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DINING

The River Cities are home to a wide variety of fantastic restaurants suited for any taste. From fast food to authentic Mexican cuisine, from dinner cruises to fine steakhouse dining, there's something on the menu for everyone!

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HUNGRY? WHAT ARE YOU IN THE MOOD FOR?

There are hundreds of dining options – yes, hundreds – from elegant to takeout, drive-through to delivery available out there.

The resort-casinos in Laughlin alone have more than 50 restaurants, food shops or kiosks, from steakhouses and gourmet cuisine to buffets to coffee-and-donut shops. There are also more than a dozen other spots in Laughlin, including the food court at the Laughlin Outlet Center and other restaurants on Casino Drive.

Throw in more than 100 places to eat in Bullhead City – not to mention plenty of choices in Fort Mohave, Mohave Valley



EL BURRO BORRACHO

Within Harrah's, 2900 S Casino Dr, Laughlin, NV

and Needles as well as a few in Oatman and Topock – and you have some decisions to make when it comes time to pick a place to eat.

The area boasts more than a dozen national fast-food chains – many with multiple locations – with a menu that includes traditional burgers-and-fries, Mexican fair, Chinese, fish, chicken and **CONTINUED NEXT PAGE**

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If you are looking for a slower pace and a less hectic place to enjoy a meal, from breakfast to dinner and everything in between, there is something out there to appease every appetite.

Don't overlook the area golf courses, many with full dining and others with grill or snack capabilities.

There are more than a dozen restaurants that fit into the "family" category, where there is something on the menu for nearly every age and every taste. They include many recognizable national and regional chains as well as a handful of locally owned-and-operated locations.

There are scores of Mexican restaurants, from sit-down dining to the corner taco shops, many tucked away in the strip malls on or immediately off of Highway 95.

There are plenty of choices for Chinese and other Asian foods. And don't forget the area's abundance of Italian restaurants. Or the dozen pizza places (many of which deliver).

And there are sports bars (with grills) both at the casinos and on the Arizona side, where patrons can enjoy food and beverages without missing any of the action in whatever big event happens to be on TV at the moment.

There also are a few candy shops and ice cream/yogurt parlors to satisfy the sweet tooth.

And it doesn't matter when hunger strikes, there's likely to be something to soothe those pangs. Many locations are open 24 hours a day – and yes, a lot of them are open on holidays, too.

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LAUGHLIN DINING

Casino Drive is one concentrated area ripe with restaurant selections. Each resort offers its own unique cuisine from food courts to fine dining.

RIVERSIDE RESORT

Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort has no shortage of dining options from snack bars in both the main building and Casino West to the Gourmet Room with French, Italian and steakhouse selections. A true delight is the Riverside's Prime Rib Room on the River. Serving prime rib carved tableside, Chicken Cordon Bleu and other decadent entrees, this is the spot for an elegant evening out. The Prime Rib Room is open Sunday-Thursday (4 p.m.-9 p.m.) and Friday-Saturday (4 p.m.-10 p.m.).



AQUARIUS

A popular chain across the country serving tastes from "Down Under," Outback Steakhouse, is one popular option within the Aquarius. Steaks, chicken, seafood, pasta and of course, the famous Bloomin' Onion, are just a few items on the menu. The steakhouse is open Sunday-Thursday (noon-10 p.m.) and Friday-Saturday (noon-11 p.m.).

EDGEWATER

Capriotti's Sandwich Shop serves its signature subs within the Edgewater casino, offering both hot and cold sandwiches with vegetarian options and hearty salads. The Bobbie, Capriotti's best-seller, is a highly sought after sub, known for its delicious combination of homemade turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing and mayo. It's the Thanksgiving dinner you can find year round! Capriotti's is open daily at 10:30 a.m.

COLORADO BELLE

Pints Brewery & Sports Bar is a favorite hangout within the Colorado Belle, dishing up all the pub favorites like chicken wings, pretzel bites and nachos, as well as soup, salads, burgers and its signature pizzas. They also offer six house-crafted brews, like the Bodacious Blueberry and What The Puck IPA. One wild card brew changes each season. Order a flight and try all six house crafts. Pints is open daily (11 a.m.-1 a.m.) with a special breakfast menu on Saturday-Sunday (3 a.m.-11 a.m.).

