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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 19, 2024

1. On **July 16, 2024**, the Palo Verde College (PVC) Needles Center hosted a 'Summer Cool Party' and 'Pirate Tuesday' event. This lively gathering drew in around 80 attendees, including students, prospective students, children, community members, and representatives from various non-profit organizations. Everyone had a great time with water slides, PVC Pirate giveaways, and delicious community-provided treats like popcorn, nachos, and hot dogs.

Several community partners supported the event, including the City of Needles, Needles Chamber of Commerce, San Bernardino County Library, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), Murphy Broadcasting, and First Institute Training and Management. As a result of the event, over 20 students enrolled or re-enrolled in classes for the upcoming semester. The attached images provide visual references.

2. On **July 17, 2024**, Needles Tourism, in collaboration with the Tri-State Chamber and Mohave County Economic Development Regional Tourism, hosted a joint meeting at the historic El Garces Building. Attendees included representatives from the City of Needles, Needles Chamber, Kingman, Kingman Chamber, Bullhead Chamber, Lake Havasu, Goffs Schoolhouse, and Steve Reyes from Supervisor Dawn Rowe's Office. The guest speaker, Freddy Bi, CEO of Discover Inland Empire, presented a vision to capitalize on the region's potential, provided updates on the Route 66 Centennial Celebration, and highlighted vital state tourism initiatives. The City of Needles is poised to attract visitors from Europe and China to explore Route 66 and experience outdoor wellness travel in our Mojave Desert.

The City of Needles City Council has recently adopted goals to foster economic growth and business development. Our strategy, which includes engaging with regional cities, counties, and states to support economic initiatives. The Route 66 Centennial Celebration aligns with these objectives, promoting economic growth and community pride.

3. We are pleased to announce that the San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-Clerk's Office has released the 2024 San Bernardino County Assessment Roll for the City of Needles, valuing total property at \$563 million. This represents a 4.4% increase from 2023 and an impressive 81% increase from 2017.
The assessment roll reflects the total gross assessed value of locally assessed real, business, and personal property in Needles that has either changed ownership or gained value through new construction. This significant growth underscores the City Council's goal of fostering economic growth with ongoing development and economic vitality. Refer to the attached graph for more information.
4. City Public Works Staff has been actively implementing temporary repairs on deteriorated streets to ensure road safety until permanent solutions can be applied. We are committed to maintaining and improving our infrastructure, as evidenced by the ongoing work highlighted in the attached photos of Peru Street. We encourage all residents to report any potholes or road issues by contacting the City of Needles billing office at 760-326-2115, pressing #9, or using the convenient Needles Connect app. Your feedback is invaluable as we work together to enhance the quality of our roads. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns or to report issues. Your involvement is crucial to our community's continuous improvement.
5. We are excited to invite you to visit the newly revitalized swim area at Jack Smith Park, now ready for the summer season. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our City Staff, we have enhanced this public space in alignment with our Council Goals, including replacing the floating buoys and repairing the rope area. These improvements aim to attract more families and engage both residents and visitors. Please refer to the attached images for more details.
6. Last November, City Staff developed the "City of Needles Resources" guide (attached), which provides essential contact information for Needles residents. This comprehensive directory includes resources for low-income housing, social services, employment opportunities, shelters, and food distribution programs. Additionally, it covers utility assistance, local transit options, and medical supply providers. The guide also features educational resources, veterans' services, legal aid, health services, emergency contacts, hotlines, and local church information. Designed to be a valuable tool, this directory helps residents access a wide range of community support services, ensuring they have the necessary information to find assistance and improve their quality of life.
7. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**
 - **The Housing Authority of the City of Needles** will be accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program from **July 1 to July 31, 2024**. The Public Housing waitlist remains **open year-round**. Applications can be obtained and submitted at 908 Sycamore Drive. For more information, call (760) 326-3222, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1. PALO VERDE COLLEGE SUMMER COOL PARTY



