



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 10, 2024

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1. The Needles Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Field Office will be temporarily closed from **May 25, 2024, until mid-September 2024**, for remodeling. During this period, residents are encouraged to utilize the DMV's extensive array of online services designed to facilitate efficient transactions. For more information, please visit the [DMV website](#) or contact DMV Customer Service at 800-777-0133.

In response to the temporary closure and to minimize inconvenience, the City of Needles has collaborated with the [San Bernardino County Needles Branch Library](#) at 1111 Bailey Avenue. The library will provide residents with access to computers for online DMV services with a library card. Library cards are free to residents; applications are attached; additional information can be obtained by calling 760-326-9255.

Furthermore, the [Needles Senior Citizen Center](#), located at 1699 Bailey Avenue, warmly welcomes all individuals aged 55 and older, offering a computer station for its members to access DMV services online. Membership is open, with a \$20 annual fee. Application forms are available at the center, and further details can be reached at 760-326-4789.

2. On **Wednesday May 8, 2024**, City Staff had the privilege of attending the board of directors meeting of the Clean Colorado River Sustainability Coalition (CRRSCo). Hosted by the Southern Nevada Water Authority at Hoover Dam, this event marked a significant collaborative effort. CRRSCo is a voluntary organization that includes local, state, tribal, and stakeholder representatives from Arizona, Nevada, and California.

CRRSCo's primary aim is to protect and enhance the Colorado River by monitoring and analyzing water quality. This endeavor supports our ultimate goal of ensuring the provision of high-quality water to all users of the Colorado River. For additional information, please refer to the attached image.

3. On **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**, a coordinated operation involving City Code Enforcement and law enforcement personnel from the Colorado River Sheriff's Station/Needles Police was conducted at a residence in the 400 block of D Street. An inspection warrant and a search warrant were executed as part of this operation.

During the search, significant evidence was discovered indicating that the property was being used as a site for the sale and consumption of drugs, constituting a violation of Health and Safety Code 11366. Additionally, the property was found to be in a severely dilapidated state, both inside and out, posing substantial health and safety risks.

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. 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. The City of Needles hit a significant milestone by commencing with the groundbreaking Phase 1 of the River's Edge Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project on **May 7, 2024**. This initiative, funded by a \$715,538 grant from the California Department of Water Resources under the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program, will replace 660 manual sprinkler heads with water-efficient models and implement a new automatic irrigation system. This project marks a significant step towards enhancing our community's water conservation efforts.
6. City officials and staff have recently collaborated with our Economic Development Consultant to prepare for the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) conference, which will take place from **May 19-21**. This conference presents a significant opportunity for our municipal leaders to showcase Needles to retailers, developers, and brokers as a prime location for investment. Please see the attached image for additional information and a visual preview of our conference booth.
7. We are delighted to announce two new additions to our City Staff. Pam Osteen has joined us as our new Human Resources Specialist. She will play a crucial role in supporting our staff and enhancing our workplace operations. William Guzman comes aboard as our new Building Inspector. In his role, William will assist residents, contractors, and developers, ensuring compliance and safety in building standards. We are excited to welcome both Pam and William to the team and look forward to the expertise they bring to their respective positions.
8. I am pleased to report that the City of Needles has successfully submitted appropriation requests totaling **\$10.3 million** to Congressman Ruiz's office. I would

like to express my deep gratitude to our city staff for their exceptional dedication and efficiency, which were crucial in meeting this critical deadline.

With only \$20 million available in Congressman Ruiz's appropriations fund, the importance of our projects cannot be overstated—each one holds the potential to significantly benefit our community. As we await the decision, I encourage everyone to remain optimistic and engaged. Your continued support and positive thoughts are crucial as we strive to secure this funding to improve the lives of our residents.