TROPICANA

The newest hot spot in town is Brew Brothers within the Tropicana. Opening in January, this pub is known for its sports bar atmosphere with an above-average menu. The selection includes gourmet burgers, flat breads, salads and appetizers, as well as 16 beers on tap. They also offer Carano (the owners) family wines and humongous spiked milkshakes like the chocolate peanut butter Raider Avalanche — a must try! The restaurant is open Monday-Thursday (noon-9 p.m.), Friday (noon-10 p.m.) and Saturday-Sunday (11 a.m.-10 p.m.); the bar is open daily (11 a.m.-11 p.m.).

NEW PIONEER

With its Western flair, the Pioneer houses one of the tastiest restaurants along the river, Bumbleberry Flats. Full of down-home delicacies like fried green tomato BLTs, chicken and waffles, bacon meat-loaf and smoked brisket, the menu provides the best comfort food around. Don't overlook the Wreckless Sunday Brunch, the house Bloody Mary piled high with celery, bacon, a sandwich and much more! Bumbleberry is open daily (8 a.m.-9 p.m.).

LAUGHLIN RIVER LODGE

This resort features a unique setup with several themed casinos, each offering dining options that fit the theme. Inside Bourbon Street you will find Cajun dishes like gumbo; Chinese cuisine like pot stickers and dumplings are offered inside the Red Dragon; La Vilita houses the Mexican favorites and margaritas; American classics like malts and burgers can be found at the diner within Strike Bowling; Points and Dotty's are great for grabbing a bite on the go like a muffin and smoothie;

and downstairs the Bighorn Café offers a varied breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Each restaurant is open 24/7, except the Strike Bowling Diner, open daily (10 a.m.-midnight).



GOLDEN NUGGET

If you want in on the shrimpin' business, or at least the business of eatin' shrimp, make a beeline for Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. within the Golden Nugget. Full of Forrest Gump novelties, this fun family restaurant is seafood headquarters with peel-and-eat shrimp, flounder, crab legs, mahi mahi and salmon, along with Southern favorites like fried chicken, gumbo, burgers and so much more! They also offer covered deck seating right over the Colorado River. Bubba Gump's is open Sunday-Thursday (11 a.m.-10 p.m.) and Friday-Saturday (11 a.m.-11 p.m.).

