



# 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: May 30, 2025

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1. On **May 30, 2025**, **Mayor Jernigan** and **City Manager Patrick Martinez** appeared on [KNTR's Speak Out 2.0](#) to highlight the City of Needles' continued growth and public investment. They discussed over **\$20 million in active capital improvements**, including road paving, water infrastructure, and park upgrades. The City's expanding **recreation program** was also featured, with emphasis on youth engagement, community events, and enhanced amenities like the Duke Watkins Park project. The segment highlighted the city's **Prohousing designation**, growing **tourism economy**, and active **economic development**, all aligning with the City Manager's view of Needles as a place "where quality of life meets affordability."
2. As a **reminder**, the **grand opening celebration** for **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** at **West Side Chevron (2321 Needles Highway)** is happening this **Tuesday, June 3, 2025**. This exciting addition to our community was reported last week and represents another step forward in supporting **local business growth** and expanding **dining options** in Needles. We encourage everyone to stop by, show support, and enjoy the **special grand opening deals—two-piece chicken with two sides for just \$3.99 and fountain drinks for only 99 cents**. Let's come together and give a **warm welcome** to one of our **newest small businesses**. Refer to the **attached flyer** for more details, and we look forward to seeing you there!
3. Starting **June 2**, the **Needles Recreation Center** is launching a full lineup of **summer programs** for local youth and families. **Summer Day Camp** will run from **June 2 through August 1, Monday through Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, and is open to children **ages 5–12**. The camp provides a **safe, engaging environment** filled with **hands-on activities** to keep kids **active and learning** throughout the summer. Also kicking off in June is the **Jr. and Pee Wee Basketball Program** for children **ages 3–8 (1st and 2nd grade)**, with games scheduled throughout **June and July**. **Registration closes June 2**, so be sure to **sign up soon**. In addition, **swim lessons** begin **June 9**—an

excellent opportunity for kids to build **confidence** and stay **safe in the water**. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to **reserve a spot**. Don't miss out on a summer filled with **fun, fitness, and community spirit**. Contact the **Recreation Center** for more details and **registration information**. For more details, including **registration, pricing, and session times**, please refer to the **attached flyer** or contact the Recreation Center at **760-326-3866**.

4. Over Memorial Day weekend, the City's **Utility Department** responded swiftly to a **6-inch water main break** along **River Road**, restoring service within two hours. Affected areas included **Rio Buena Vista, Chesney's, Verde Shores, and Jack Smith Park**. Some residents experienced **temporary water discoloration or reduced pressure**. This location is already scheduled for **full infrastructure replacement**. On **May 13, 2025**, the **City Council** awarded a **\$1.24 million contract** to **Pyramid Building and Engineering, Inc.** to replace the River Road main, upgrade deteriorating service laterals, and reconstruct the manifold near the golf course maintenance yard. The project is fully funded through the **State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**. Please refer to the **attached map** for a detailed view of the upcoming improvements along River Road. Residents are encouraged to report water leaks by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). Refer to the attached image for a look at the emergency response in action and the progress of the maintenance work.
5. On **Friday, May 23, 2025**, the **lift station at Jack Smith Park** experienced a mechanical failure. In response, our **Wastewater Department** worked diligently over the **holiday weekend**, manually pumping the station to ensure the **public restrooms remained open** during the high-traffic period. By **Monday evening**, the restrooms were temporarily closed to allow staff to begin necessary repairs. **Two brand-new pumps** were immediately ordered to restore full functionality. We extend our sincere thanks to the **Fort Mojave Tribal Utilities Authority (FMTUA)** for their **swift mutual aid response**, which played a key role in our emergency operations. As of **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, the **lift station is fully operational**, and the system is running smoothly. The new pumps will be installed in the coming weeks upon delivery to further enhance system reliability.
6. On **May 26, 2025**, **Memorial Day services** were held at the **Needles Riverview Cemetery**, where **dozens gathered to honor the brave men and women** who gave their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms. The **annual ceremony**, organized by **Natalie Johnson Services**, featured contributions from over **two dozen participants** and highlighted the strong sense of community and gratitude that defines Needles. Among the attendees were **Mayor Jan Jernigan**, representatives from the **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, Pastor Lam**, and members of the **American Legion**. Please refer to the **attached photo** for a glimpse into this meaningful event.
7. On **May 29, 2025**, **Palo Verde College** hosted its **graduation ceremony** at the **Needles Educational Center**, drawing over **100 attendees** to celebrate the