Image Source: Palo Verde College

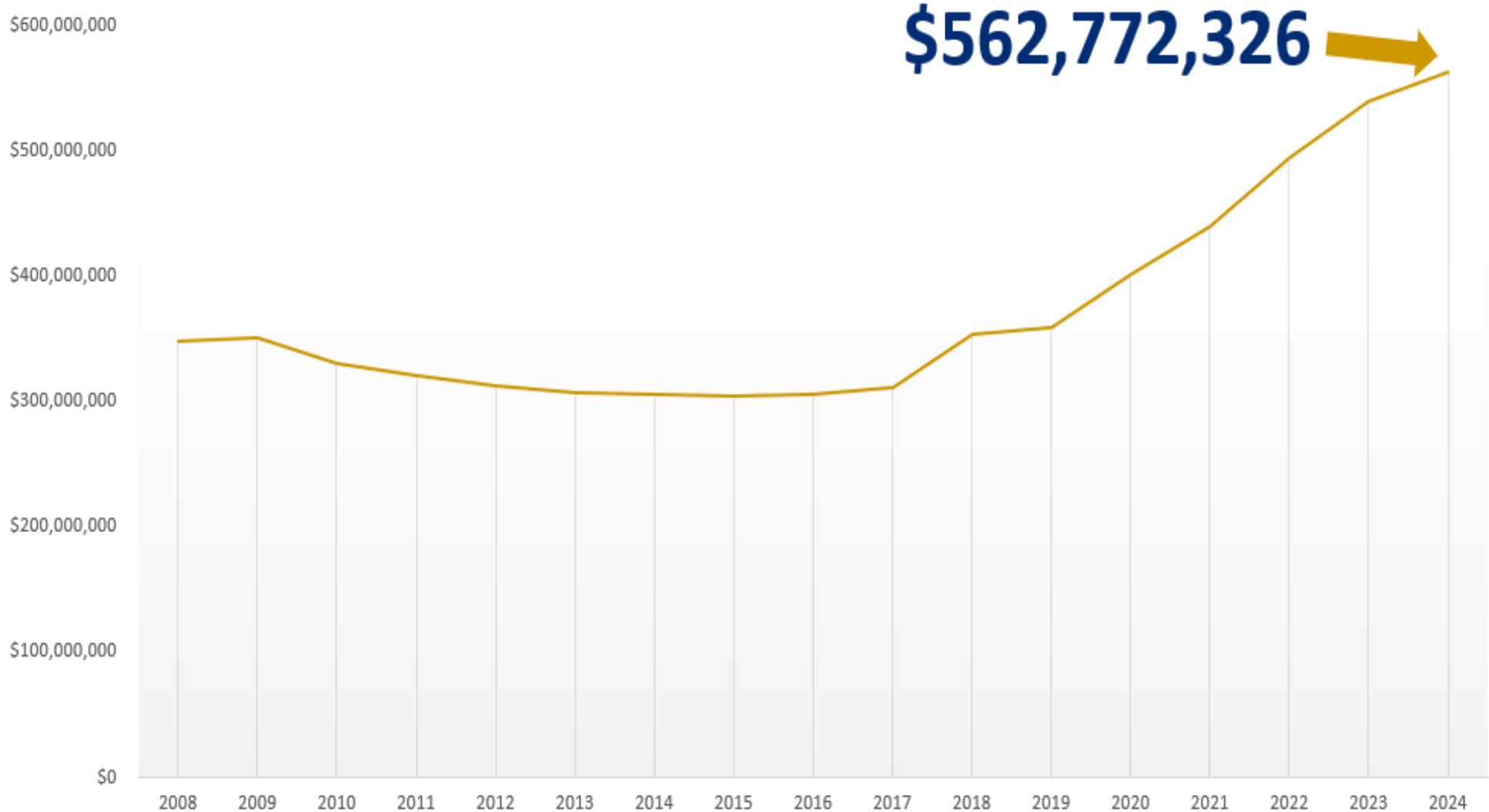
2. JOINT MEETING TRI-STATE CHAMBER AND TOURISM



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3. 2024 NEEDLES ASSESSMENT ROLL



2024 City of Needles Assessment Roll

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4. TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIRS



5. JACK SMITH PARK UPDATE



Low Income Housing

- Needles Housing Authority (760) 326-3222
- Lilly Hill Apartments (760) 326-2433
- Mesa Grande Apartments (760) 326-2404
- Riverview Terrace Apartments (760) 326-4800

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services/ In-Home Support Services (760)326-9328
- Behavioral Health Services (DBH) (760) 326-9313
- Children and Family Services (760) 326-9339
- Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) (877) 410-8829
- Social Security Administration (866) 931-4956
- Fort Mohave Tribal Social Services (928) 346-1550
- Department of Child Support (866) 901-3212

Employment Resources

- First Institute (657) 799-6388
- California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) (800)640-2462
- Department of Labor (800) 333-4636
- Employment Development Department (EDD) Unemployment (800)300-5616
- Fair Employment and Housing (800) 884-1684
- Paid Family Leave Act (877) 480-3287
- San Bernardino County Job Line (909) 387-5611

Shelters

- Set Free Church (760) 326-2941
- Salvation Army Emergency Shelter (909) 888-4880
- Domestic Violence Unity Home (760) 366-9663