9. I am thrilled to announce that the Needles High School boys golf team has won the 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Class 2A Southern Regional Championship. The tournament was held at the River's Edge Golf Course, where several team members excelled in their performance and placed. Building on this success, the team is set to compete in the NIAA Class 2A State Boys Golf Championship. The state tournament is scheduled for **May 14-15** at the Ruby View Golf Course in Elko. We wish our team the best of luck as they continue to showcase their skills and sportsmanship on a larger stage.
10. Needles Unified School District is proud to host the 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League baseball and softball championships from **May 9-11**. The City of Needles takes pride in its status as a sports tourism destination, consistently hosting various sporting events throughout the year. The 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A State baseball and softball championship is scheduled for **May 16-18** at Durango High School. Located at 7100 West Dewey Drive in Las Vegas. Join us in celebrating the spirit of sports in our vibrant community! Refer to the attached brackets for additional information.
11. Run for the Wall (RFTW) is scheduled for **next week May 15, 2024**, at noon. RFTW is an annual procession of motorcyclists to honor Vietnam Veterans and call for an accounting of POW and MIA that starts in LA and crosses the country, gaining motorcyclists along the way, eventually gathering hundreds of thousands of participants as they enter Washington, D.C. City Staff, Chamber of Commerce, and Military Moms are working together to put on this annual event. The group will arrive at Needles around noon for lunch. Military moms will be serving approximately 350 lunches to RFTW participants.
12. With summer fast approaching, the Needles Recreation Center is thrilled to be in full swing, offering various programs designed to engage our Needles Youth and entertain all ages. Please see the attached flyers or call 760-326-3866 for more details on the following activities:
 - **Summer Day Camp:** Running from **June 10 to August 1**, our day camp offers many activities to keep children active and learning throughout the summer.
 - **Pee Wee Basketball:** Available in **June and July**, this program introduces younger children to the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and supportive environment.
 - **Swim Lessons:** From **June 10 to August 1**, participants can learn to swim or improve their swimming skills under the guidance of experienced instructors.

We look forward to your participation and are excited to provide these enriching opportunities this summer.

13. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Decoration Day Friday May 24, 2024**, at 7am, Needles Riverview Cemetery
- **Memorial Day Monday May 27, 2024**, at 11am, Needles Riverview Cemetery
- **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. CRRSCO



2. WARRANT

Thursday May 9, 2024, 3:22 PM



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Advisory: Deputies Serve a Search Warrant at a Needles House Resulting in the Arrest of Five Individuals

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 04:10 p.m.

INCIDENT: Health and Safety Code 11366 - Maintaining a drug house, Health and Safety Code 11365(a) - Visit or remain at a place where drugs are used, Health and Safety Code 11364(a) - Possession of drug paraphernalia, Health and Safety Code 11377(a) - Possession of a controlled substance

LOCATION: 400 block of D Street, Needles CA

SUSPECT(S): Hopper, Lexxus, 31-year-old, resident of Needles
Michelle Glatz, 42-year-old, resident of Needles
Tuesday Gloyn, 46-year-old, resident of Needles
Bradford Schaffer, 45-year-old, resident of Needles
Joezetta Jackson, 44-year-old, resident of Needles

VICTIM(S): The State of California

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at about 4:10 p.m., detectives and deputies from the Colorado River Sheriff's station / Needles Police served a search warrant at a residence in the 400 block of D Street. During the search, evidence was located indicating the residence was maintained as

a place where drugs were being sold and used, a violation of Health and Safety Code 11366.

Lexus Hopper was arrested and booked at West Valley Detention Center for maintaining a drug house and is being held on \$30,000 bail. Michelle Glatz, Tuesday Gloyn, Bradford Schaffer and Joezetta Jackson were all arrested and booked at the Colorado River Station jail for various misdemeanor narcotic related charges and warrants. They were later issued citations and released.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Detective John Gregory of the Colorado River Station at (760)326-9200. Callers who wish to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1800-78-CRIME(27463) or use the We-Tip Hotline at www.wetip.com

For press releases, news, and information, follow the Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department on Facebook and Instagram @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation or Twitter at: @CORiverStation.

Refer: Detective Gregory

Station: Colorado River Station

Phone No. (760) 326-9200

Case No. 212400380

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department



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4. TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIRS



6. ICSC PREP



12. REC PROGRAM

CITY OF NEEDLES RECREATION CENTER



**JUNE 10TH
- AUG 1ST**

**SUMMER
DAY CAMP**
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
5-12 YEARS OLD
MONDAY - THURSDAY
1-5PM
\$4 PER DAY



ACTIVITIES:

- June 10-13 Introduction
- June 17-10 Let the Games Begin
- June 24-27 Camp Adventure
- July 1-3 Party in the USA
- July 8-11 Mission Impossible
- July 15-18 Myths & Legends
- July 22 - 25 Around the World
- July 29 - Aug 1 Wild and Wacky

• Closed June 19th and July 4th

 1705 J Street, Needles CA

 Info (760) 326 2814

12. REC PROGRAM



CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

**Season runs June & July, Games Monday - Thursday
Resident - \$35 Non-Resident \$40**

**★ ★ JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD ★ ★
PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD (1ST & 2ND GRADE)**

Registration April 29 - May 31

Call Needles Recreation Center for more informaion (760) 326-2814

12. REC PROGRAM

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER
1161 J STREET, NEEDLES CA

LEARN TO SWIM
THIS SUMMER

SESSION 1 ~ JUNE 10 - 20
SESSION 2 ~ JUNE 24 - JULY 4
SESSION 3 ~ JULY 8 - 18
SESSION 4 ~ JULY 22- AUG 1

~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 FOR MORE INFORMATION