



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: September 4, 2026

City Manager's Weekly Highlights

Infrastructure & Intergovernmental Partnerships

- City Hall Awning Project Completed, representing an approximately \$220,000 investment in improved lighting, pedestrian access, and protection of City Hall.
- Caltrans Coordination Strengthened, with City staff participating in the City Ambassador Program and hosting the September 2 public hearing on proposed I-40 safety and infrastructure improvements.
- Storm-Recovery Work Continues, with City and County crews repairing roadways, clearing flood-control facilities, and restoring drainage capacity throughout Needles.

Economic Development & Community Partnerships

- Off The Charts Welcomed to Needles, recognizing the company's investment and the continued growth of the City's local business community.
- Palo Verde College Partnership Highlighted, including the Needles Center Welcome Back event and the selection of Dr. Estella Castillo-Garrison as the College's next Superintendent/President.
- Route 66 Centennial Celebration Planning Advances, with an updated Fall Festival flyer, vendor opportunities, and sponsorship outreach for the November 7 community celebration.

Community Services & Engagement

- Behavioral Health Resources Featured, highlighting the County's TEST program and its support for crisis intervention and connections to housing, employment, and treatment services.
- Fall Community Programs Moving Forward, including the September 13 Needles Sunday Market, September 14 youth-sports registration deadline, and September 21 launch of Needles Care.

1. **City Hall Awning Project Completed:** This week, the **City of Needles celebrated the completion of the City Hall Awning Project**, representing an approximately **\$220,000 investment in improving and protecting City Hall**. The project included a **new awning, improved lighting, and upgraded pedestrian access**, creating a safer, more accessible, and welcoming entrance for residents, visitors, and employees. The **City thanks the Mayor and City Council for their continued investment in public facilities and commitment to improving the community**. The City also thanks **City staff and the project contractors for their work in bringing this project to completion**.
2. **Caltrans District 8 City Ambassador Meeting:** This week, City staff met with **Xavier Quintanar, Acting Deputy District Director of Design for Caltrans District 8**, through Caltrans' **City Ambassador Program**. The program is intended to strengthen communication, collaboration, and issue resolution between Caltrans and local municipalities by providing a direct point of contact within District leadership. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss **Needles' transportation priorities, ongoing Caltrans projects, and opportunities for continued coordination and partnership**. The City appreciates Xavier and Caltrans District 8 leadership for their commitment to maintaining an open dialogue and working collaboratively with Needles to **address local priorities and develop solutions**.
3. **Caltrans I-40 Improvement Project – Public Hearing Held:** Caltrans District 8 held its **I-40 Improvement Project public hearing on September 2 at the Needles City Council Chambers**, providing residents an opportunity to learn more about the proposed safety and infrastructure improvements and provide input to Caltrans. The project includes improvements along Interstate 40 through the Needles area, including work near the **Whale Mountain Wash bridges, roadway shoulders, guardrails, signage, and lighting**. The **public comment period remains open through September 18, 2026**. The City thanks **Caltrans District 8 for its continued partnership and significant investment in the Needles region, with more than \$200 million in transportation projects planned over the next several years**. These investments will improve the **safety, reliability, and condition of critical transportation infrastructure serving Needles and the surrounding region**.
4. **County Flood Control – Storm Recovery Work Continues:** **San Bernardino County Flood Control crews continue working in Needles** on storm-related cleanup and repairs that began in August. Crews and heavy equipment remain active within County flood-control facilities, **removing accumulated material, restoring drainage capacity, and repairing areas impacted by recent storm activity**. The continued work demonstrates the ongoing **City-County partnership to maintain and protect critical flood-control infrastructure**. The City thanks **San Bernardino County Public Works and Flood Control District crews for their continued work and investment in the Needles community**.
5. **Storm-Related Road Repairs Continue:** Public Works crews **continued storm-related roadway repairs throughout the community this week**, building on the work reported last week. Crews are continuing to address

potholes, pavement damage, and other storm-related roadway impacts, including locations identified through Needles Connect service requests. Staff will continue working through priority areas as part of the City's ongoing storm-recovery efforts. **As storm recovery continues, residents and businesses are encouraged to report roadway damage and other areas needing attention by calling 760-326-5700 or submitting a service request through the [Needles Connect app](#).**

