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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2024

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1. This past weekend marked a landmark celebration for the Needles Rodeo Association with its 46th Annual Colorado River Round Up. Capturing the essence of the Tri-State region's spirit and heritage, the event set a new attendance record with 3,000 guests and enhanced the festivities by introducing food trucks for the first time. We were thrilled to feature local culinary favorites, Foodini's and River Sippin, enriching the experience for everyone involved. The steadfast support from our volunteers, supporters, and the entire Tri-State community continues to be the backbone of this event's success. More than just a rodeo, the Round-Up is a dynamic hub for the community to come together and celebrate our shared heritage and values. Please refer to the attached photos for a closer look at the festivities
2. On Thursday, April 11, 2024, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) successfully convened a kick-off meeting with VA Loma Linda and key stakeholders to introduce the new HUD-VASH program, which will begin in May. Representatives from San Bernardino County Aging and Adult Services, VA Loma Linda, Nations Finest, and Billet Health discussed the implementation of this important initiative.

HACN is collaborating closely with Nations Finest, a dedicated organization that supports low-income veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This partnership focuses on helping veterans secure and maintain sustainable, permanent housing through comprehensive case management and temporary financial assistance.

For immediate assistance or to start the intake process, the public can contact Khristina at Nations Finest at (928) 615-4965 or HACN staff at (760) 326-3222. See attached flyer for additional information.

3. The recent rainfall in Needles has exacerbated the condition of our aging roadways, increasing potholes throughout the area. City Staff has quickly **mobilized this**

**week**, implementing temporary repairs to address these new challenges. These measures will ensure road safety until permanent repairs can be made. We encourage residents to report any potholes by contacting the City of Needles billing office at 760-326-2115, pressing #9, or using the convenient Needles Connect app. Please reach out with any concerns or to report issues as we work together to enhance our community's roads. The attached photos show the ongoing work, showcasing our commitment to maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

4. On **Friday, April 12, 2024**, City Staff has commissioned a company to rekey the historic El Garces Train Depot, initially built in 1908. The City purchased the building in 1999 and reopened it as the El Garces Intermodal Transportation Facility in 2014. This is the first time the building has been rekeyed since the City opened its doors in 2014. Named after Francisco Garces, a Spanish missionary who surveyed the area in the 1770s, this structure served as both a Harvey House and an ATSF station. Known as the "Crown Jewel" of the Harvey House network, El Garces was among the first train stations constructed from concrete. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. El Garces houses the Needles Area Transit, Needles Desert Star, the Needles Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, and an Amtrak station today. Please see the attached photos for a view of the work being completed.
5. The Animal Shelter City Staff is thrilled to announce two upcoming Spay/Neuter Clinic events **on April 12-13, 2024**. We are deeply grateful to honor the memory of the late Kippy Poulson, a devoted Needles resident whose generous legacy donation makes the April 12th clinic accessible free of charge to all Needles residents. Regrettably, both clinics are now fully booked. These clinics will be expertly led by Dr. Angelina Beeks, DVM of Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Unit, who has been a cherished collaborator since April 2022. Our bi-annual spay/neuter clinics are integral to our ongoing commitment to promoting animal welfare in the community. For more information, please visit the city's [website](#) or call us at (760) 326-4952 press #9. See attached photos and flyers for further information.
6. Vandalism, including graffiti and damage to public property, costs the City of Needles thousands of dollars annually. To address this, the City promptly repairs any damage and reports incidents to law enforcement for prosecution. In 2019, the City Council strengthened our commitment to protecting public and private properties by passing Ordinance No. 624-AC, which amended the Municipal Code to enhance enforcement against vandalism and defacement. This includes graffiti on both privately and publicly owned walls and structures. If you witness vandalism, please report it to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office by calling (909) 387-8313**. Additionally, contact (760) 326-2115 for graffiti removal or use the convenient Needles Connect app, available for Android and Apple devices (see attached Needles Connect download instructions for more details).
7. The Needles Animal Shelter is home to many loving pets eager to become a cherished part of your family. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all animals in our community through our adoption program. If you're considering

adding a furry friend to your home, the adoption fee is just \$60. We invite you to contact the Needles Animal Shelter at 760-326-4952 from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday, to learn more about our adoption process or to schedule a visit. Please see the attached photos of a delightful new batch of puppies awaiting their forever homes.

#### 8. IMPORTANT DATES:

- **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.
- **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 JSP dedication 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 Lily Hill ribbon-cutting 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!



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## 2. VASH PROGRAM



Hours of Operation Monday Through Friday

8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M

Located at 1343 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442

### WHAT OUR SSVF PROGRAM DOES:

Our program assists low-income veterans that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, obtain and/or keep sustainable permanent housing through case management and temporary financial assistance.

### WHERE WE SERVE:

We assist those in Kingman, Lake Havasu, Bullhead City, and any other surrounding areas in Mohave County, as well as those in Laughlin, NV.

### HOW YOU CAN REACH US:

Please call the Case Manager located in your area to make an appointment\*

OR stop by our office at 1343 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ.

