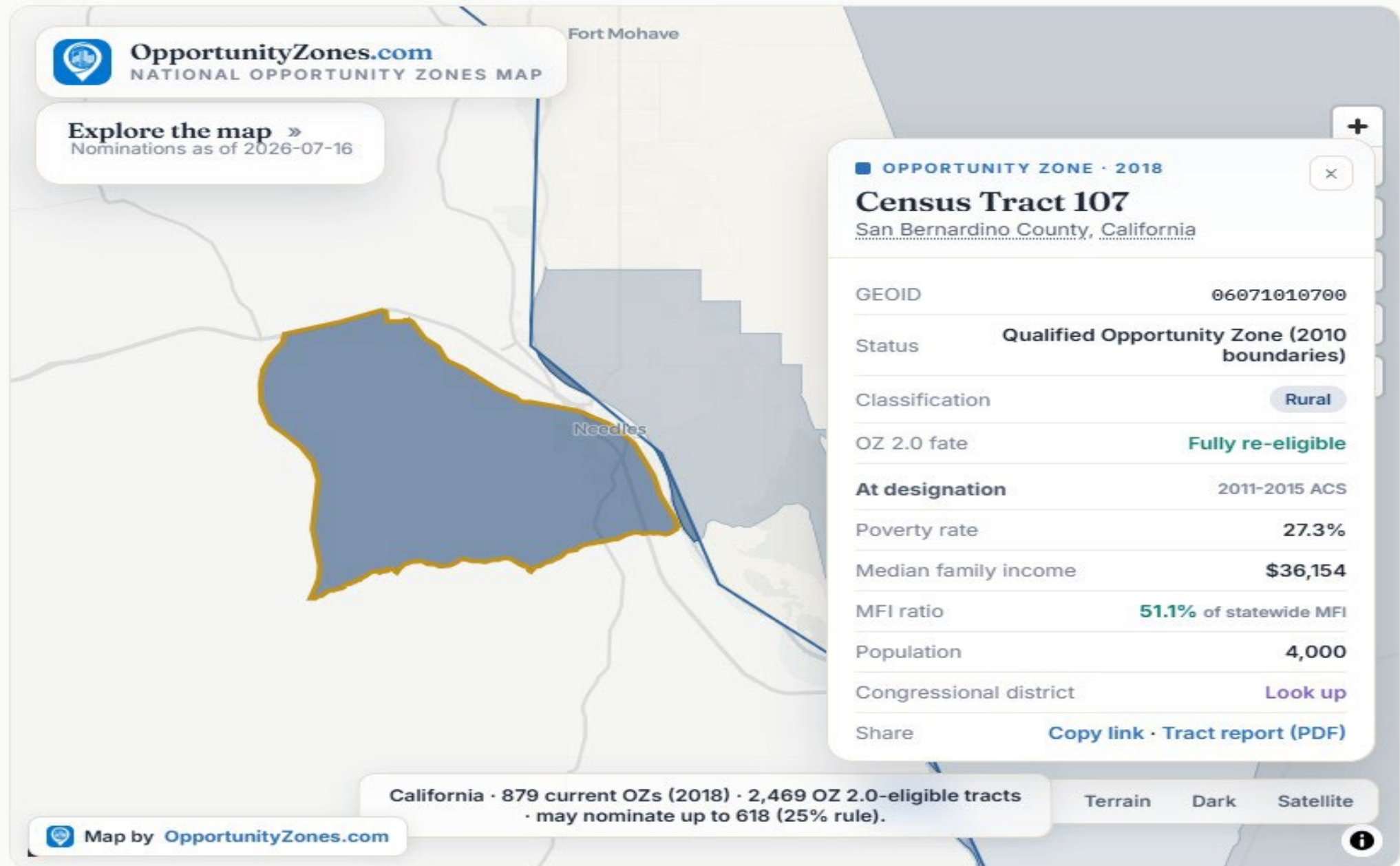
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

Call Needles Area Transit at 1-866-669-6309 on the day you desire the service.

2. OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 APPLICATION

California Opportunity Zones Map

The interactive map below shows every designated Opportunity Zone in California. Use the layer panel to explore rural and surrounding tracts, or click any zone for tract-level detail.



6. SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM



7. SUMMER CAMP COMPLETED



8. ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS UPDATE



ANIMAL SHELTER

New Service Hours

UPDATED SERVICE HOURS

The City of Needles Animal Shelter has updated its service hours to better serve residents and support animal care throughout the week.



NEW HOURS



MONDAY – THURSDAY

8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.



FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP WITH:



ANIMAL CARE & SHELTER SERVICES

Providing compassionate care for animals in our community.



ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS

Responding to calls and keeping our community safe.



PET ADOPTIONS

Helping pets find loving, forever homes.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Supporting residents and pets with care and resources.



Thank you for supporting the animals and families in our community!



NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER



1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy
Needles, CA 92363



(760) 326-4952



CityofNeedles.com



ADOPT



VOLUNTEER



DONATE



MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Together, we can help protect and care for the animals in our community.

9. LIBRARY READING PROGRAM

NEEDLES BRANCH LIBRARY

1111 Bailey Ave., Needles, 92363 • 760-326-9255

Off-Session: Aug 3-15

Storytime • Wednesdays • 1:30pm

Session 4: August 16-September 26

Library Beginners (0-5 years)

Little Artists • Tuesdays • 3:00pm

Explore art and imagination through fun, interactive projects.

Kids Zone (6-11 years)

Storytime • Wednesdays • 1:30pm

Stories, songs, and crafts for all ages.

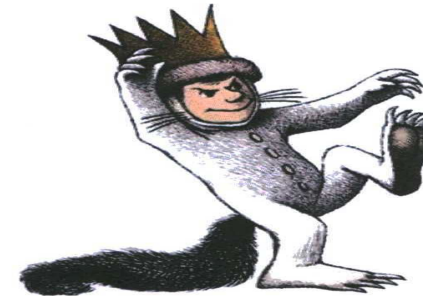
Adult Programs (18+ years)

Adult Book Club • Mondays • 3:30pm

Aug 17 & 24: John Scalzi, *When the Moon Hits Your Eye*

Aug 31: Josh Malerman, *Incidents Around the House*

Sep 14 & 21: Silvia Moreno-Garcia, *The Bewitching*



Scan the QR Code or visit:
library.sbcounty.gov/session

Off-Session: Sep 27-Oct 10

Storytime • Wednesdays • 1:30pm

Family Paint Event • Wednesday, Sep 30 • 5:30pm



Library

All County Library branches
will be closed on Aug 21 & Sep 7

library.sbcounty.gov

MON 11am-7pm • **TUE** 11am-7pm

WED 11am-7pm • **THURS** 10am-6pm

FRI closed • **SAT** 9am-5pm • **SUN** closed



10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Did you know?

If you have received substance use disorder treatment, you can receive substance use disorder and recovery services after your treatment and at no-cost to help you stay on the path of recovery.

The services are also available whether you have relapsed or need help to prevent a relapse.

How do I access recovery services?

- Contact the last program you attended.
- Contact your counselor.
- Call (800) 968-2636.
- Ask your recovery residence.



Contact

For services, call or visit
the Screening Assessment and
Referral Center (SARC)
850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto
(800) 968-2636 or (909) 421-4601

For 24/7 access to behavioral health services,
call (888) 743-1478
In an EMERGENCY, call 9-1-1.

If you speak another language,
language assistance services are
available to you free of charge
by dialing (888) 743-1478
(TTY users dial 7-1-1).