6. **Bob Belt Beach Park Educational Signs Replaced:** The City recently completed the **replacement of deteriorated and weather-damaged educational signs at Bob Belt Beach Park**. Years of exposure to the desert environment had significantly faded and damaged the existing signs, making portions difficult to read. The new signs restore the educational displays and improve the **appearance and visitor experience at the park**. This work is part of the City's ongoing effort to **maintain and improve parks, public spaces, and community amenities**.
7. **Off The Charts Ribbon Cutting:** Today, City officials joined the Needles Chamber of Commerce in welcoming **Off The Charts, one of the City's newest licensed cannabis retailers**, to Needles. The ribbon cutting recognized the company's **investment in our community** and the continued growth of Needles' local business community. Every new business that chooses Needles brings additional **investment, employment opportunities, and economic activity** to our community. The City congratulates the entire Off The Charts team on its opening and thanks the **Needles Chamber of Commerce for organizing today's ribbon cutting and continuing to support and promote our local business community**.
8. **Palo Verde College – Needles Center and New Superintendent/President:** The City of Needles congratulates **Dr. Estella Castillo-Garrison on her selection as the next Superintendent/President of Palo Verde College**, with her appointment expected to begin **September 9, 2026, pending final Board approval**. Dr. Castillo-Garrison has emphasized **student success, expanded educational and workforce pathways, and strong community partnerships** as priorities for the College. Palo Verde College also recently held a **Welcome Back event at the Needles Center**, bringing together students, faculty, staff, community members, and members of the Board of Trustees. The City appreciates **Palo Verde College's continued commitment to Needles and expanding educational opportunities for the community** and recognizes Jacquelyn Randall for her continued leadership of the Needles Center.
9. **Good Morning Needles – Behavioral Health Resources: Mental health and behavioral health services remain a priority for the City Council**, particularly given the limited resources available locally. Since **May 2025**, the **San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health's Triage, Engagement, and Support Team (TEST)** has provided an additional behavioral health resource in the Needles area. The **Needles Area Chamber of Commerce** will feature **Kim Buckley and Emma Jo Busto** at Good Morning Needles on **Thursday, September 17, at 7:30 a.m. at 950 Front Street** to discuss the TEST program and resources available to the community. Through

the program, Buckley supports the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station** with crisis intervention, mental health evaluations, and connections to housing, employment, and treatment resources. The program supports the **City Council's goal of fostering a healthy, family-friendly community while strengthening behavioral health response and public safety.**

10. **Route 66 Centennial Community Fall Festival – Updated Event Flyer:** The City is pleased to share the **latest event flyer** for the Third Annual Community Fall Festival and Route 66 Centennial Celebration, taking place **Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Santa Fe Park.** The celebration will commemorate the **100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66** with live entertainment, family activities, an OHV “Show-Off,” food trucks, historic El Garcés tours, vendors, and a Centennial fireworks show. **Vendor opportunities remain available, and the City continues to welcome community partners and sponsors** interested in supporting this historic celebration.
11. **2026 Community Pride Recognition Awards:** The Needles Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2026 Community Pride Recognition Awards, recognizing local businesses, organizations, and individuals who make a positive difference in Needles. This year's theme, *“Get Your Kicks on America's Heritage: Celebrating Route 66 & 250 Years of Freedom,”* recognizes both the Route 66 Centennial and America's 250th anniversary. The awards celebration will be held Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Needles Elks Lodge. Community members are encouraged to submit nominations and help recognize those whose service, leadership, and contributions make Needles a better place to live, work, and visit. **Nomination forms are available at the Needles Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 950 Front Street.**
12. **Lynne's Little Ladies Tea Party:** The Needles Recreation Department will host **“A Sweet Day in Paris” Little Ladies Tea Party** on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Needles Women's Club. The event is open to the first **40 girls ages 5–12** from throughout the Tri-State area. Registration is **\$25** and may be completed at the Needles Recreation Center. For more information, call **760-326-2814** or refer to the attached flyer.
13. **Fall Youth Sports Registration Closing September 14:** Registration for the City of Needles Parks and Recreation Department's **2026 Fall Youth Sports season closes Monday, September 14.** Boys and girls throughout the Tri-State area can still register for **Peewee Soccer, Flag Football, and Volleyball.** **Sibling discounts are available, and scholarships may be available.** Families interested in participating are encouraged to register before the deadline. For information, contact Parks and Recreation at **(760) 326-2814** or **parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com.**
14. **Mobile Dental Clinic – Big River:** The **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Mobile Dental Clinic** will provide services at **Big River Community Park, 150351 Del Rey Drive, September 14–17.** Services include screenings, exams and X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, and

limited root canal treatment and extractions. The clinic is open to **low-income individuals and families**, including those without insurance. **Appointments are highly recommended** and can be made by calling **1-800-722-4777** and pressing **5**. **Please refer to the attached flyer for dates, hours, and additional information.**

