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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 17, 2024

1. The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) remains dedicated to providing secure and efficient hazardous waste management services for the residents of Needles, aiming to safeguard public health and the environment. City staff is pleased to announce that the SBCFPD successfully conducted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event **last March**. The event engaged 36 participants and collected 2,035 pounds of household hazardous waste and e-waste. Please refer to the attached report for more details.
2. City officials and staff met with King of the Hammers Off-Highway Motor Vehicle race organizers on **Monday, May 13, 2024**. The King of Hammers event in Johnson Valley draws over 530 teams and garners the attendance of over 80,000 fans in person, with an additional 2 million viewers tuning in online. The organizers are currently exploring opportunities to expand a similar chance in Needles. 2022 AB-2152 was enacted by the California legislature, updating the California Vehicle Code to launch a pilot program in Needles, slated to run until January 1, 2028. The initiative is designed to integrate off-highway motor vehicles (OHMV) into the city's transportation framework by permitting use on specific road segments in and surrounding Needles.
3. The new [Needles Area Transit \(NAT\) website](#) launched on **Monday, May 13, 2024**. The updated site provides riders with the latest route information, a "Plan Your Trip on NAT" tool, and details on various programs such as Medical Transportation, Shopper Shuttle, Dial-A-Ride, and NAT Deviated Fixed Route. For more information, visit the Needles Area Transit website.
4. On **May 15, 2024**, the annual Run for the Wall procession honoring Vietnam Veterans made its yearly stop in Needles. Over 300 motorcyclists gathered at El Garces in Downtown Needles, where they were warmly welcomed by community members, city officials, city staff, the Needles Chamber of Commerce, Needles Tourism, the Needles High School Band, the Fort Mojave Tribal Band, Teamsters Local 1932, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Honor Guard, the San Bernardino

County Sheriff's Department, Set Free Church, and the California Highway Patrol. The Needles Military Moms provided lunch, while the Daughters of the American Revolution served ice cream to the participants.

5. On **May 18, 2024**, the City of Needles Animal Shelter staff held a vaccination and licensing clinic for dogs and cats. Pets received various vaccinations, including rabies, Bordetella, microchips, and rattlesnake shots. The clinic issued 99 city dog licenses, administered 240 vaccinations, and implanted 13 microchips. According to Needles City ordinances, dogs over six months of age must have a city license and valid rabies vaccination. These clinics help dog owners comply with these requirements by offering special rates on dog licenses. Held bi-annually, these events have proven successful in promoting compliance. Please refer to the attached photos for a look into the clinic.
6. This upcoming **Friday** has been declared "Decoration Day" at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This year is the 13th Annual Decoration Day, which will be held on May 24. It will be an opportunity for the community to come out to tend to the gravesites of family members and friends. In addition, Veterans' gravesites will be decorated with the traditional white cross and American flag to honor them for their service to our country.

If you're interested in participating in the 13th Annual Decoration Day, we welcome you to the Needles Riverview Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. on **Friday, May 2024**. Please bring your hand-tools such as a shovel, clippers, and gas-powered weed eaters, as well as garbage bags and water for hydration. Garbage receptacles will be available on-site for disposal of trash.

A Memorial Day service will be held at the cemetery on **Monday, May 27, at 11:00** a.m. We kindly ask for your help decorating and removing flags and crosses from the grounds. Your participation is crucial in making this event a success. And remember to join us for the service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday!

The Needles Riverview Cemetery welcomes all tax-exempt donations to help support either the Riverview or Old Pioneer Cemeteries. Donations are being sought to replace the American flags that previously lined the cemetery roads. Anyone interested in donating is encouraged to contact Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager, at (760) 326-2113 Ext. 115.

7. Congratulations to the Needles High School Golf Team for placing third in the 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Class 2A State Golf Championship last Wednesday. The tournament was held at the Ruby View Golf Course in Elko, Nevada.
8. Congratulations to the Needles High School boys' baseball and girls' softball teams for their impressive victories in securing the NIAA 2A State Championships on Saturday. A triumphant victory parade welcomed the State Champions back home after their success. Additionally, the girls' softball team received the state academic title with All-State honors. This marks four state titles this year and the 29th NIAA

State Title overall for Needles High School. Attached are photos capturing the highlights of this remarkable achievement and celebration.

