



## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2024

1. Earlier this year, Rite Aid, grappling with financial challenges due to the oversupply of prescription opioids, declared bankruptcy and announced the closure of numerous stores, with over 157 closures slated for California. Unfortunately, the City of Needles received disheartening news this week that its sole pharmacy, Rite-Aid, will close its doors on **February 5, 2024**, as part of the bankruptcy and restructuring process. Rite Aid has engaged a third-party company to manage the transition of prescriptions, ensuring continuity for existing customers. Current customers will receive notifications within the week.

Recognizing the significance of accessible healthcare, City staff is actively collaborating with various agencies to identify nearby establishments accepting Medicaid/Medi-Cal, ensuring that Needles residents can consistently access their pharmaceutical needs. Understanding the impact on the community, City Staff has diligently worked with the following entities to formulate a comprehensive solution:

- Rite Aid Pharmacy Staff
- Colorado River Medical Center
- Billet Health
- Needles Unified School District
- Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)
- Supervisor Dawn Rowe's Office
- SB County Dept. Public Health
- SB County Dept. Behavioral Health
- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- State Senator Steve Padilla's Office
- CA Dept. Health Care Services
- Ca Dept. Managed Health Care

City Staff will use the Needles website and the Needles Connect app, which can be downloaded on Android and Apple products, to keep the community informed.

2. City Staff has thoughtfully curated an extensive community events calendar to keep residents well-informed about Needles's diverse array of happenings. Here are a few notable upcoming events:

- February 1, 2024: Tristate Community HealthCare Center Food Drive at 820 W Broadway Street.
- February 10, 2024: Amore Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Women's Club 305 W. Broadway.
- March 20, 2024: San Bernardino County Resources Fair at the El Garces, 950 Front Street.
- April 5-6, 2024: 45th Annual Rodeo at Needles Rodeo Grounds, 1001 San Clemente Street.
- May 15, 2024: Run for the Wall at Santa Fe Park, 950 Front Street.

The city invites all organizations to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or modify events on the community calendar. For contributions and updates, kindly contact Candace Clark at [cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com) (refer to the latest version of the events calendar dated 1/24/2024 to ensure accuracy and completeness). Your active participation contributes to the vitality of our community experiences.



3. Hardware Express proudly announces its designation as a UPS-authorized service provider. Residents of our community can now return their Amazon items or arrange shipments by visiting their location at 419 W. Broadway Street (refer to the attached schedule of operations).
4. Exciting developments are underway at Bob Belt's Beach Park, formerly known as First and Second Beach. The City has successfully secured a \$2,179,702 Clean California Grant for constructing this new park along the picturesque Colorado River, directly opposite the Rivers Edge Golf Course. Take a glimpse at the ongoing progress in the attached image, showcasing concrete pouring for the upcoming walking trails. Anticipate a revitalized space along the riverfront for the community to enjoy.
5. City Staff is delighted to present the newest addition to the Electric Department Fleet—the state-of-the-art Terex TC55 Optima 2023 Freightliner bucket truck. This significant upgrade replaces the 1995 International 55-foot bucket truck, which retired due to non-compliance with the rigorous regulations established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Introducing the Terex TC55 guarantees adherence to environmental standards and underscores our commitment to contemporary, eco-friendly, and highly efficient utility operations. Please refer to the attached photo for a glimpse of our latest addition and the Electric crew.
6. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department led the 2024 Point in Time Count of sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families in collaboration with the County of San Bernardino. Twelve individuals were counted, with a majority indicating they were passing through.
7. In 2018, the City enhanced its street cleaning capabilities by replacing the 2005 street sweeper with the technologically advanced 2018 Schwarze A7 Tornado Street Sweeper. The corresponding schedule is accessible on the City's website and included in the attached document.