15. **Saint Vincent de Paul Society – 5th Annual Fundraiser Reminder:** As a reminder, the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Needles** will hold its **5th Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the Needles Elks Lodge**. This year's event celebrates the **100th anniversary of Route 66 and the 250th anniversary of the United States**, with patriotic dress encouraged. The evening begins at **5:00 p.m.** with a no-host bar and silent auction, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are **\$75 per person or \$600 for a table of eight**, with proceeds supporting neighbors in need. **Please refer to the attached flyer for ticket information and additional event details.**
16. **Summer Scramble and Overseeding:** River's Edge Golf Course **closed out the summer with its Summer Scramble Golf Tournament on August 29**, with **18 teams participating** in the three-person scramble. The tournament provided a strong finish to the summer and brought golfers together for a morning of friendly competition at River's Edge. **The golf course is now closed during September for its annual overseeding and is scheduled to reopen on October 2** for the fall and winter season. The City thanks **golf course staff and everyone who participated in making the tournament a success.**
17. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit events or update existing listings through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe to and sync the calendar with their mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION

- I. **Needles Care Community Wellness Check Program – September 21:** A community kick-off for **Needles Care**, the City's new wellness check partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Jude Conference and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, will be held **Monday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Needles Senior Center**. The event is **free and open to the community**, with complimentary pizza provided by the Sheriff's Department.
- II. **Route 66 Grant Opportunities:** Applications are now open for the Preserve Route 66 Grant Fund and Preserve Route 66 Legacy Business Grant Fund, with applications due November 12, 2026. City staff is evaluating potential City projects and conducting outreach to eligible Needles businesses and community organizations. **More information:** [Preserve Route 66 Grant Fund – Public Agencies & Nonprofits](#) | [Preserve Route 66 Legacy Business Grant Fund](#).
- III. **NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET – SEPTEMBER 13:** The Needles Sunday Market returns to Santa Fe Park on Sunday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m. PST. Vendor applications remain open, and local food vendors, artisans, makers, growers, and small businesses are encouraged to participate.

- IV. **STATE OF THE CITY:** The City of Needles and the **Needles Chamber of Commerce** invite the community to the **2026 State of the City Address on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. at El Garces, 950 Front Street.** Mayor Janet Jernigan will highlight the City's accomplishments, major projects and investments, and priorities for the future. **Residents, businesses, community organizations, and regional partners are encouraged to attend.**
- V. **CITY HALL CLOSED:** City Hall will be closed on **Monday, September 7, 2026**, in observance of **Labor Day**. Regular business hours will resume on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** For urgent matters during the closure, residents may call **760-326-5700, press 9**, and the City's after-hours answering service will route calls to the appropriate personnel. A notice has been posted at the entrance of City Hall to inform the public.