DBH complies with applicable
federal, civil rights laws and does not
discriminate on the basis of race,
color, national origin,
sex, gender identity, age, disability,
or limited English proficiency.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
658 E. Brier Dr., Ste. 250
San Bernardino

www.SBCounty.gov/dbh



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Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services (SUDRS)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

11. JPIA COALITION

COALITION TO PROTECT COMMUNITY SERVICES | California JPIA

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Establish Proportionate Liability for Local Governments

Under California's joint and several liability rule, a city found just **1% at fault** can be forced to pay **100% of a plaintiff's economic damages**—when the other responsible co-defendants can't pay. Every dollar consumed by disproportionate liability judgments and inflated settlements is a dollar unavailable for community services that our residents rely on: police and fire protection, roads and infrastructure maintenance, parks, libraries, senior services and youth sports programs.

Establishing proportionate liability means that local governments named in lawsuits would be required to pay only their actual share of fault, as determined by the court. Not only is this more fair, but it would help to solve a rapidly escalating problem—a fiscal crisis of runaway liability costs for cities and other local government agencies that have limited taxpayer funding to provide much needed public services.



CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY
Providing Innovative Risk Management Solutions for Our Public Agency Partners
8081 Moody Street, La Palma, CA 90623 | (562) 467-8700 | cjpia.org

11. JPIA COALITION

July 28, 2026

To Members of the Legislature:

On behalf of the Coalition to Protect Community Services, we write to express our strong support for meaningful tort reform in civil actions against public entities, consistent with the priorities of other local government organizations statewide.

Specifically, we support:

- [Proportionate \(several\) liability](#) for economic damages in civil actions against public entities, so that taxpayers pay only for the share of harm attributable to the public agency.
- Caps on damages in civil actions against public entities, ensuring that injured parties are fairly compensated, while also preserving the capacity to deliver essential public services.

Local governments across California are facing a growing liability crisis. In many cases, it is not a result of agencies improperly delivering services or mismanaging risk—but because the current legal framework systematically exposes public entities to liability far beyond their actual share of responsibility.

For cities and special districts, rising settlements and liability costs pose an existential threat to the services we provide. **Multi-million dollar claims against local agencies—arising from public roadways, sidewalks, public property, and routine government services—have increased sharply, and the rising costs are unsustainable.** Insurance premiums paid by local agencies have grown 370%, climbing from \$115 million in 2016 to \$541 million in 2025. And since 2019, public entity liability costs have more than tripled, now exceeding \$7 billion in known exposure.

When a local government agency faces a liability judgment, the cost is borne collectively by liability risk pools—meaning it is ultimately funded by the taxpayers of every member community across California—or directly by the local agency if it is not a member of a risk pool. Dollars spent defending and paying out lawsuits are dollars diverted from public safety, road maintenance, parks, and the core local services these agencies exist to provide.

We stand ready to work with the Legislature, the Administration, and all involved stakeholders to craft a practical and meaningful solution to this growing problem.

**Can we count on your support
to help safeguard essential public services?**

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COALITION MEMBERS — as of July 28, 2026

1. California Contract Cities Association
2. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
3. City of Alhambra
4. City of Arcadia
5. City of Artesia
6. City of Atascadero
7. City of Azusa
8. City of Bakersfield
9. City of Barstow
10. City of Bellflower
11. City of Blythe
12. City of Camarillo
13. City of Carson
14. City of Cerritos
15. City of Commerce
16. City of Corona
17. City of Diamond Bar
18. City of Duarte
19. City of Fontana
20. City of Fountain Valley
21. City of Goleta
22. City of Hawaiian Gardens
23. City of Indian Wells
24. City of La Mirada
25. City of La Palma
26. City of La Puente
27. City of La Quinta
28. City of La Verne
29. City of Lake Forest
30. City of Lakewood
31. City of Lomita
32. City of Monrovia
33. City of National City
34. City of Needles
35. City of Norwalk
36. City of Palos Verdes Estates
37. City of Paramount
38. City of Pismo Beach
39. City of Rolling Hills
40. City of San Clemente
41. City of San Luis Obispo
42. City of San Marcos
43. City of Santa Paula
44. City of Signal Hill
45. City of Solvang
46. City of Temple City
47. City of Torrance
48. City of Victorville
49. City of West Covina
50. City of Wildomar
51. County of Fresno
52. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
53. Foothill Transit
54. Public Agency Risk Management Association
55. Rossmoor Community Services District
56. Town of Apple Valley

