



# 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 3, 2024

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1. **This week**, City crews completed rigorous Cal/OSHA 10-hour Construction Safety Training, focusing on crucial topics such as Hazardous (Chemical Safety) Communications, Stairways and Ladders, Fire Protection, Electrical Safety, Lockout/Tagout, Excavations/Trenching, Scaffold Awareness, and Fall Protection. They also delved into OSHA regulations from the Code of Cal-OSHA Regulations and received guidance on managing Heat Stress.

Backhoe/Loader Operator Safety Training also provided comprehensive instruction on Backhoe dynamics and Operating Techniques, including classroom sessions, written assessments, and hands-on demonstrations. City Management continues its commitment to ongoing training to uphold crew safety standards. The attached photo's highlight the educational experience.

2. From **May 1st to 3rd, 2024**, Mayor Jan Jernigan and the City Manager participated in the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert. This gathering provided an invaluable platform for city representatives to collaborate with local and regional leaders, exchanging insights on pivotal topics such as mobility, housing, environmental sustainability, and economic development. Additionally, city representatives engaged with homebuilders on Thursday evening during the Building Industry Association of Southern California May Board Meeting and Leadership Summit.
3. On **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, Supervisor Dawn Rowe, alongside City Officials, City Staff, and community members, convened for a significant occasion: the ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews walking trail. With immense pride, we dedicate this 1600-foot walking trail, adorned with seven workout stations, in honor of Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews. More than just a mere pathway within Jack Smith Park, this trail is a testament to Marilyn's lasting influence on our community. Look at the attached photo to catch a glimpse of the jubilant festivities. Click on this [link](#) for a video of the trail.

4. On **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, Supervisor Rowe convened a roundtable discussion with a diverse array of participants, including City Officials and community stakeholders such as the Needles Unified School District, Congressman Raul Ruiz's Office, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Inland Empire Health Plan, Palo Verde College, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Colorado River Medical Center, and the Needles Desert Star. Supervisor Rowe delivered an update on County affairs, highlighting the success of the San Bernardino County 2nd Annual Job and Resource Fair held at El Garces (refer to attached photo of recognition). The roundtable's purpose was to facilitate an exchange of updates between Supervisor Rowe and the community stakeholders.

Additionally, Congressman Ruiz's office awarded the City Council of the City of Needles a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in celebration of the San Bernardino County and the City of Needles Behavioral Health Clinic expansion, which received \$1 million in funding from Congressman Ruiz's Office.

5. This **Saturday May 4, 2024 (tomorrow)**, Rivers Edge Golf Course is proud to host the 25th Annual Flip Mendez Youth Fund Golf Tournament. With a full roster of 48 teams totaling 144 golfers, this year's tournament promises to be an exceptional event. All proceeds will directly benefit the youth in Needles and the Tri-State area.

Thanks to the expert efforts of the Touchstone staff, Rivers Edge has been transformed into a championship-caliber, par-71, 18-hole golf course. To experience our stunningly revamped course yourself, book your tee time today by calling 760-326-3931 or by visiting our [website](#). Don't miss the attached photo showcasing the course's dramatic transformation.

Interested in hosting your own golf tournament at the esteemed Rivers Edge Golf Course? Please contact JJ DeLeon at 760-326-3931 for more information. See attached information for additional information.

6. The City Staff of Needles is thrilled to welcome Tri-State Community Healthcare's newest addition! Come celebrate with us at the grand opening of their new Dental Clinic, located at 820 W. Broadway, Needles, CA, this **Saturday, May 4, 2024 (tomorrow)**.

This family-friendly event is packed with fun activities for all ages, including a bouncy house, water slide, and live music by Tyler Hasley. You can also indulge in complimentary pizza and take part in a food bag giveaway/raffle. Get ready for an exciting community celebration that you won't want to miss! For more details, please call 760-326-0222 or see the attached flyer.

7. **Next week, from May 9-11**, Needles Unified School District is proud to host the 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League baseball and softball championships. Please find the tournament brackets attached for more details. The City of Needles takes pride in its status as a sports tourism

destination, consistently hosting various sporting events throughout the year. Join us in celebrating the spirit of sports in our vibrant community! Refer to the attached brackets for additional information.

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.

8. The **Friday before Memorial Day** has been declared “Decoration Day” at the Needles Riverview Cemetery. This year the 13th Annual Decoration Day will be held **May 24** and 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.