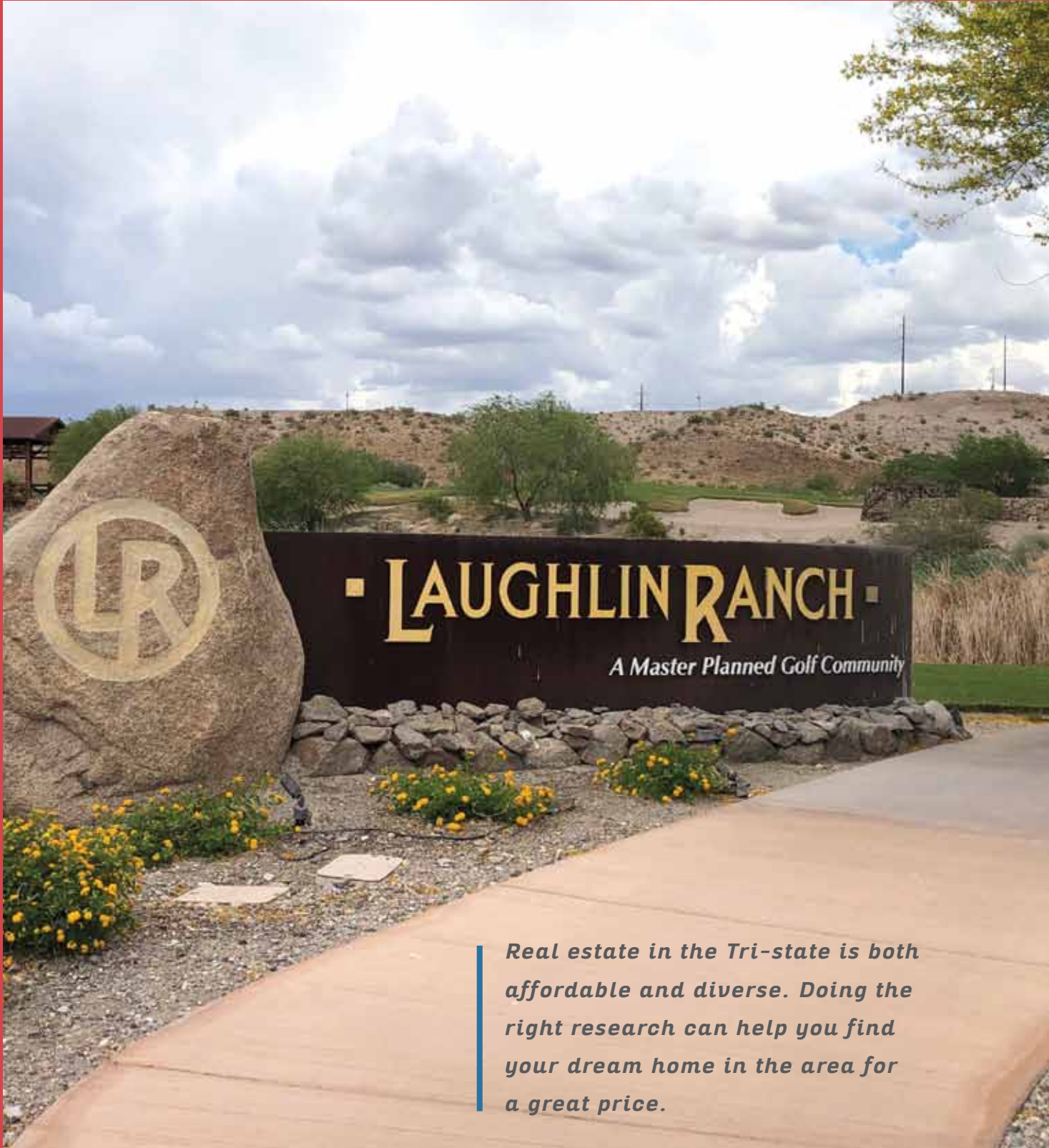
HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN

Tex-mex doesn't get much better than Guy Fieri's El Burro Borracho restaurant within Harrah's. From the giant chimichangas to fajitas or Trashcan Nachos, there is no way guests will leave hungry. Fresh appetizers like the guacamole made tableside get the meal started and pair it with one of their specialty cocktails, such as the Burro Punch or an Horchata Colada. Leave room for a house-made churro for dessert! The restaurant is open Thursday-Monday at 5 p.m.

AVI

MoonShadow Grille offers guests exquisite entrees within a relaxed environment. MoonShadow is casual fine dining at its best and provides a variety of dishes to suit every appetite, including steak, chicken, pasta, seafood and monthly specials. There is also a two for \$55 dinner special offered daily with a selection from six entrees. MoonShadow is open Sunday-Thursday (4 p.m.-9 p.m.) and Friday-Saturday (4 p.m.-10 p.m.).

REAL ESTATE



Real estate in the Tri-state is both affordable and diverse. Doing the right research can help you find your dream home in the area for a great price.

FINDING A HOME IN THE AREA

An area real estate professional said the most important thing to do is research before relocating so you can find the right type of home.

Karen Summitt, of Summitt's River Reality in Mohave Valley, said preparation should ensure not only your residence but your personal place in the community will be a good fit so it will truly feel as if you've arrived home.

"The Tri-state offers such a diverse variety of locations to love," Summitt said. "This area has a lot to offer."

Some things to consider: Would you prefer to live in the city or a rural area? Would river-adjacent property be your preference? There are apartments and condominiums. And houses here come in all sizes with yards that vary from small to sprawling.

Some homes are mobiles or manufactured while others are of traditional construction.

What one is able to pay for a rental or to purchase a home will play a major role as well.

But if you're planning to move to the Tri-state, give careful thought to the type of weather you'd prefer, Summitt advised.