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COMMUNITY EVENTS I & II



4th ANNUAL NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAT 2026
AUG 1ST

Rivers Edge
Golf Course
8:00PM Shotgun Start

\$60 PER PLAYER
2-Person Scramble

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
JULY 29TH, 2026

CONTACT: PRO SHOP
(760) 326-3931

This event is
sponsored by

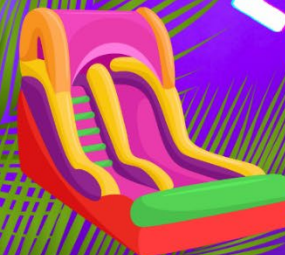
tri-state
COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE



FREE
ENTRY

6:00-9:00 PM
SATURDAY - AUGUST 1
CITY POOL - 1661 J STREET

NIGHT POOL PARTY
NEEDLES, CA



Free hot dogs, drink & chips
Water Bouncy House Slides
Family Friendly Event



COMMUNITY EVENTS II & III



RIVER
COMMUNITIES
COALITION

Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Building a Stronger Community... One Donation at a Time

River Communities Coalition (RCC)
is collecting donations for our
upcoming Community Rummage Sale!

♥ Your donated items help fund
community programs and services
that benefit our Colorado River
communities.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Furniture
- Household Items
- Kitchen Items
- Clothing & Shoes
- Books
- Toys
- Electronics
- Home Décor
- Tools
- Holiday Decorations
- ...and much more!



WE WELCOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT!

We especially welcome donations of:

- Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Canes
- Crutches
- Rollators
- Shower Chairs
- Lift Chairs
- Hospital Beds
- Bedside Commodes
- And other medical equipment



WE PICK UP BIG OR SMALL!

Whether it's a single item, a bag of
clothing, or an entire household of
furniture, we'll gladly arrange a pickup.

*We'll pick up ANYTHING
big or small!*

All donated items should be
clean and in good,
usable condition.

SCHEDULE A PICKUP OR DROP-OFF

Call or Text Any of Our RCC Volunteers

- Roxanne (928) 706-8323
- Wayne (760) 903-3939
- Nancy (562) 900-4808

..... Or Contact the RCC Office

- RCC Office: 760-801-4076
- NeedlesRCC@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE



*July 31 &
August 1, 2025*



7:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Palo Verde College – Needles Center
(Historic Claypool Building)
Needles, California

DONATION RECIPIENT



All donations are gratefully accepted
on behalf of the

RIVER COMMUNITIES COALITION (RCC)

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

*Building a Stronger Community...
One Donation at a Time*



RECEIPTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

A receipt will be provided
for your tax records.

*Thank
You!*

Every donation makes a difference!
Thank you for helping RCC continue
building a stronger community...
one donation at a time.

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



RIVER COMMUNITIES COALITION (RCC)

Building a Stronger Community... One Donation at a Time

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Donate August 1-31, 2026



**\$15 GIFT CARD
FOR ALL**

Must use code **AUGUST15-2026-V***

*Rewards program opt-in required.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Elks Lodge 1608

**Monday, August 17, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

24 DONORS NEEDED
Elks Lodge 1608 Meeting Room
1000 Lillyhill Dr.
Needles, CA 92363



Soak up the last days of summer and share the love! End-of-summer plans can lead to blood shortages. Donate blood this August and use code AUGUST15-2026-V when scheduling your appointment to receive a \$15 Rewards gift card as our thank-you! Donor Rewards program opt-in required. Find out more at vitalant.org/AugDonorGift. Schedule your appointment today!

Our mission at Vitalant depends on community members like you. Your blood donation touches countless families and gives patients a second chance of life. Thank you for being a lifesaver! We really appreciate you.

Visit donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: L1U79



For more information or to schedule a donation,
call **877-258-4825** or visit us at vitalant.org
Find us @

vitalant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IV & V

SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC!