accomplishments of **15 graduates**, supported by their families and friends. The keynote address was delivered by the **PVC Needles Center phlebotomy instructor**, offering words of encouragement and inspiration. The graduating class included **8 phlebotomy program graduates**, **3 GED recipients**, and **4 Associate of Arts (AA) degree graduates**. This event highlights Palo Verde College's continued investment in the Needles community by providing **accessible educational pathways** that strengthen the **local workforce** and contribute to **long-term economic development**.

8. The **City of Needles** is pleased to announce that **Ordinance No. 668-AC** has been **formally accepted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)**. The **Planning Department** worked **diligently** to ensure the ordinance aligns with **current State Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Law**, and HCD's **Housing Policy Analyst from the Accountability and Enforcement Unit** confirmed the ordinance is **substantially compliant**. This formal acceptance demonstrates the City's ongoing commitment to **state-compliant housing policy**, expands access to **affordable housing options**, and strengthens Needles' position for **future housing-related funding and incentives**. We appreciate HCD's collaboration and constructive engagement throughout this process.
9. The City of Needles is committed to providing **ongoing professional development opportunities** for our staff, and we are proud to congratulate members of our **Animal Control and Code Enforcement teams** for earning their **pepper spray training certifications**. This training is especially important for frontline personnel who regularly interact with the public in unpredictable or potentially confrontational situations. Ensuring our team is **properly trained and equipped** helps enhance **staff safety**, improve **incident response**, and support **effective community enforcement**.
10. The **City of Needles** had a **successful Memorial Day weekend**, aligning with **Council goals** to boost **tourism** and enhance **recreational use** of the **Colorado River**. **Jack Smith Park** was busy with residents and visitors enjoying the river, and **City staff** worked diligently to keep **boat launch operations safe and efficient**. The **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station** conducted its annual **Marine Enforcement Operation** from **May 23 to May 26**, deploying **11 patrol vessels**, an **OHV team**, **dive team**, and **two helicopters**. The operation resulted in **129 enforcement stops**, **four arrests for boating under the influence**, **55 citations**, and **two boating accident investigations**. We thank the **Sheriff's Department** for helping ensure a **safe and enjoyable holiday weekend** for our community and visitors.
11. Congratulations to **Needles High School** for their outstanding recognition at the **2025 ACES Awards**, presented by **Tri-State Athletics Community and Education Stars**. **Sandy Chandler**, Head Coach of the **Girls Softball Team**, was named **Coach of the Year** for her leadership and impact on student-athletes. The **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** earned the prestigious title of **Team of the Year**, and senior **Emmy Powell** was honored as the **Female**

**Scholar Athlete of the Year.** These recognitions highlight the strength of **Needles' student-athletes** and the importance of **youth programs** in building **community pride** and attracting **families** to our city.

12. The **Needles Unified School District** will hold its **2025 Graduation Ceremony** on **Friday, June 6, 2025**, at **8:00 PM** at **Branigan Field**.

This annual event marks a significant milestone for our **local students and families**, reflecting the **hard work, dedication**, and **community support** that defines Needles. I encourage **all** to attend and help recognize the **accomplishments of the graduating class**. **Congratulations** to all the students—your city celebrates this **achievement** with you.

13. **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](mailto: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!



## 2. GRAND OPENING KRUNCHY CHICKEN



**TWO PIECE CHICKEN**  
with one side and a biscuit

**\$3.99**  
+ 20 OZ  
FOUNTAIN  
DRINK  
**99¢**



**GRAND OPENING DAY ONLY**  
**JUNE 3, 2025**

**2321 NEEDLES HWY NEEDLES,**  
**CA 92363**

**INSIDE THE CHEVRON GAS STATION**



**YOU EITHER KNOW HOW GOOD  
IT IS OR YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT.**

### **HAND BREADED CHICKEN**

**2-pc / 3-pc / 4-pc**

#### **Krunch Box**

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Chicken + Biscuit Option Available



### **HAND BREADED TENDERS**

**3-pc / 4-pc / 6-pc**

#### **Krunch Box**

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Tenders + Biscuit Option Available



1<sup>st</sup> Sauce  
FREE with  
Tenders  
& Nuggets!