Those interested in participating in the 13th Annual Decoration Day are invited to be at the Needles Riverview Cemetery at **7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24**. Please bring your own hand-tools (i.e. tool to make a hole for the gravesite flag, clippers, gas powered weed eaters, etc.), garbage bags, and of course, don’t forget the water to keep you hydrated. Garbage receptacles will be available on-site for disposal of trash.

Memorial Day services are scheduled for **Monday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cemetery and all flags and crosses will be removed from the gravesites at 4:00 p.m. that evening. Community help in decoration of and removal from the cemetery grounds would be appreciated. And please don’t forget 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 and/or Old Pioneer Cemeteries. Donations are being sought for the replacement of the large American flags that previously lined the cemetery roads and anyone interested in donating is encouraged to contact Cheryl Sallis, Community Services Manager, at (760) 326-2113 Ext. 115.

9. On **Thursday May 30, 2024**, Palo Verde College (PVC) is hosting the 2024 Palo Verde College Graduation Ceremony on **at 3 p.m.** at the Needles Education Center, located at 725 W. Broadway (previously Claypool's). The Pinning Ceremony honoring the phlebotomy students is at 1 p.m. This will be PVC's inaugural phlebotomy graduating class, an extraordinary moment.

PVC has been catering to the educational needs of Needles residents since 1998. From its Needles Center, located at, it offers a comprehensive range of classes. These are designed to facilitate student transfers to four-year institutions, provide essential entry-level job skills, enhance vocational competencies, and offer diverse non-credit courses suitable for community learning and development. Refer to the attached flyer for additional information.

10. City Staff has thoughtfully curated an extensive community events calendar to keep residents well-informed about Needles's diverse array of happenings. The city invites all organizations to collaborate with the City Clerk's Office to add or modify events on the community calendar. For contributions and updates, kindly contact Candace Clark at [cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com). Your active participation contributes to the vitality of our community experiences. Refer to the attached May 2024 events for further information.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Run for the Wall (RFTW)** is scheduled for **May 15, 2024, at noon.**
- **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday June 7, 2024.**

# 1. CITY CREW TRAINING



### **3. MARILYN HOHSTADT MATHEWS WALKING TRAIL**



## 4. SUPERVISOR ROWE ROUNDTABLE



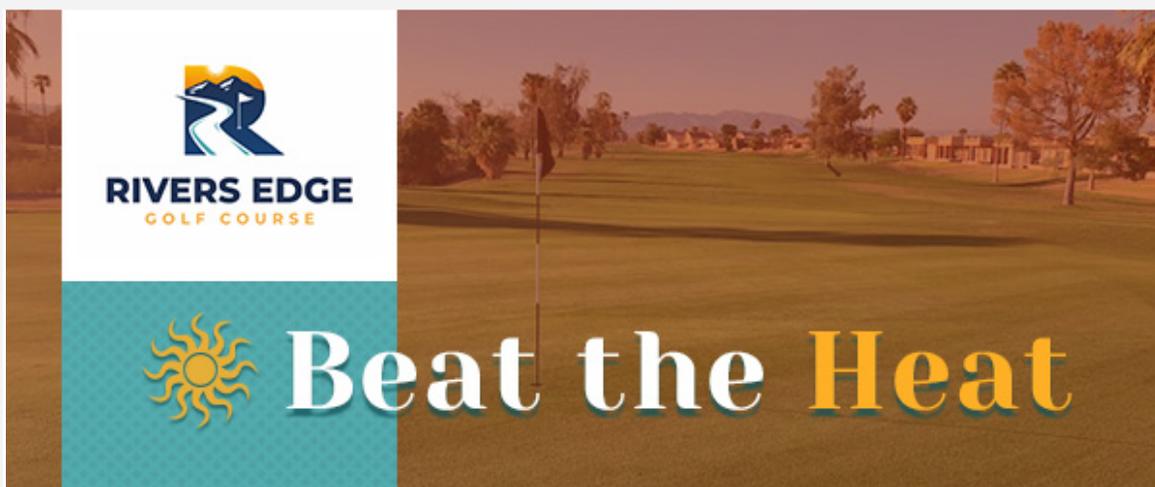
## 4. CONGRESSMAN RUIZ'S OFFICE CERTIFICATE



## 5. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



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### **Beat the Heat at Rivers Edge!**

Summer is almost upon us here in the Tri-Sate Area so make sure to take advantage of the cool desert mornings. Book your favorite early morning tee time by calling (760) 326-3931 or visit us at [www.golfneedlesca.com](http://www.golfneedlesca.com).

