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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: April 19, 2024

1. **Tomorrow a Community Cleanup event** is scheduled for **April 20, 2024, at 7 am**, in honor of Earth Day. Owing to its success over the years, we've expanded the initiative to include two cleanup sites this year: Jack Smith Park (1001 River Road) and J Street/Nikki Bunch Fields. There's no need to register; everyone is invited to join the effort. The City will supply bags, pickers, and gloves for participants. Please find the attached flyer for additional information. Additionally, neighborhood clean-up event at 4 locations; Gates (Safari Drive), North K St, Vista (Nikki Bunch Ball Fields), and Cibola (112 Robuffa St) from 8-12 p.m. or until the containers are full. This is a great opportunity for residents to dispose of their bulky items for FREE. No household hazardous waste items will be accepted.
2. On Thursday, **April 18, 2024**, City Staff attended the Coachella Valley Business Conference and Economic Forecast, where they gained important insights into current economic trends and potential growth opportunities for our region. Following the 2020 redistricting by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, the City of Needles is now represented in [Assembly District 36 by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia](#), in [Senate District 18 by State Senator Steve Padilla](#), and in Congressional District 25 by Congressman [Dr. Raul Ruiz](#), with all representatives maintaining offices in the Coachella Valley. During the conference, City Staff met with each of these offices to discuss pressing issues in Needles, including our critical housing shortage, the urgent need for a local grocery store, and the necessity for funding to pave additional roads.
3. On Thursday, **April 18, 2024**, Councilmembers Tona Belt and Ellen Campbell attended the Inland Empire Tourism Regional Summit 2024. This significant event convened Discover IE members, travel industry professionals, hoteliers, and leaders from federal, state, and regional communities. The summit focused on several key topics, including the current state of tourism in the Inland Empire, the Route 66 Centennial Celebration, and exploring collaborative opportunities to

harness international tourism development for local businesses. Attached are photos showcasing our booth at the conference.

4. This week, from **April 17-19, 2024**, Mayor Jan Jernigan and Councilmember Pogue attended the California League of Cities City Leaders Summit. This event gave our city officials a valuable platform to meet with legislators and advocate for our city's top priorities, including housing, safeguarding local revenues, bolstering economic development, and enhancing public safety. The summit also featured in-depth sessions on various topics, from leadership to emerging issues facing cities, offering rich opportunities for peer-to-peer discussions and knowledge sharing.
5. On Tuesday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m., deputies from the Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department responded to a reported burglary at 1500 Hospitality Lane, where donated clothing and shoes were stolen. On **April 12, 2024**, deputies arrested William Kingsland at Duke Watkins Park, finding him selling items identified as stolen. Kingsland was booked into the Colorado River Station jail on a \$30,000 bail, awaiting a court hearing. For information or to report anonymously, contact Deputies M. Bush at (760) 326-9200 or the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-CRIME or www.wetip.com. Find attached the press release for additional information.

6. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Transit Agencies Promoting Public Transit With Free Bus Rides:** The Needles Area Transit will be offering free bus rides **Saturday April 20, 2024 (TOMORROW) and Monday April 22, 2024**. [Click on this link](#) to be directed to the Needles Area Transit website for a schedule.
- **The Grand Opening ribbon cutting ceremony** of Needles' newest business, The Painted Butterfly. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, this exciting event is scheduled **for April 24, 2024, from 2 to 4 PM**, at 537 Front Street. Come celebrate the launch of this vibrant new addition to our community!
- **The Lily Hill ribbon-cutting ceremony** for the newly renamed William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station, formerly known as the Lily Hill Water Booster Station, is set for **April 25, 2024, at 9:30 AM**. The event will take place on the southeast corner of Lily Hill and Clary Drive. This renaming by the City Council in October 2023 honors William "Bill" M. Claypool III's contributions. Join us to commemorate this special occasion.
- **The JSP dedication ceremony** for the newly named Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail at Jack Smith Park (JSP) is scheduled for **April 30, 2024, at 9:30 AM**. This event will take place at 1000 River Rd, Needles, CA 92363. The City Council has honored Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews by dedicating the new walking trail at JSP in her name. Join us to celebrate this special occasion!

SPRING INTO ACTION

TWO LOCATIONS

Community Cleanup Day

Jack Smith Park | 1001 River Rd.

&

J Street | Nikki Bunch Fields

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7 AM - 8 AM

Join your friends and neighbors as we work together to clean our community. No registration required.

The City will provide bags, pickers and gloves!



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Neighborhood Clean Up

Needles



The City of Needles will be providing *bulky trash collection containers for the FREE disposal of accumulated trash and bulk items*. Please bring your bulky items and trash to the designated container at the location listed below. This program is limited to the residents of Needles. We **cannot** accept commercial or industrial waste from businesses. Please remember to safely secure and properly cover your loads prior to traveling to the event. **PLEASE NOTE: If you have oversized, loose, or hard-to-handle loads, you may be turned away to dispose of your waste material at your own expense.**

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD:

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(Event will end earlier if equipment is full)

at the following locations:

**Gates (Safari Drive), North K (Near Underpass), Vista
(Nikki Bunch Ball Field), and Cibola (Robuffa)
Subdivisions**

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED

If you have any questions regarding this event, please call

Code Enforcement Officer Adrian Chavez (760) 326-5740 ext. 123 **THE**

FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- Motor Oil/Used Filters
- Household Cleaners
- Sharp Objects/Needles
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Space Heaters
- Musical Cards
- Radioactive Wastes
- Non-Sharp Medical Waste
- Wastes from foreclosed properties
- Auto & Household Batteries
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- TV's & Computer Monitors
- Microwave Ovens
- Stereos or Radios
- Clothes Irons
- Medical Waste
- Tire/Appliances
- Non-Sharp Medical Waste
- Antifreeze
- Medications
- CPU's & Printers
- Telephone/Cellphones
- VCRs/DVD Player
- Commercial Waste
- Asbestos
- Air Conditioners

3. THE REGIONAL SUMMIT 2024



INLAND EMPIRE TOURISM **The Regional Summit 2024**

April 18, 2024

9:00am - 5:30pm

Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center
3400 Market St, Riverside, CA 92501



3. THE REGIONAL SUMMIT 2024



5. RECREATION CENTER

Monday April 15, 2024, 8:56 AM



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Advisory: Glendale Man Arrested While Selling Items Stolen from Needles Parks and Recreation

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m.

INCIDENT: PC 459 Burglary

LOCATION: 1500 Block of Hospitality Lane, Needles, CA

SUSPECT(S): William Kingsland, 43-Years-Old, Resident of Glendale, CA

VICTIM(S): Confidential

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m., deputies from the Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department responded to the area of 1500 Hospitality Lane reference a report of a burglary. Sometime between April 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. and April 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the business and removed clothing and shoes which had been donated to the City of Needles, Parks and Recreation.

On Friday, April 12, 2024, deputies contacted William Kingsland in the area of Duke Watkins Park. Kingsland was conducting a sale and had several items of clothing and shoes which were identified as the items taken in the burglary.

William Kingsland was consequently arrested and transported to the Colorado River Station jail for booking on the above charges. Kingsland remains in the custody of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department with a bail amount of \$30,000.00, awaiting a court hearing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Deputy M. Bush or Deputy J. Ramirez of the Colorado River Station / Needles Police Department at (760) 326-9200. Those wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information online at www.wetip.com.

For press releases, news, and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter/X at: @CORiverStation or Facebook and Instagram at

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Refer: Deputy M. Bush / Deputy J. Ramirez

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San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department

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