"Understand our temperatures in wintertime and summertime. And what you can do to acclimate yourself into the area," she said.

Those who won't be able to tolerate the months of heat with temperatures that routinely approach (and sometimes exceed) 120 degrees might need to consider Golden Valley or Kingman instead. With those locations comes a commute to and from the Tri-state if that's where you'll be employed. And some ice and snow during the winter.

A real estate professional can provide plenty of information about the community. Having some idea about

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what you want in a home and community is crucial for the real estate professional to do the best possible job for you, however.

Summitt also suggested that you use a variety of information sources to inform your decisions. Social media provides opinions galore. Also reach out to the local newspaper and ask for some recent editions to be mailed to find out what's going on in the community, she advised.

Your research by this point should help you find people in the community — if you don't already know anyone. These people can answer specific questions about activities you're interested in pursuing, such as hobbies, sports, clubs and service groups. They also may provide thoughts on anything someone might know after spending time somewhere.

Also look at available education sources, such as Mohave Community College, to determine whether you might want to obtain some new work or life skills.

Some area real estate professionals hold licenses in two or even three states that compose the Tri-state area to better assist with the search for a place to call home.



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LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

As an incorporated city, Bullhead City is only 35 years old.

That's quite a bit younger than the city's "average" resident.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median age for a Bullhead City resident was 42 years old in 2000. According to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey in 2017, the median age of the city's estimated 40,252 residents was 51.

The age distribution of the city's roughly 40,000 residents placed 19 percent at age 65 or older with 22.5 percent age 18 or under — meaning that, according to the census figures, about 58 percent of the population is between the ages of 19 and 64 — nearly 25 percent in the 25-44 age

range and 27 percent in the 45-64 range.

More than 4,600 of the city's residents — roughly 11 percent — were veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Other notes from the city's demographics, according to figures from the Census Bureau:

The median household income in 2017 was nearly \$39,000, up from \$37,492 in 2010 and about \$30,000 in 2000. The per capita income was listed at \$23,295 in 2017, up from \$21,366 in 2010 and from just over \$16,000 10 years earlier.

The racial makeup of the city's residents list nearly 87 percent white (including Hispanic) and 69 percent excluding Hispanics, about 2 per-

cent African American, 2 percent Asian American and 1 percent Native American. Roughly 25 percent of the total population identified as Hispanic.

Median rent, according to the 2017 survey, was \$756 a month. The median home value was \$113,600.

The number of households grew from 13,909 in 2000 to 16,761 by 2010. The average household size has remained steady between 2.3 and 2.4 people.

The 2017 workforce listed 46 percent of the population 16 and older.

According to 2017 figures, 80 percent of Bullhead City residents possessed a high school diploma. About 11 percent had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

NEEDLES, CA

The city of Needles is located in Southern California and according to the city of Needles, they are the gateway to the Colorado River along the California, Arizona and Nevada borders.

The demographics of Needles are produced by the 2018 City of Needles California Retail Market Opportunities.

According to the demographics, the current population of the city is 5,044 which is projected to increase to 7,177 over the next five years (2018-23).

The ethnicity of Needles is 71.60 percent caucasian, 23.75 percent is hispanic, 2.15 percent is African American and 9.97 percent are Native American.

The median age of the city is

38 years old. The distribution, according to the city, is 0-17 years old, 25.79 percent; 18-24 years old, 8.85 percent; 25-34 years old, 12.05 percent; 35-44 years old, 10.60 percent; 45-54 years old, 10.49 percent; and 55 years and older, 32.22 percent.

Adults (25 years and older) in the city of Needles who have high school education is 34.14 percent, some college is 31.30 percent, associate's degree is 6.38 percent, bachelor's degree is 6.45 percent, master's and over is 2.47 percent.

The average household income in the city of Needles is \$44,722; the median household income is \$31,372; the homeownership rate is 53.01 percent; the number of households is 1,862 and the average household

size is 2.71.

