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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2025

- 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 ifragoso@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



760-326-2814





• June 16 - 19 AMONG Us Games

• June 23 - 26 Family FEUD

• June 30 - July 3 FEAR Factor

• July 14 - 17 Food WARS

• July 21 - 24 TOP Chef

• July 28 - 31 Let's LUAU

5. RECREATION CENTER

CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration: May 1st-June 2nd



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





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)



4. NUSD GRADUATION



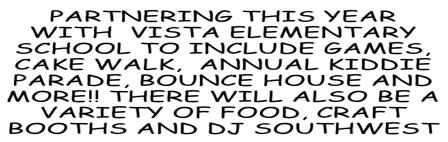
SAVE THE

DATE

The City of Needles Community

SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER IST





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

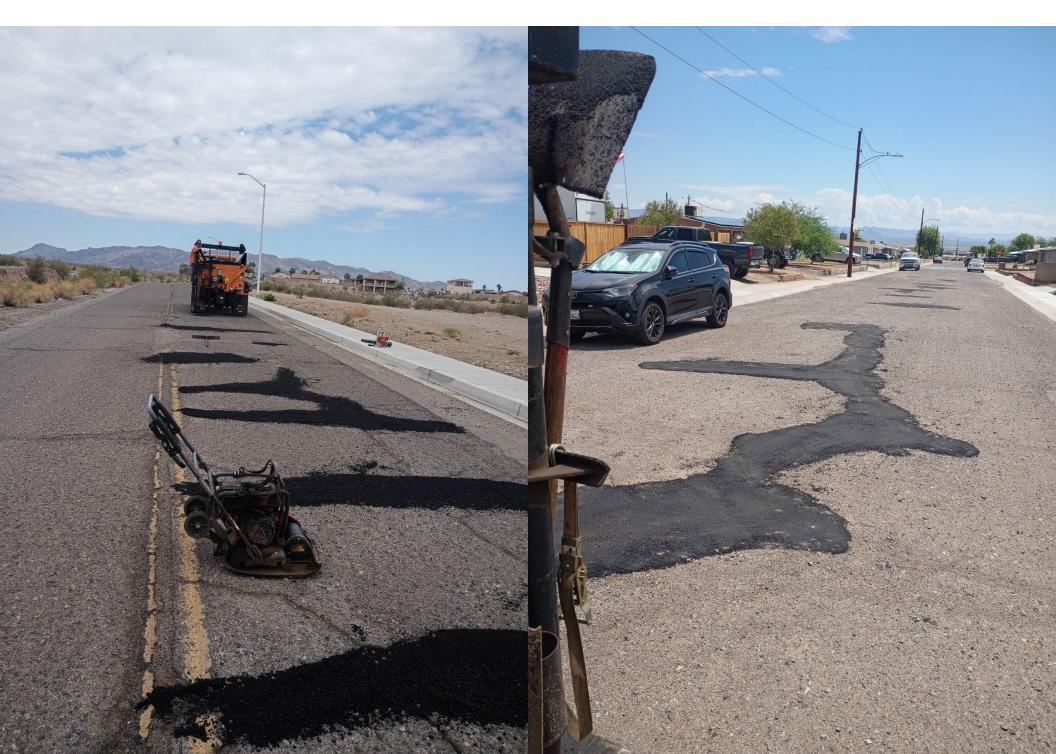








6. NEEDLES PRIDE PROGRAM



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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.



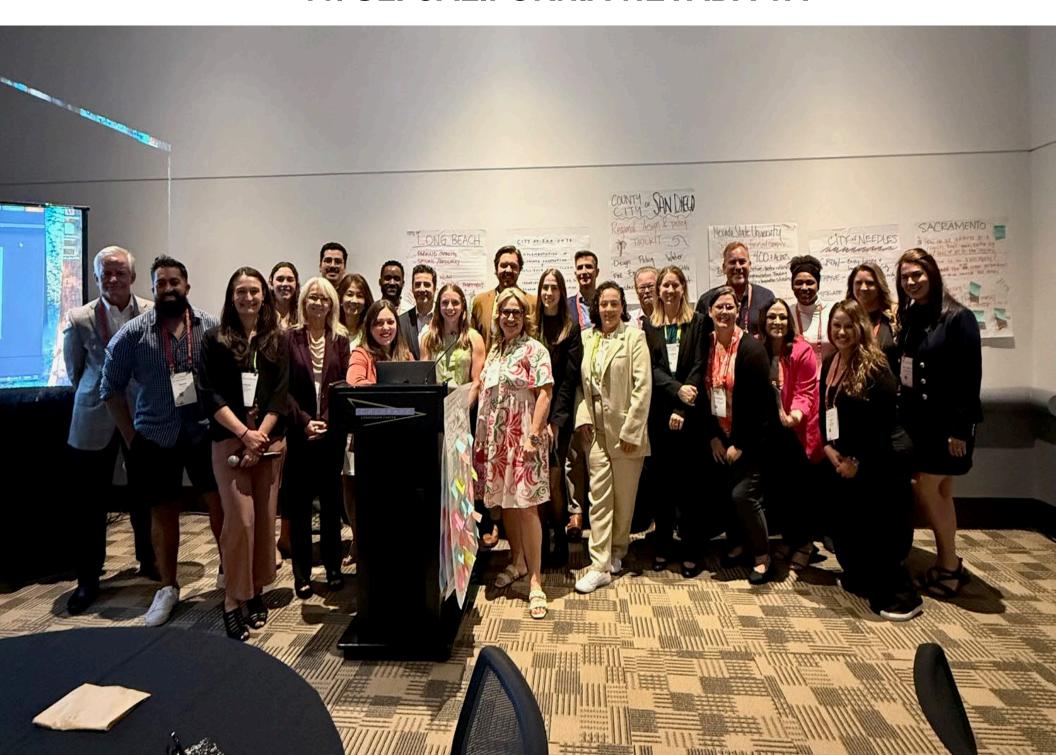
For More Information www.paloverde.edu

APPLY



725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363

11. ULI CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TA



12. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



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

SUMMER RIVERS EDGE COLF COURSE GOLF COURSE



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

13. HHWC SBCFIRE

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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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			

14. NUSD UNDERPASS TRADITION



15. EVENT CALENDAR

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	JUNE 2 - AUGUST 1 M-TH 1PM-5PM NEEDLES REC CENTER	BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	5 HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING 10AM-12PM & 1PM - 3PM EL GARCES	6	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	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	CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	HOUSING COMMISSION 4 PM	26	27	28
29	30	OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH:	CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL Registration: May 1st-June 2nd ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **	JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD (1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL)	SESSION 1: JUSES SESSION 2: JUSES SION 3: JUSES SION 4: JUSES SION 4: JUSES SESSION 4: JUSE	TO SWIIM UNE 9 ~ JUNE 19 UNE 23 ~ JULY 3 ULY 7 ~ JULY 31 JLY 21 ~ JULY 31 AM / 6:30 PM** reation Center Juestions

July 2025

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27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

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3	4	BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF APM	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
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