2. CALTRANS PARTNERSHIP STRENGTHENED

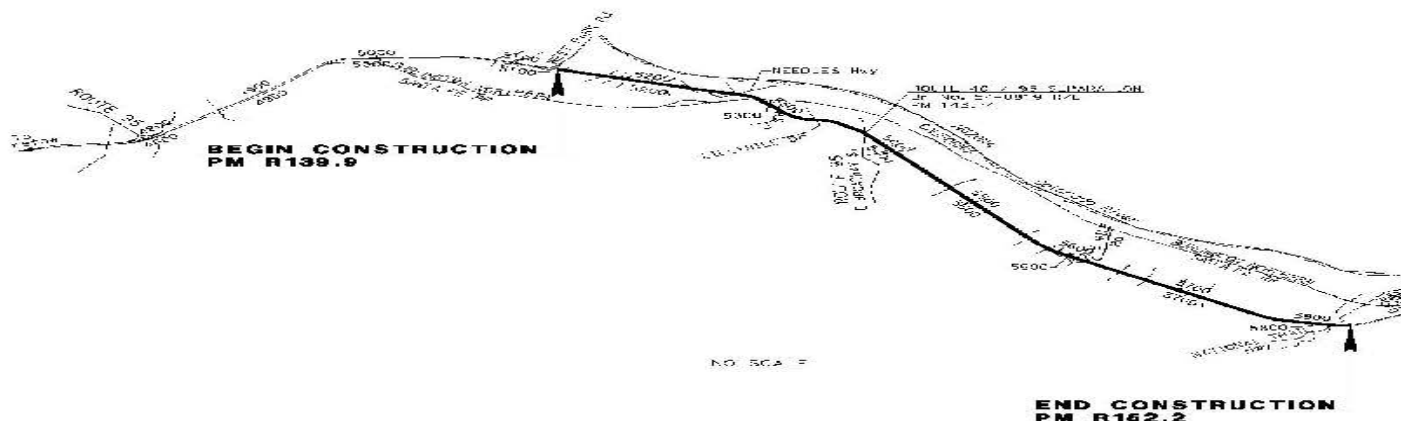


3. I-40 IMPROVEMENTS — PUBLIC HEARING HELD



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Announcement of Opportunity for Public Hearing I-40 Bridge Scour Project San Bernardino County, CA



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade structures and improve other deficiencies along Interstate 40 from Post Mile R139.0 to R152.2 in Needles, San Bernardino County, California. Improvements would include replacing the existing Rock Slope Protection, and partially grouted rock slope protection apron areas at Whale Mountain Wash (Bridge Numbers 54-0668L and 54-0668R) per the latest Advance Planning Study (APS). There are a total of eight (8) aprons extending along the roadway shoulder at each bridge approach and departure. In addition, upgrading guard rail end treatments to latest standards and installing vegetation control, sign panels with higher reflectivity, and lighting to the latest standards. All work is within the State right of way, including access to Whale Mountain Wash.
WHY THIS AD?	Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND). This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the ISMND and of its availability for you to read, and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing.
WHAT'S AVAILABLE?	Copies of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email to: 08-1M420@dot.ca.gov
WHERE YOU COME IN	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an ISMND? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing in writing no later than April 23, 2026, to: Cesar Garcia, Acting Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor California Department of Transportation, District 8 464 West 4th Street, MS 820 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400 or via email to: 08-1M420@dot.ca.gov The date we will begin accepting comments is March 25, 2026. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
CONTACT	For more information about this study or any transportation matter, contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 553-6837. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, call or write to Jaspinder Hampal, Chief of Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (909) 553-6837; or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.

4. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL— STORM RECOVERY



5. CITY ROAD REPAIRS — STORM RECOVERY



6. BOB BELT BEACH PARK— EDUCATIONAL SIGNS



7. OFF THE CHARTS WELCOMED TO NEEDLES



8. PALO VERDE COLLEGE — NEW LEADERSHIP



PALO VERDE COLLEGE



Congratulations Estella Castillo-Garrison, Ed.D.



I really enjoyed attending the Welcome Back event at our Palo Verde Needles Center as Board of Trustees President along with our Board Vice President Jon McNeil.

We had a wonderful time visiting with our students, staff, faculty and community. The Needles Center is an important part of Palo Verde College, and I am always happy to make the trip and show my support 💙



A special thank you to Jacquelyn Randall for the great job she does leading our Needles Center and for always making us feel so welcome. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.



9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES EXPAND



Needles Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

950 Front Street Suite A9-11

Needles, CA 92363

760-326-2050

chamberofneedles@gmail.com

www.needleschamber.com

Enjoying Life on the Colorado River

Bring A Friend or Two

Thursday September 17, 2026

7:30 a.m.

950 Front Street.
Needles Ca 92363



Guest Speaker

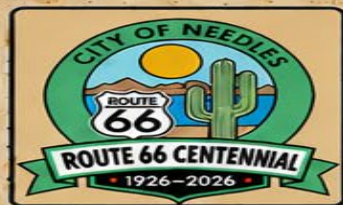
Behavioral Health "TEST" Program

Kim Buckley & Emma Jo Busto

Coffee and Donuts Provided

For More Information Please Contact The Chamber At 760-326-2050

10. ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL — FALL FESTIVAL



★ THE CITY OF NEEDLES PRESENTS ★
THIRD ANNUAL

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Cruisin' the Century in Needles

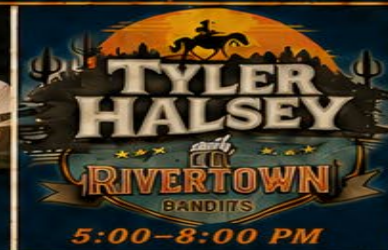
COME CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ROUTE 66!

★ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 ★

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

SANTA FE PARK • NEEDLES, CA

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY



OHV "SHOW-OFF" ★ FOOD TRUCKS ★ BEER GARDEN
KIDS' FUN ZONE ★ HISTORIC EL GARCES TOURS
ROUTE 66 HISTORIC PHOTO GALLERY ★ VENDORS & MORE!

VENDORS WANTED — THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

Contact Jennifer Valenzuela

jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com • 760-326-2814

CITYOFNEEDLES.COM



SCAN FOR
EVENT INFO

11. COMMUNITY AWARDS— NOMINATIONS OPEN



NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESENTS THE



*Theme: Get Your Kicks on America's Heritage:
Celebrating Route 66 & 250 Years of Freedom*
Saturday, October 17, 2026

Needles Elks Lodge
1000 Lilly Hill Drive, Needles, CA 92363

To Make a Nomination, Forms are Located at the Needles Chamber of Commerce Office or Scan the QR code



For all other Information Please Contact :

The Needles Chamber of Commerce @ 760-326-2050 or email info@needleschamber.com

12. LITTLE LADIES TEA PARTY — SEPTEMBER 19

"A Sweet Day In Paris"

Ooh La La!

 *Lynne's Little
Ladies Tea Party*

Saturday | September 19, 2026 | 1~3pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB
AND IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 40 GIRLS AGES 5YRS. ~
12 YRS. OLD IN THE TRI-STATE AREA TO REGISTER
AND PAY THEIR FEE. REGISTRATION IS \$25 AND
CAN BE PAID AT THE NEEDLES RECREATION
CENTER. ALL REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE PAID BY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026. PLEASE CALL
THE NEEDLES RECREATION CENTER @ 760~326~2814
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



13. FALL YOUTH SPORTS — REGISTRATION CLOSING

OPEN REGISTRATION

City of Needles Recreation Fall Sports

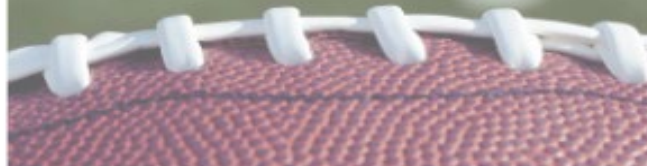
PEEWEE SOCCER



AGES: JR PEE WEE 3YR~5YR OLDS
PEE WEE 6YR~7YR OLDS
GAMES: SATURDAYS

FLAG FOOT BALL

GRADES: 2ND ~ 5TH
GAMES: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



GRADES: 3RD ~ 6TH
GAMES: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS



VOLLEY BALL

REGISTRATION DATES:

AUG. 3RD ~ SEPT. 14TH

SEASON: OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER

COSTS: RESIDENTS \$45 NON \$50

PEE SPORTS RESIDENTS \$35 NON \$40

SIBLING DISCOUNTS GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE

*All Recreation Sports are open to
Boys & Girls in the Tri~State area*

Questions call 760~326~2814 or email
parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com

14. MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC — BIG RIVER



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC ON-THE-GO

NO INSURANCE?
WE CAN HELP!

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

*Open to low income
individuals and families*



1 (800) 722-4777

To make an appointment, press 5



dph.sbcounty.gov



Public Health



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Basic dental screenings and assessments
- Preventative care and oral health education
- Comprehensive exam with dental x-rays for diagnosis and treatment planning
- Cleanings
- Application of topical fluoride varnish
- Fillings
- Limited root canal treatment and extractions



WHERE?

***Big River Community Park
Parking Lot of CSD Office
150351 Del Rey Dr, Big River***



WHEN AND WHAT TIME?

SEPTEMBER 14TH

FROM 12PM-3:30PM

SEPTEMBER 15TH & 16TH

FROM 10AM-3:30PM

SEPTEMBER 17TH

FROM 10AM-12PM

NEED TO APPLY FOR
MEDI-CAL?



SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT THE LINK
BIT.LY/SBCMEDI-CAL
FOR MORE INFO

15. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL — ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDLES CA

5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Celebrating

100 year anniversary of Route 66

250 year anniversary of the USA

Patriotic Dress

Proceeds will go to helping our neighbors in need

Date: October 3, 2026

Where: Elks Lodge 1000 Lillyhill Dr. , Needles CA 92363

Hours: 5:00 no host bar and silent auction 6:00 dinner 7:00-8:00 announcements and close

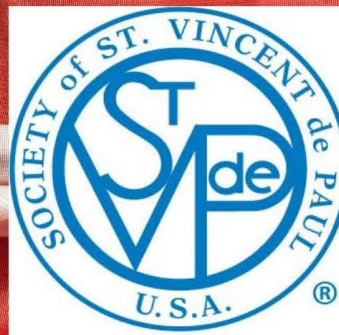
Cost: \$75.00 per person or \$600.00 to reserve a table of 8

Tickets may be purchased at

839 Front Street, Needles

760-326-4420

501 (C)3 non profit



16. RIVER'S EDGE — SCRAMBLE & OVERSEEDING



I. NEEDLES CARE — WELLNESS CHECK PROGRAM



NEEDLES CARE

COMMUNITY WELLNESS CHECK PROGRAM

Neighbors looking out for neighbors.



STAY
CONNECTED



GET
SUPPORT



PEACE
OF MIND

Needles Care is a new community wellness check program designed to help residents stay connected, supported, and safe through friendly, regular check-ins.



YOU'RE INVITED!



JOIN US FOR THE KICK-OFF OF NEEDLES CARE!



MONDAY
SEPTEMBER
21, 2026



11:30
A.M.



NEEDLES
SENIOR CENTER
1699 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363



COMPLIMENTARY
PIZZA

Provided by the
San Bernardino County
Sheriff's Department



FOR ELIGIBLE
SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS:

Salad & fruit



REFRESHMENTS:

Tea & water



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY | NO COST TO ATTEND



Operated by **St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Jude Conference, Needles**
In partnership with the City of Needles and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department



Needles Care is a community wellness program and is not an emergency or medical service.

In an emergency, call 911.

II. ROUTE 66 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPEN



GRANT PROGRAM

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a Grant Program for legacy businesses, non-profits, and public agencies along Route 66. Grants will generally not exceed \$10k and can be used for a variety of projects, including capital improvements, planning, and marketing. Locations can be on or near Route 66, provided they can illustrate a connection to the road's history.



Is a match required?

No match is required for either the non-profit/public agency grant or the legacy business grant. However, please count any matched dollars or in-kind donations to make your application stronger!



What projects are eligible?

Previous funded projects include HVAC, window restoration, exterior and interior paint, signage, historic interpretation, lesson plans, multimedia and film projects, and structural repair.



What is a Legacy Business?