**\*Rivers Edge opens daily at Dawn\***

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FOLLOW AND STAY UP TO DATE!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR POSTS  
OF THE COURSE

**1 Dress Appropriately**  
Stay cooler and feel more comfortable by wearing synthetic fabrics designed to wick away sweat. Wear a hat or visor to shield your face from the sun's damaging rays.

**Hydrate 2**  
Avoid drinking beverages containing alcohol, caffeine, and lots of sugar during your round. Opt for water or a sports drink on the course to replenish your energy.

**3 Eat Light**  
Choosing light, healthy snacks every 3 to 4 holes will keep your blood sugar levels consistent. Stabilize your energy and maintain focus by eating snacks such as protein bars, beef jerky, nuts, and fruit.

**Early Morning Tee Time 4**  
Cooler morning temperatures are prime for golfing in the summer heat.

**5 Short, Light Warm-Ups**  
Limit your time spent hitting range balls and on the practice green before your tee time in order to save energy before you tee off.

**6 Adjust Your Club Choice**  
Since your body is working hard to keep you cool, your energy levels aren't as high as they normally are. Opt for a 6 iron over a 7 iron to compensate for the energy that is being drained by the heat.

**Sunblock 7**  
Apply sunblock to all exposed skin to avoid the skin damage and sunburns. Use a high SPF such as SPF 50.

**8 Cool Off**  
Apply a cold compress or wet towel to your neck when on the cart to cool down between strokes.

**Park in Shaded Areas 9**  
Park your cart in shaded areas in between strokes. On extremely hot days, opt for a cart instead of walking to save energy for your swing.

**10 Build Up Endurance**  
Log miles on the treadmill, elliptical, or bike to build up endurance to play in challenging conditions.

[Book a Tee Time](#)

**Rivers Edge Golf Course**

**144 Marina Drive**

**(760) 326-3931 [www.golfneedlesca.com](http://www.golfneedlesca.com)**

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# 6. TRI-STATE gRAND OPENING



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



**DENTAL CLINIC**

*Grand Opening*

**BOUNCY HOUSE**

**WATER SLIDES**

**FREE PIZZA**

**LIVE Music (Tyler Halsey)**

**Food Bag Giveaway**

For more information:

**760-326-0222**



**Saturday  
May 4  
10:00-2:00  
820 W. Broadway  
NEEDLES, CA**



Take Control of  
your Dental Health

- Cleanings**
- Exams**
- Digital X-rays**
- Sealants**
- Fillings**
- Dental Emergencies**
- Education**

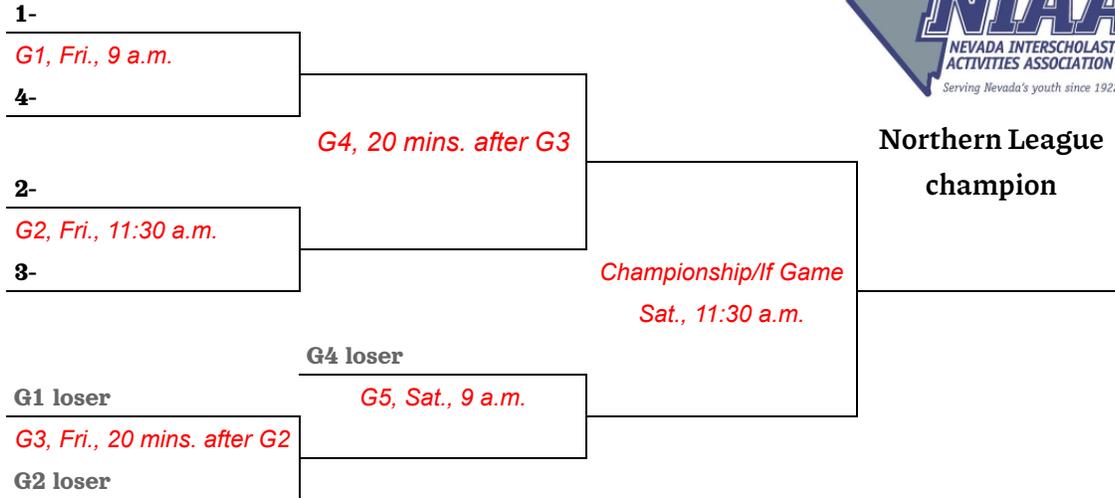
Medi-Cal and uninsured patients are welcomed.