9. Needles Desert Star is our community's weekly newspaper, published every Wednesday in print and online at www.needlesdesertstar.com. For less than \$5 per month, subscribers get full digital and print access. Visit www.needlesdesertstar.com/subscribe or call 928-296-8455 for more details. You'll find photo galleries, stories, sports updates, and more online, which are also shared on our Facebook page. Needles Desert Star is part of River City Newspapers, alongside Mohave Valley Daily News, The Laughlin Times, Kingman Miner, Parker Pioneer, Wickenburg Sun, and Today's News-Herald in Havasu. The Needles Desert Star team covers the Colorado River Valley, with Jeni Henderson dedicated to Needles community news. They aim to cover as much local news as possible and encourage local organizations, churches, businesses, and residents to share photos and information with them. This can include donation photos, ribbon cuttings, grand openings, breaking news, nature/wildlife photos, local sports, or school news.
Send your news to jhenderson@nwppub.com or submissions@mohavedailynews.com. For questions or concerns, contact Editor Daisy Nelson at dnelson@mohavedailynews.com.
10. The [San Bernardino County Needles Branch Library](#), located at 1111 Bailey Avenue, offers residents access to a variety of resources with a library card. The Kids Zone, designed for children ages 6-11, features programs including story time and craft activities. Check out the attached May program and explore additional resources in the digital library materials. Library cards are free to residents. For more information, call 760-326-9255.
11. The City of Needles is pleased to announce the hiring of Irene Romero as the new City Planner for our Development Services Department. In this role, Ms. Romero will work closely with stakeholders to enhance our city's growth and development initiatives.
12. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSO) is [hiring now!](#) SBCSO offers sworn law enforcement and non-sworn professional positions, including Deputy Sheriff, Dispatcher, Culinary, Information Technology, Nursing, Scientific Investigations, and more.

San Bernardino County, the most significant geographical county in the nation, spans over 20,000 square miles from mountains to the high desert and valley. With over 3,300 employees serving over two million residents, the department operates 15 patrol stations (including one in Needles) and responds to approximately 725,000 calls annually.

13. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Palo Verde College Graduation, Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 3pm.** A pinning ceremony will take place for the phlebotomy students at 1pm.
- **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7am.**

1. SBCFPD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Office of the Fire Marshal
Household Hazardous Waste Section
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Daniel R. Munsey
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Monica S. Ronchetti
Fire Marshal

March 28, 2024

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 2023, 36 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	36
Total	36

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	242.17	Household Batteries	76.11
Oil Base Paints	67.16	NiCad Batteries	32.56
Flammable Liquids/Solids	56.98	Motor Oil/Oil Products	172.98
Bulked Flammable Liquids	10.18	Oil Filters	750.92
Poison (excluding aerosols)	16.28	Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT)	240.13
Corrosive Acids	8.14	Electronic Waste	221.82
Corrosive Bases	6.11	Fluorescent Tubes	18.32
Oxidizers	8.14	Compressed Gas Cylinders	6.11
Aerosols	10.18	Cooking Oil	8.14
Home Generated Sharps	0.20	Pharmaceuticals	15.26
Antifreeze	12.21	Waste Exchange Materials	8.14
Lead/Acid Batteries	42.74	Other	4.07
TOTAL: 2,035.00			

Please call me at (909) 382-5401 or e-mail arojas@sbcfire.org, if you have questions. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alejandra Rojas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alejandra" and the last name "Rojas" clearly distinguishable.

Alejandra Rojas, REHS
Assistant Fire Marshal

2. VACCINE CLINIC



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8. STATE CHAMPIONS



Image Source: Needles Unified School District

8. STATE CHAMPIONS PARADE



NEEDLES BRANCH LIBRARY

1111 BAILEY AVE, NEEDLES, CA 92363

760-326-9255

Session 3:
April 21-June 1

Kid Zone (6-11 years)

Craft Corner

Join us as we create wonderful projects and learn

Tuesdays

3:00 PM

Storytime

Join us for this wonderfully fun and engaging storytime with great stories, songs, rhymes, and more.

Thursdays

3:30 PM

Special Events/ Meetings

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Special Storytime

Join us as we celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a special storytime!

Saturday,
May 11

1:00 PM

**ALL SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES
WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26 &
MONDAY, MAY 27**



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HOW TO GET A LIBRARY CARD

- Residents of California can get a free SBCL card.
- Non-residents can get a card for a \$10 yearly fee

- **ADULTS (18 & OLDER)**

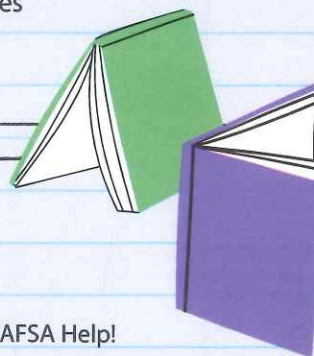
Must show a photo ID with current mailing address, or photo ID and mail with current address.

- **MINORS (0-17)**

Parent/Responsible Party must show a photo ID with current mailing address, or photo ID and mail with current address.

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- Books, DVDs, Audiobooks, eBooks & more!
- Reference assistance, online databases & student learning resources
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- Free WiFi at designated locations
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SCHOOL AND HOMEWORK RESOURCES



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Free online tutoring, homework assistance, writing lab and Live FAFSA Help! Available for grades K-12.



PROQUEST

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