According to the city, the total retail demand in Needles is \$58.92 million, motor vehicle sales in demand is \$9.08 million, automotive parts demand is \$1.07 million, home furnishing demand is \$.89 million, electronic demand is \$.89 million, building materials demand is \$3.52 million, grocery (food) stores demand is \$7.47, specialty foods demand is \$.26 million, pharmacies and drug demand is \$3.83 million, gasoline stations demand is \$5.54 million, clothing demand is \$2.18 million, sports goods is \$.89 million, office supplies demand is \$.29 million, full-service restaurants demand is \$2.98 million and the demand for quick service restaurants/limited-service restaurants is \$2.54 million.

RECREATION

From the cool waters of the Colorado River to the vast systems of trails carving through the desert landscape, the area is full of recreation and activity options.



THINGS TO DO

The following is a list of activities, parks and places of interest in the local area to enjoy!

ACTIVITIES

GOLF

CERBAT CLIFFS GOLF COURSE

Where: 1001 E. Gates, Kingman (turn south on Stockton Hill Road, off I-40 East, go 1 mile, turn right at Gates); **Physical:** 18 hole, par 72; 6500 yards; driving range; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees; lessons, pull carts, club rentals; **Food:** Snacks and beverages; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-753-6593 or CerbatCliffsGolf.com.



CHAPARRAL COUNTRY CLUB

Where: 1260 Mohave Drive, Bullhead City; **Physical:** 18 holes, par 64 (4,800 yards); **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, electric carts and pull carts, club rentals; **Food:** Restaurant, beverages; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-758-3939, opt. 3; or ChaparralGolf.com.

EL RIO GOLF CLUB

Where: 1 Paseo El Rio, Mohave Valley, Arizona; **Physical:** Designed by Dye Design Group, a Matt Dye signature course, 18 holes, par 72 (7,115 yards), driving range; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, all rates in-

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clude cart, driving range, putting green; **Food:** Snack bar; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-768-ELRIO (3574) or visit ElRioGolf.com.

HUUKAN GOLF CLUB

Where: 5835 Desert Lakes Drive, off of Joy Lane, Ft. Mohave south of Bullhead City; **Physical:** 18-holes, par 72, 6,500 yds, rating of 70.5; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees; **Food:** Sandwiches, snacks, beverages; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-330-1000 or MojaveGolf.com.

LAUGHLIN RANCH GOLF CLUB

Where: 1360 William Hardy Drive, Bullhead City (turn onto Laughlin Ranch Blvd. off the Bullhead Parkway, to William Hardy Drive, turn left); **Physical:** 18-hole, par 72, 7,297 yards from gold tees, rating 73+, championship course, driving range; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, all rates include cart, lessons available from PGA staff, shuttle service from most casinos; **Amenities:** Restaurant with bar, complete spa and gym; **Open:** Dawn to dusk, restaurant/bar open later (call for hours/reservations); **Info:** 928-754-1243 or 1-866-684-GOLF or LaughlinRanch.com.

LOS LAGOS GOLF CLUB

Where: 1.5 miles east of Highway 95 on Boundary Cone Road, Mohave Valley; **Physical:** 18-hole, par 72, 6,921 yards from blue tees, rating 71.5; 124 slope; driving range; lessons by PGA Pro JC Bacon; **Fees:** Fees are seasonal, call for current fees; all rates include a cart; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-768-7778; or LosLagosLinks.com.

MOJAVE RESORT GOLF CLUB

Where: 9905 Aha Macav Parkway (next to the Avi Hotel & Casino south of Laughlin off Needles Highway); **Physical:** 18 hole, par 72, 6,939 yards, rating of 73.2, championship course, driving range; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current rates, all rates include cart, range balls, twilight rates available, lessons available from PGA staff; **Food:** Sandwiches, snacks, beverages; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 702-535-4653 or MojaveResortGolfClub.com.

RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE

Where: 144 Marina, Needles, California, turn left upon entering Needles just after crossing the Needles Bridge; **Physical:** 18-hole, par 71, 6,506 yards, rating 71.4, driving range and practice putting green; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, pull carts, club rentals; **Food:** 19th Hole Bar & Grill; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 760-326-3931; GolfNeedlesCA.com.