6. RESOURCE GUIDE

Food Distribution/Meal Program

- St. Vincent De Paul (760) 326-4420
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- Santa Fe Park (760) 326-3522
- Salvation Army (760) 877-3940
- Isabel's Pantry (760) 443-4342
- Calvary Church Of Needles (760) 326-2904
- Bonnie Baker/Meals on Wheels (760) 326-2898
- Ft. Mohave Tribal Senior Nutrition Program (760) 629-2371
- Needles CAPK WIC Program (866)327-3074

Utility Assistance Programs

- Lifeline Telephone Service (866)-272-0349
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (909) 723-1500
- Salvation Army Utility Help (760) 228-0114

Local Utility Companies

- Needles Public Utility Association (NPUA) (760) 326-5700
- Southwest Gas Co. (877) 860-6020
- Rt. 66 Broadband (760) 326-4190
- Frontier Communications (928) 453-0532
- Mohave Broadband (928) 768- 0110

Transportation

- Needles Area Transit (NAT) (866) 669-6309
- Needles Dial-A-Ride (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Medical Transport (760) 326-4789
- Dial-A-Ride Shopper Shuttle (760) 326-4789

Medical Supply

- Shield Healthcare (800) 557-8797
- Anything Medical (928) 763-5959
- Preferred Home Care (928) 704-4654
- Lin-Care (928)704-9033

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Educational Resources

- Department of Environmental Health Services (800) 442-2283
- Needles Unified School District Administration (760) 326-3891
- Katie Hohstadt School HeadStart/Preschool (760) 326-5221
- Vista Colorado Elementary School (760) 326-2167
- Needles Middle School (760) 326-3894
- Needles High School/ Educational Training Center (ETC) (760) 326-2191
- Seventh Day Adventist School (760) 326-4406
- WIOA Program (760) 326-4590
- SB County Library – Needles Branch (760)-326-9255
- Palo Verde Community College (760) 326-5033
- Mohave Community College (928) 758-3926
- First 5/ West Care (760) 326-3135

Homeless/ Low Income Veterans

- Nations Finest (928) 615-4965 Ask for Khristina
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System HCHV Program (800) 741- 8387
- Veterans National Homeless Call Center (877) 424- 3838
- VA Crisis Chat Line 988 then press 1

Legal

- Inland County Legal Services (888) 805-6455 Ext: 4520
- Inland Fair Housing and Mediation (800) 321-0911
- Victim Witness (760) 552-6946
- SB County Superior Court – Needles (760) 269-4962

Health Services

- Health Department (760) 326-9230
- Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC) (760) 326-7100
- Valley View Medical Center (928) 788-2273
- Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) (928) 763-2273
- Havasu Regional Medical Center (928) 855-8185
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Tri-State Community HealthCare (760) 326-0222

Safety

- Ambulance (760) 326-5299
- Highway Patrol (760) 326-2000
- Fire Department (760) 326-2833
- Sheriff Station (760) 326-9200
- Poison Control (800) 222-1222
- Teen Rescue (800) 494-2200

Hotlines

- Adult & Elder Abuse (877) 565-2020
- Child Abuse (800) 827-8724
- Database Information 211
- WE TIP (800) 782-7462 Report Crime
- Alcoholics Anonymous (760) 242-9292
- Gamblers Anonymous (760) 261-4267
- Narcotics Anonymous (888) 322-6817
- Victim Witness Services (800) 777-9229
- National Sexual Assault (800) 656-4673
- National Domestic Violence (800) 799-7233

Churches

- Needles Assembly of God (760) 326-2751
- Christian Church of Needles (760) 326-2781
- Needles Church of Christ (760) 326-2441
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (760) 326-3363
- Calvary Chapel (760) 326-2904
- Set Free (760) 326-2941
- Grace Lutheran (760) 326-3128
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness (760) 326-2520
- St. Ann's Catholic Church (760) 326-2721
- St. John's Episcopal Church (760) 326-3552
- Seventh Day Adventist (760) 326-4406
- Church of God in Christ (760) 326-3113
- Fire House Ministries (760) 443-4342

Support Services

- Department of Social Services (DSS) (877) 410-8829
- Needles Senior Center (760) 326-4789
- Needles Animal Control (760) 326-4952
- Inland Medical Center (909) 890-3000 Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) (760) 326-9224
- Department of Veterans Affairs (800) 827-1000
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HTCAP) (800) 434-0222
- California Relay Services (877) 546-7414
- Fort Mohave Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (928) 768-1144
- Camp Good Grief (909) 558-8212