\*For appointments Monday through Thursday in the **Kingman area** please call:  
(928) 440-6408; ask for Jessica or (928) 216-5208; ask for Mack

\*For appointments on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in the **Lake Havasu** area please call:  
(928) 615-4965; ask for Khristina

\*For appointments Monday through Thursday in the **Laughlin, NV & Bullhead City** area please call:  
(928) 362-0689; ask for Lauren or (928) 223-7362; ask for Justin

*Find more about us at [www.nationsfinest.org](http://www.nationsfinest.org)*



### 3. POTHOLE REPAIRS





## 4. EL GARCES REKEY





## 5. ANIMAL SHELTER







# SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR TRI-STATE AREA

**SATURDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER  
1662 FLIP MENDEZ PKWY  
NEEDLES, CA 92363  
(760)326-4952

## **SERVICES PROVIDED BY:**

ANGEL'S TOUCH MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT  
DR. ANGELINA BEEKS DVM

**Must have an appointment and fill out an application**

\*MUST FILL OUT A SPAY/NEUTER APPLICATION (available at the Needles Animal Shelter) and turn in on or before 03/29/2024.

\*\$50.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT TIME APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED

-NON-REFUNDABLE IF CANCEL OR NO SHOW

-\$50.00 DEPOSIT WILL GO TOWARDS SPAY/NEUTER ON DAY OF SERVICES

**PLEASE CALL THE SHELTER FOR PRICES AND ALL QUESTIONS**





# FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC



**April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Needles Animal Shelter

1662 Flip Mendez Parkway

Needles, CA 92363

(760)326-4952

Services provided by:

Angel's Touch Mobile

Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Angelina Beeks

**!THIS FREE CLINIC IS FOR NEEDLES RESIDENTS ONLY!**

The City of Needles Animal Shelter received a generous donation from a longtime Needles resident Kippy Poulson. The donation will be used to cover the costs of the spay/neuter of cats and dogs in the city of Needles.

**Must have an appointment and fill out an application.**

\*MUST FILL OUT A SPAY/NEUTER APPLICATION (available at the Needles Animal Shelter) and turn in on or before 03/29/2024.

\*MUST ATTACH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO PROVE RESIDENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES (utility bill, drivers license, or government issued photo ID)

\*DOGS MUST HAVE VALID CITY LICENSE

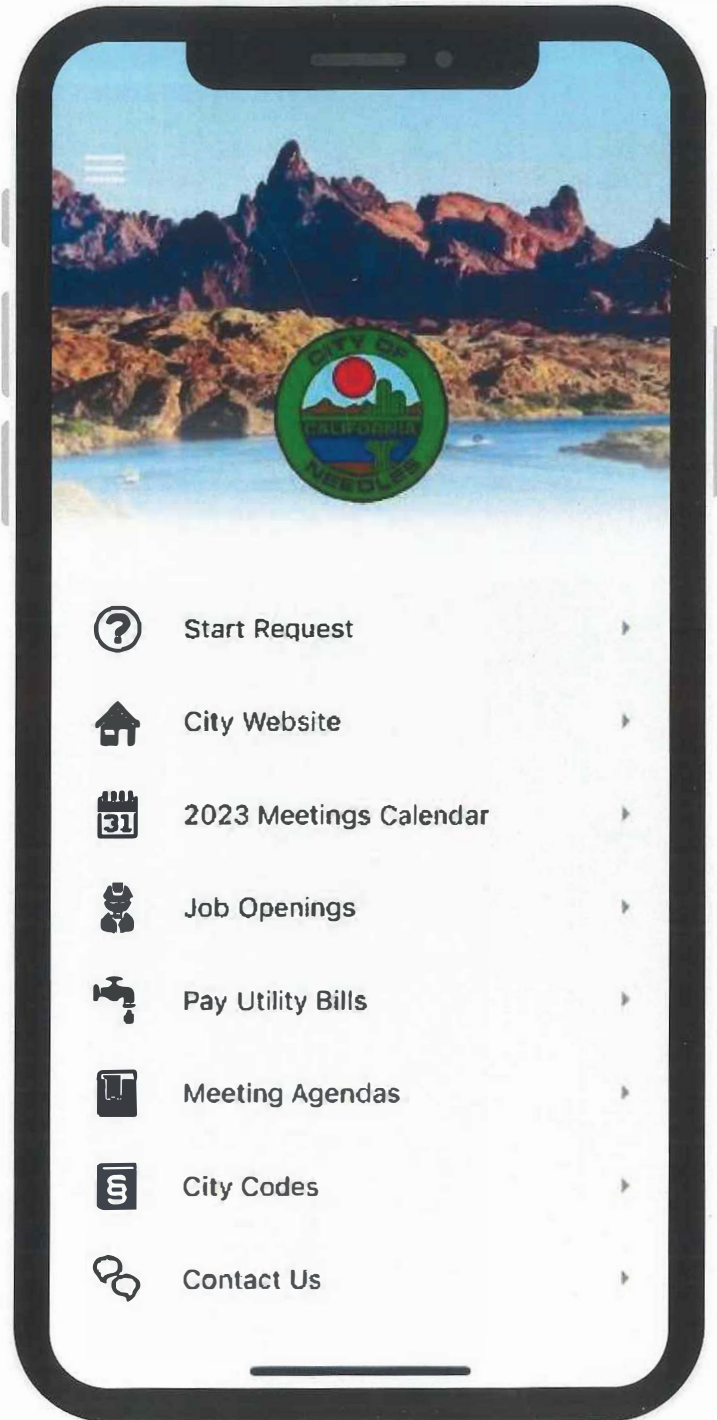
\*NOT ELIGIBLE TO NEEDLES RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

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## 7. ADOPTION