RIVERSIDE LANES

RIVERVIEW GOLF COURSE

Where: 2020 Ramar Road, Bullhead City, turn east on Ramar off Highway 95; **Physical:** 9-hole, par 27, 2,320 yards; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, pull and riding carts, club rentals available; **Food:** Soft drinks, snacks; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-763-9707, reservations please, email ProShop@RiverViewGolfResort.com.

VALLE VISTA GOLF COURSE

Where: 17 miles east of Kingman on old Highway 66 at 71 mile marker, 9686 Concho Drive, Kingman, Arizona; **Physical:** 18 hole, par 72, driving range; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees, pull carts, club rentals, driving range; **Food:** Restaurant and full service bar; **Open:** Dawn to dusk; **Info:** 928-757-8744.

WILLOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

Where: Highway 95 and King Street, Mohave Valley south of Bullhead City; **Physical:** 9-hole, par 27; **Fees:** Seasonal, call for current fees; pull carts, club rentals available, driving range; **Food:** Snacks and beverages; **Open:** Sunrise to sunset; **Info:** 928-768-4414.

BOWLING

RIVERSIDE LANES

Where: Second floor of Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino; **Physical:** 34 lanes, snack shop, Hall of Fame bar, Kid Kastle and Laser Tag adjacent; **Fees:** Call for open bowling rates; **Open:** Sunday-Thursday (8 a.m.-midnight NV),

Friday-Saturday (8 a.m.-2 a.m. NV); **Info:** 702-298-2535, 928-763-7070, 800-227-3849 ext. 5250.

STRIKE BOWLING ALLEY

Where: Lower floor of Laughlin River Lodge; **Physical:** Bowling alley, snack bar, pool, Gamer's PC Alley and more; **Fees:** Call for open bowling rates; **Open:** 7 days a week (10 a.m.-midnight); **Info:** 702-298-2242.

FAMILY FUN

LASER TAG

What/Where: Laser tag facility in the Riverside Resort in Kids Kastle adjacent to the bowling center; **Fees:** Call for rates; **Open:** Monday-Thursday (5 p.m.-10 p.m.), Friday (5 p.m.-midnight), Saturday (noon-midnight), Sunday (noon-10 p.m.); **Info:** 702-298-2535, 928-763-7070, 800-227-3849 ext. 5191.



SCOOTERS

What/Where: Miniature golf, batting cage, raceway and Jr. mini raceway with

mini cars, arcade, food/beverages; 2750 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City; Fees/Info: Call 928-758-6212.

LAND TOURS

DESERT COUNTRY CRUISING TO TOURS

What: Van service to a variety of popular sites: Grand Canyon West & The Skywalk, Oatman, Las Vegas 12 hour tour, Hoover Dam, Boulder City for lunch, Lake Havasu, pick-up at all Laughlin casinos, tours start at 10 a.m. **Info:** Call 928-278-9188 for prices and fees or more information.

LAUGHLIN TOURS

What/Where: 5 tours to choose from, including 3 Grand Canyon tours – Grand Canyon Journey to the Bottom; Grand Canyon National Park with Railway Option; Grand Canyon West with Skywalk, The Ranch & Grand Canyon; Oatman/RT66 Combo Tour; Wine Tasting, Distillery & Brewery Tour. All tours are fully guided, Laughlin hotel pickup, custom/private tours available. **Fees:** Vary by tour. **Info:** Reservations required, call 702-420-5345 or visit LaughlinTours.com.

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What: One of a kind UTV adventure on a desert playground for adults. Race the outdoor track, learn to jump and drift, and drive up a 4,000 ft. mountain; **Info:** Call 763-218-8422; OUIExperience.com.

WATER TOURS

THE CELEBRATION

What: 90 minute sightseeing, narrated river tour or two hour dinner cruise aboard a 112 passenger mock paddlewheeler with enclosed climate control and open seating, food and beverage service, docked at the Aquarius dock, cruises up to Laughlin Bridge, down river to below Harrah's and return to dock; **Fees:** 90 minute scenic tour \$12 adults, \$6 children, free ages 3 and under. Dinner cruises on Wednesday-Monday (6 p.m.; 5 p.m. Nov., Jan.-March), reservations required. Dinner selections include prime rib, chicken marsala, Captain's Catch of the Day, pasta tortellini or vegan ravioli. Tickets available at booth on Riverwalk near Aquarius dock. **Info:** 1-800-228-9825; 702-298-1047 or see LaughlinRiverTours.com.