SEPTEMBER
24TH & 25TH
2026



-  All of the tri-state area welcome.
-  Call the animal shelter with all questions.



NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER

1662 Flip Mendez Parkway
Needles, CA 92362
(760)326-4952

An application must be completed with a **non refundable** cash deposit to schedule appointment.



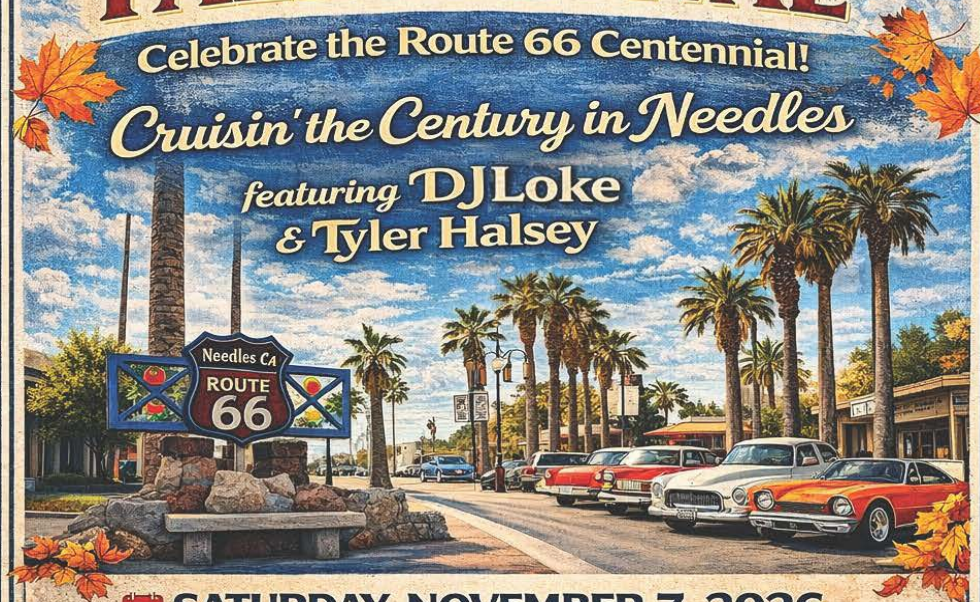
HELPING PETS. SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY.
HEALTHY PETS, HAPPY FAMILIES!

SAVE THE DATE!

The City of Needles ★ Third Annual ★ **COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL**



Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial!
Cruisin' the Century in Needles
featuring DJ Loke & Tyler Halsey



 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM •  SANTA FE PARK, NEEDLES, CA



OHMV Car Show

NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS



Fireworks Show

LOOKING FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Food Trucks

Beer Garden at Red Dog Saloon



Kids Zone & Games



JOIN US FOR A HISTORIC CELEBRATION

Experience the energy of Route 66 and a Fall Festival like never before—OHMV, culture, community, and the Colorado River

Contact Jennifer Valenzuela at 760-326-2814
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COMMUNITY EVENTS VI



CITY OF NEEDLES **1923** AMERICAN LaFRANCE **FIRE TRUCK** ★ RESTORATION PROJECT ★



Help Preserve a Piece of Needles History

For generations, this historic fire truck has represented service, pride, and community spirit in the City of Needles. We are asking for the community's support to help restore and preserve this historic vehicle for future generations.

★ RESTORATION NEEDS ★

1	Bell Bracket	\$50
2	Pyramid Aluminum 16" x 80" Sheets	\$2,000
3	Mechanical Temp Gauge	\$100
4	Wood for Bed	\$1,000
5	Toolbox for Bed	\$800
6	Steel Battery Box and Tool Box	\$2,000
7	Chrome Work for Truck	\$1,500

COMMUNITY RESTORATION GOAL

≡ **\$7,450** ≡

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Donate toward restoration costs



Sponsor a restoration item



Volunteer skilled labor or materials



Help spread the word throughout the community

**A PIECE OF HISTORY.
A SYMBOL OF PRIDE.
OUR TRUCK. OUR COMMUNITY.**



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