



City of Needles

817 Third Street, Needles, California 92363
(760) 326-2113 • FAX (760) 326-6765
www.cityofneedles.com

Mayor, Janet Jernigan
Vice Mayor Kirsten Merritt
Councilmember Tona Belt
Councilmember Ellen Campbell
Councilmember Jamie McCorkle
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
Councilmember Henry Longbrake

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: August 30, 2024

1. The Sheriff's Colorado River Station will conduct Labor Day Marine Enforcement Patrols from **Friday, August 30, to Monday, September 2, 2024**. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies will patrol the Colorado River by land, water, and air, from the Nevada to Riverside County lines, focusing on identifying and arresting boaters operating under the influence or recklessly (refer to the attached press release). Deputies will enforce safety regulations, ensuring children under 13 wear required personal flotation devices (PFDs) and encouraging all boaters to use PFDs. Common violations include transom/bow riding and failing to slow down near law enforcement vessels with activated blue lights. Deputies will also inspect vessels for required safety equipment, such as PFDs, fire extinguishers, and sounding devices. California boat operators 16-60 years old are required to have in their possession a California Boater [Education Card](#) issued by the CA Division of Boating and Waterways. For press releases, news, and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter/X @CORiverStation or Facebook and Instagram at SBCSDColoradoRiverStation.
2. On **Wednesday, August 28, 2024**, the City Manager of Needles attended the Mohave Sunrise Rotary Club meeting. The discussion focused on the club's dedication to service, integrity, and the promotion of local and global understanding, goodwill, and peace through the collaborative efforts of business, professional, and community leaders. The current Board of Directors includes representatives from businesses serving both Arizona and Needles, such as Baron Pest Solutions, Redmond Construction, Tri-State Wifi, Fairway Constructors, and Findlay Chevy GMC. The City Manager provided an update on the projects underway in Needles, emphasizing the city council's goals of fostering a pro-business environment through collaboration with businesses across the Tri-State Region. Mohave Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring the **Annual Bridge to Bridge First Responders Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 11 am-2 pm** at the Mohave Valley Legacy Community Park at 9200 Aquarius, Mohave Valley. Refer to

the attached flyer for additional information. For more information about the Mohave Sunrise Rotary, click [here](#).

3. 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 Fairway Drive and the road striping on Erin Drive. 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 Needles Connect app, available on the [Apple App](#) or [Google Play Store](#). 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.
4. The City Council's vision highlights the unique charm of Needles and its prime location along the Colorado River. City staff are dedicated to enhancing public spaces and amenities to ensure Needles is a great place to live, visit, and raise a family. This commitment was evident this week as the Public Works Department focused on maintaining and beautifying our parks, ensuring they are welcoming and well-kept for everyone to enjoy which included Sante Fe Park and Ed Perry Park. These efforts are part of our broader goal to improve the quality of life in Needles and foster a strong sense of community pride. Attached is an image of our hardworking crews at Sante Fe Park, showcasing their dedication to keeping our public spaces in top condition.
5. City staff are actively working on the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Route Map as part of the OHMV Pilot Program, which aims to designate specific city streets for off-highway vehicles. Recently, city staff had a productive meeting with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Needles Field Office, the agency responsible for managing public lands in the area. This collaboration, which is built on mutual respect and shared goals, focused on identifying key interface points where BLM trails connect with city streets. It aligns with the City Council's goals of enhancing public amenities and promoting tourism by offering exceptional recreational opportunities that attract visitors and stimulate the local economy.
6. City Hall will be closed on **Monday, September 2, 2024**, in observance of Labor Day. Regular operations will resume on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, starting at 8:30 AM**. For emergencies, don't hesitate to contact City Staff directly at 760-326-5700. Our after-hours answering service will promptly direct your call to the appropriate staff member. Please refer to the attached flyer placed on the front door of City Hall for residents' awareness.
7. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
 - **Groundbreaking Ceremony:** Phase 4A Pavement Management Plan and Obernolte Project **September 16, 2024 9am**, location TBD.

- **SBCSD/Needles Police 5th Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at the Recreation Center parking lot at 1705 J Street. If you're interested in participating, please get in touch with Misty Hunt at 760-526-9200 or mhunt@sbcasd.org.
- **Community Fall Festival: November 2nd, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at 950 Front Street. To participate vendors can contact Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, via email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or directly at 760-326-2814.