# 7. NIAA 2024 2A SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

## 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Northern League Baseball Playoffs

(May 10-11, 2024)

at Pershing County High School

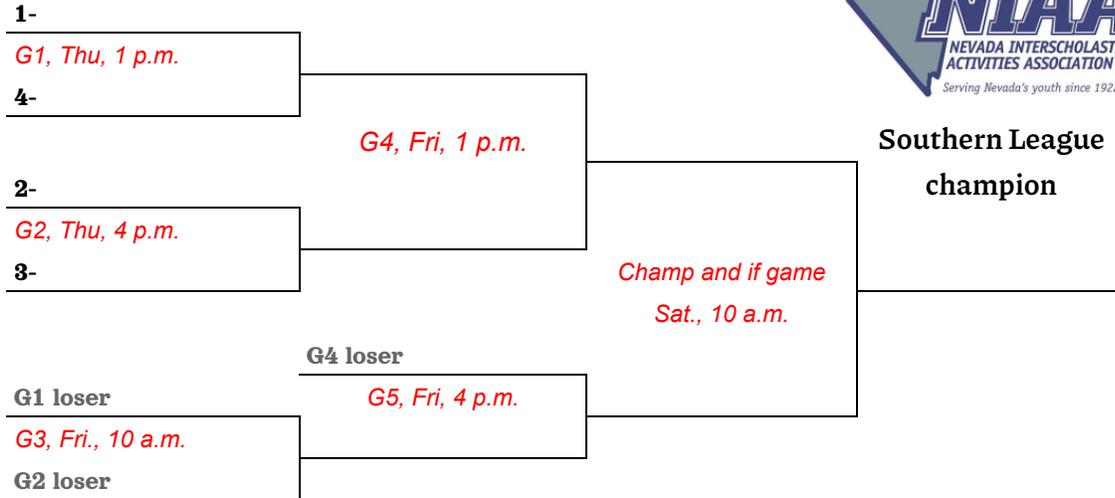


# 7. NIAA 2024 2A SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

## 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 2A Southern League Baseball Playoffs

(May 9-11, 2024)

at Needles High School



9. PALO VERDE COLLEGE  
PALO VERDE COLLEGE

*Needles Educational Center*



GRADUATION  
*Ceremony*

**THURSDAY, May 30, 2024**

**Pinning 1:00PM**

**Graduation 3:00PM**

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**Needles Educational Center**

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 760.326.5033

# May 2024

## 10. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  SBCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SAN BERNARDINO - MAYOR JERNIGAN	2 <b>SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE DESERT SPRINGS MAY 2-3</b> <b>MAYOR JERNIGAN TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	3	4
5	6	7 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm</b> <b>Womens Club 305 W Broadway Business Meeting 12pm</b>	8	9  Mojave Desert & Mountain Recycling Authority JPA Board Meeting 10:30-12:30 Victorville City Hall	10	11
12	13	14  <u><a href="#">CITY COUNCIL</a></u>	15  <b>RUN FOR THE WALL</b> <b>EL GARCES SANTA FE PARK</b>	16 <b>CITY COUNTY CONFERENCE LAKE ARROWHEAD MAY 16-17</b> <b>MAYOR JERNIGAN &amp; CAMPBELL TRI STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOOD DRIVE</b>	17 <b>CITY COUNTY CONFERENCE LAKE ARROWHEAD MAY 16-17</b> <b>MAYOR JERNIGAN &amp; CAMPBELL</b>	18
19 <b>ICSC LAS VEGAS MAY 19-21</b> MCCORKLE, LONGBRAKE, POGUE	20  <u><a href="#">PARKS &amp; RECREATION 4pm</a></u>	21 <b>BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4pm</b> <b>Womens Club 305 W Broadway Program Meeting 12pm</b>	22  <u><a href="#">HOUSING COMMISSION 4pm</a></u>	23 <b>Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning Needles" Business Breakfast 7:30 AM</b> <b>Elks Lodge Patrick Roskam - CaliCoders Cyber Security</b>	24  Decoration Day Riverview Cemetery 7am	25
26	27  Memorial Day Services Riverview Cemetery 11am	28  <u><a href="#">CITY COUNCIL</a></u>	29	30  Palo Verde College Graduation 3pm 725 W. Broadway	31	