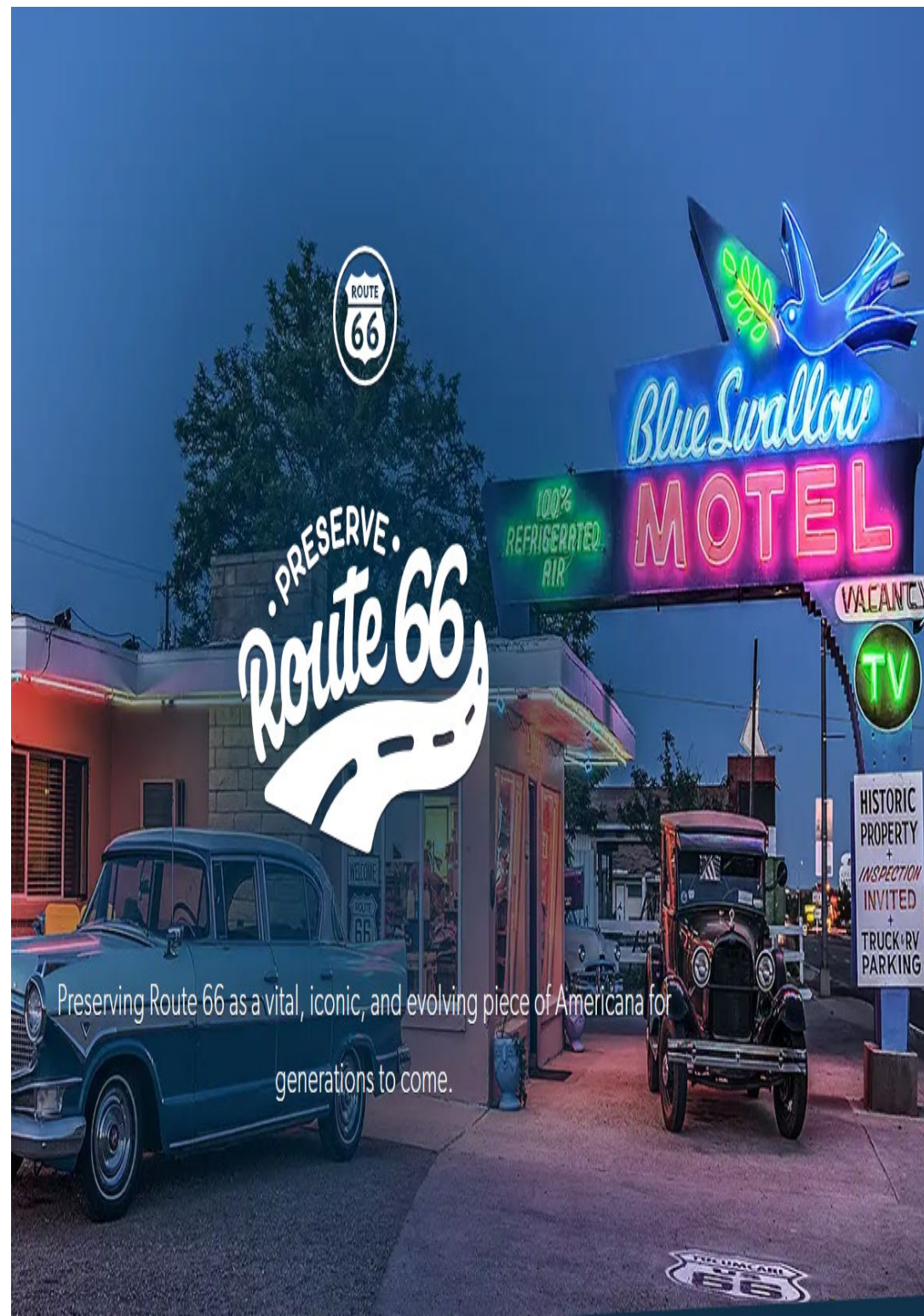
Small, independently owned businesses that have been operated for many years and contribute to Route 66's history and culture. New businesses helping to revitalize an underutilized Route 66 historic building are also eligible.

The next round will open for applications on **September 1**.
Check out our website for more information!



National Trust for
Historic Preservation®

preserveroute66.org



III. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET — SEPTEMBER 13



NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET

Season Two

RETURNS!

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!

 **EVERY SUNDAY**
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PST

 **SANTA FE PARK**
NEEDLES, CA

Good Vibes. Local Finds. Community Strong. ♥

**SHOP LOCAL
SUPPORT LOCAL
LOVE LOCAL** ♥

**HANDMADE
GOODS
& MORE!**



NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET

VENDOR APPLICATIONS

are Open!

JOIN US THIS SEASON!


**SEASON BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13**


**SUNDAYS
10 AM – 2 PM PST**


**SANTA FE PARK
NEEDLES, CA**

HANDMADE • FOOD • ART • PRODUCE • AND MORE!

READY TO JOIN US?
APPLY TODAY!



tumbleweedmarkets.mymarket.org/forms/signup



IV. 2026 STATE OF THE CITY — OCTOBER 7



2026

★ SAVE THE DATE ★ NEEDLES STATE OF THE CITY

PROGRESS ★ MOMENTUM ★ POSSIBILITY
Building Needles' Future Together



DELIVERED BY
Mayor Janet Jernigan



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2026



6:00 PM



EL GARCES

950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES, CA

PRESENTED BY



NEEDLES
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND VISITOR CENTER



V. CITY HALL CLOSED — LABOR DAY



LABOR DAY

**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026.**

**WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, AT 8:30 AM**