1. SBSD UPDATE ADVISORY



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Tuesday August 27th, 2024 :: 12:40 p.m. PDT

Advisory

Labor Day Holiday Weekend Marine Enforcement Operations Scheduled for Colorado River and Lake Havasu

DATE: August 30 - September 2, 2024

INCIDENT: Labor Day Holiday Weekend Marine Enforcement Operations

LOCATION: Colorado River and Lake Havasu

SUMMARY: The Colorado River Station will be conducting Labor Day Marine Enforcement Patrol Operations Friday, August 30, through Monday, September 2, 2024. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will be involved in enhanced patrol activities near and on the waterways of the Colorado River patrolling by land, water, and air. Deputies will be deployed from the Nevada State line to the Riverside County line and will be monitoring the waterway for boaters operating watercraft under the influence or in a reckless manner. Persons stopped for operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol and or drugs will be arrested and booked into jail. Deputies will also be closely watching for children under the age of 13 without personal floatation devices (PFD's) while aboard vessels. The law requires all persons under the age of 13, while onboard a vessel, to wear a personal floatation device. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department encourages all persons to wear personal floatation devices while on the waterways as it is a proven fact personal floatation devices save lives.

Other violations commonly seen by marine patrol deputies are transom/bow riding and blue light violations. With the increasing popularity of wake boarding, wake surfing, and tubing, deputies are noticing an increase of people on vessels who are transom riding. All persons on board a vessel while underway (not moored or at anchor) shall be within the confines of the vessel so the risk of falling overboard or being struck by a propeller is greatly reduced. The blue light law requires all vessels approaching a law enforcement vessel with activated blue lights to come off plane and pass at a no wake speed as to not endanger the deputies and boaters during the stop, and to reduce the chance of damaging vessels.

Deputies will be conducting carriage equipment inspections of all vessels stopped for violations. These carriage requirements include, a type IV throwable PFD immediately available, enough PFD's for every person on board the vessel readily accessible, a serviseable fire extinguisher, and a sounding device.

All California vessel operators ages 16-60 years old are required to have in their possession a California Boater Education Card issued by the CA Division of Boating and Waterways. All persons, regardless of age, must possess a California Boaters Card starting in January, 2025. For information on obtaining a card go to <http://californiaboatercard.com/>.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to providing a safe boating atmosphere for the public and urges everyone to boat sober and wear their life jackets. For more information regarding safe boating practices, visit the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways web site at www.dbw.ca.gov. For press releases, news and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter at: @CORiverStation, and/or Facebook and Instagram @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation.

Refer: Corporal E. Blackard or Deputy W. Poe

Station: Colorado River Station

Phone No. (760) 326-9200

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

Address/Location

[SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department](#)

1111 Bailey Ave
Needles, CA 92363

Contact

Emergency: 9-1-1



2. SUNRISE ROTARY

Annual Bridge to Bridge First Responders Appreciation Day



Saturday October 12, 2024 11am -2pm

Mohave Valley Legacy Community Park
9200 Aquarius, Mohave Valley

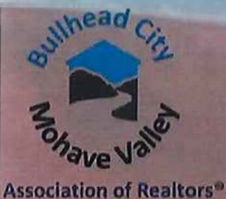
Community Event & All are Welcome!

Grab the family & show your appreciation to our
First Responders from Bridge to Bridge.

First Responders & their families from;
Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Golden Shores, Laughlin,
Mohave Valley, Needles, Topock & Oatman are invited!

- * Music * Bounce House * Raffle Prizes * CASH Drawing for all First Responders *
- * Mohave Sunrise Rotary Corn Hole Tournament *
- * Free Pulled Pork Lunch * Chili Cook-Off *

For more Information or to enter The Chilli Cook-off or Sponsorship's
Call BHC/MV Association of REALTORS® 928-758-4808



Fairway
Constructors
Inc.



Bullhead Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPAIRS



3. PUBLIC WORKS REPAIRS



4. PUBLIC WORKS ENHANCING PUBLIC SPACES



6. CITY HALL CLOSED



THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2024, FOR
LABOR DAY

WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, AT 8:30 A.M.