## 2. COMMUNITY CALENDAR


# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES - <b>CANCELLED</b>	3 <a href="#">PLANNING COMMISSION</a>	4 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	5 ROV BALLOT MOBILE 10AM	6
7	8	9 <a href="#">CITY COUNCIL</a>	10	11	12	13 BLUES GOLF TOURNAMENT
14	15 <a href="#">PARKS &amp; RECREATION</a>	16 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	17	18 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	19 SBCTA MOUNT / DESERT <b>CANCELLED</b>	20 MONTHLY GOLF CLINIC BY JJ 10AM
21	22 MDAQMD CITY HALL CM MCCORKLE	23 <a href="#">CITY COUNCIL</a>	24 HOUSING COMMISSION BLOOD DRIVE 8AM - 1PM NHS GYM	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	2	3
4	5	6 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm</b>	7 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN <b>PLANNING COMM.</b>	8	9	10 <b>Amore Spaghetti Dinner \$10.00 Salad, pasta, bread, dessert 11am - 2pm Womens Club 305 W Broadway</b>
11	12	13 St. John's Annual Pancake Dinner <b>Pancake Dinner</b>  EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2020 J STREET, NEEDLES <b>FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER 4PM</b> CITY <b>COUNCIL - 6PM</b> <i>Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with us!</i>	14	15 <b>TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	16 SBCTA MOUNT / DESERT ZOOM CITY HALL	17  <b>WILSON INVITE GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>
18	19 <b><u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u></b>	20 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm</b>	21	22	23	24  <b>LUCKY GREENS GOLF OUTING BY NEEDLES CHAMBER</b>
25	26 MDAQMD - CITY HALL - CM MCCORKLE	27 <b><u>CITY COUNCIL</u></b>	28 <b><u>HOUSING COMMISSION</u></b>	29		

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	6 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN PLANNING COMM.	7 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	8	9  NEEDLES EAGLES AUCTION DINNER & POKER RUN 729 FRONT ST
10	11	12 <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	13	14	15 SBCTA MOUNT / DESERT ZOOM CITY HALL RT 66 GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - 15 TEAMS	16 RT 66 GIRLS SOFTBALL TNMT Soup and Salad Luncheon \$10.00 soup, salad, dessert 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Womens Club 305 W Broadway
17	18 <u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>	19 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	20 SB COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR EL GARCES	21 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE NUSD DISTRICT WIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL	22 ART IN THE PARK EL GARCES SANTA FE PARK	23 CRAFT FAIR & TOUR OF EL GARCES SANTA FE PARK
24	25 MDAQMD - CITY HALL - CM MCCORKLE	26 <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	27 <u>HOUSING COMMISSION</u>	28	29	30 TRI STATE EASTER EGG HUNT SANTA FE PARK

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	3 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN PLANNING COMM.	4 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	5 45TH ANNUAL RODEO, BARBECUE & DANCE	6
7	8	9 <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	10	11	12	13 Annual Flower Show 8am - 12pm Womens Club 305 W Broadway
14	15 <u>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</u>	16 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	17	18 TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE	19	A 20
21	22 MDAQMD - CITY HALL - CM MCCORKLE	23 <u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	24 HOUSING COMMISSION	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN <b>PLANNING COMM.</b>	2 <b>TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	3	4
5	6	7 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <u><b>CITY COUNCIL</b></u>	15 <b>RUN FOR THE WALL</b> EL GARCES SANTA FE PARK	16 <b>TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	17	18
19	20 <u><b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b></u>	21 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES</b> Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm	22 <u><b>HOUSING COMMISSION</b></u>	23	24	25
26	27 MDAQMD - CITY HALL - CM MCCORKLE	28 <u><b>CITY COUNCIL</b></u>	29	30	31	

### 3. HARDWARE EXPRESS



Locations Near: 817 3rd St, Needles, CA 92363, United States

Location

Distance\*

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UPS Authorized Service Providers  
HARDWARE EXPRESS  
419 W BROADWAY ST, NEEDLES, CA, 92363-2939

0.1 mi

Operating Hours

	Open	Break	Close
Mon	06:00	--	17:00
Tue	06:00	--	17:00
Wed	06:00	--	17:00
Thu	06:00	--	17:00
Fri	06:00	--	17:00
Sat	07:00	--	16:00
Sun	Closed	--	--

Latest Drop off Times

	Ground	Air
Mon - Fri	16:00	16:00
Sat	--	--
Sun	--	--

\*Driving distances are approximate.  
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## 4. BOB BELT'S BEACH PARK





## 5. NEW ADDITION TO THE ELECTRIC DEPT. FLEET





# 7. CITY STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE



## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