Original, Sweet & Sour, Barbecue,  
Honey Mustard, Ranch, Buffalo

### **CHICKEN NUGGETS**

**6-pc / 10-pc**

#### **Krunch Box**

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Nuggets + Biscuit Option Available



### **CAJUN CHICKEN SANDWICH**

### **WINGS**

Krispy, Buffalo  
or Sweet & Sour

**5-pc / 10-pc / 20-pc**





### 3. 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

# 3. 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

10 Visit Pass	\$20.00 (Save 25%)
30 Visit Pass	\$50.00 (Save 33%)
Season	\$80.00 (Save 50%)

\*Family of Four \$125.00

\*Plus \$15.00 for each additional

Life Jacket & Mat Rentals:  
\$1.00 per day

#### Exercise & Lap Swim

10 Visit Pass	\$15.00
30 Visit Pass	\$40.00
Season	\$60.00

(Daily rate without a pass: \$2.00)

Exercise & Lap Swim runs thru end of September

### SWIM LESSONS

Session 1 June 9 - June 19

Session 2 June 23 - July 3

Session 3 July 7 - July 17

Session 4 July 21- July 31

Group Rates: \$30.00 for eight 1/2 hour sessions

Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks

Private Rates: \$11.00 for each 1/2 hour session

Minimum of 4 lessons. Dates & times to be arranged with instructor

\* 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)



## 4. WATER MAIN BREAK





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## 6. MEMORIAL DAY





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## 7. PALO VERDE COLLEGE





## 10. MEMORIAL DAY





## 11. 2025 ACES AWARDS



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## 12. NUSD GRADUATION

NEEDLES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Graduation Ceremony



**Friday, June 6, 2025**

**8:00PM**

**BRANIGAN FIELD**





# June 2025

## 13. EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>2</b>  <b>SUMMER CAMP</b> JUNE 2 - AUGUST 1 M-TH 1PM-5PM NEEDLES REC CENTER	<b>3</b>  <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> 4 PM	<b>4</b>  <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> 4 PM	<b>5</b>  <b>HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING</b> 10AM-12PM & 1PM - 3PM EL GARCES	6	<b>7</b>  <b>POOL OPENS</b> 2PM - 6PM
8	<b>9</b>  <b>AQUATIC CENTER SWIM LESSONS START</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH</b> <b>CITY COUNCIL</b> 6 PM	<b>11</b>  <b>RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE SUMMER GOLF CAMP STARTS</b>	12	13	14
15	<b>16</b>  <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> 4 PM	17	18	<b>19</b>  <b>GOOD MORNING NEEDLES</b> CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 7:30AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	20	21
22	23	<b>24</b>  <b>CITY COUNCIL</b> 6 PM	<b>25</b>  <b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b> 4 PM	26	27	28
29	30	OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH:	<div> <b>CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL</b>            Registration: May 1st-June 2nd             Players: Boys &amp; 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  <b>JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD</b>  <b>PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD</b>            (1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL)         </div> <div> <b>LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER</b>            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> <b>Please call the Needles Recreation Center @ 760-326-2814 with any questions</b> </div>			



# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> 4 PM	 <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> 4 PM			
6	7	8 <b>WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH</b>  <b>CITY COUNCIL</b> 6 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17  <b>GOOD MORNING NEEDLES</b> CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER <b>BREAKFAST</b> 7:30AM - EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11 <b>CEMETERY COMM. - 3 PM</b>	18	19
20	21  <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> 4 PM	22	23  <b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b> 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  <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> 4 PM	6  <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b> 4 PM	7	8	9 <b>SPIKE'S BDAY PARTY</b> PALO VERDE COLLEGE
10	11	12 <b>WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH</b>  <b>CITY COUNCIL</b> 6 PM	13 <b>SPIKE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY &amp; PEANUTS GANG 75TH ANNIVERSARY MUSEUM &amp; CRMC MURAL PROJECT</b>	14	15	16
17	18  <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> 4 PM	19	20	21  <b>GOOD MORNING NEEDLES</b> CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER <b>BREAKFAST</b> 7:30 AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	22	23
24	25	26	27  <b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b> 4 PM	28	29	30
31						