DESERT WHIRLWIND FISHING TOURS

What: Guided fishing tours with launch points throughout Lake Mead National Recreation Area including from Katherine's Landing on Lake Mohave; up to six passengers; **Fees/Info:** 928-715-3072; or DesertWhirlwind.com.

LONDON BRIDGE JET BOAT

What: Round-trip six-hour jet boat excursions from Laughlin to the Island Mall at the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City. Boats cruise at over 40 mph, cruise goes through beautiful Topock Gorge, two hour layover at the London Bridge. Boats are enclosed during colder weather. Tours depart from Harrah's and Edgewater, check in is 9:30 a.m.; **Fees:** Adults \$75; children (4-10) \$55; call for schedules; **Info:** Reservations recommended, call 702-298-5498 or 888-505-3545, or visit JetBoatTour.com.

THE USS RIVERSIDE

What: Narrated tours of the river from the Riverside Resort dock, goes under the Laughlin Bridge (only such tour to do so

to the face of Davis Dam, back down river to just below Harrah's and return to the dock. The USS Riverside is a 65 foot, 91 passenger vessel with enclosed seating and upper deck open canopy seating, full service bar and restrooms. Tours every two hours, Sunday-Friday (10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), Saturday (10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.). Tours approximately one hour 20 minutes; **Fees:** \$12 adults, \$6 children 3-12; free ages two and under, tickets available at office near docks; **Info:** 702-298-2535 ext. 5770, or 928-763-7070 ext. 5770, 1-800-227-3849 ext. 5770.



KAYAKS/CANOES

DESERT RIVER KAYAKS

What: Self-guided kayak trips on the Colorado River and area lakes, also stand-up paddleboards and inner tube rentals. Open seven days a week, office located at 2472 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City; **Fees:** Vary with length of tour; **Info:** 928-763-3033, 1-888-KAYAK 33.

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PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Personal watercraft rentals are seasonal with many of them closed for the winter months. Prices and amenities vary with each rental operator; operating instructions and safety video are usually part of the rental process; see casino docks or call numbers listed below for latest information.

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AREA PARKS

Looking for a place for a family picnic? Need some space for a pickup baseball game? Want to take the dog out for a run? You can find somewhere to do all of these things — and many others — at area parks in the Tri-state. While the area has several big parks that offer a variety of facilities — Community Park and Rotary Park in Bullhead City, Mohave Valley Community Park in Mohave Valley, Mountain View Park in Laughlin and Jack Smith Park in Needles fit that bill — there are some smaller, quieter areas available as well. Here is a glimpse at some of the park facilities available in the Tri-state.

BULLHEAD COMMUNITY PARK

The park, along the Colorado River in the northern part of Bullhead City, offers a public boat launch, public beaches and other

amenities such as picnic tables, a playground, a large ramada, several small ramadas and public restrooms. The park is expanding — the city's Section 12 project includes adding more fishing access, more sports fields and a marina. The park also is home to the Colorado River Historical Society & Museum, the Lil' Red Schoolhouse and the head frame from the Moss Mine; all are part of what is hoped to become the Colorado River Heritage Center, a place where visitors can see and learn about the region's history.

ROTARY PARK

The city's largest park, also built along the Colorado River, includes sports facilities for football, softball, baseball, pickleball, tennis and soccer in addition to a skate park, a dog park, a playground, launches for both motorized and non-motorized watercraft, beaches for swimming, a fishing pier, and a large ramada for special events. The park hosts several of Bullhead City's largest events, including American Youth Soccer Organization tournaments and adult softball tournaments. Rotary Park also contains Don Sullivan Memorial Park, a non-motorized boat launch area in the southwest corner of the park.

KEN FOVARGUE PARK

The park is home to the Bullhead City municipal swimming pool and the Kiwanis Splash Pad. There also are two adult softball fields. The park is on Trane Road.

DEAN HACKETT PARK

A neighborhood park on Terrace Drive off Marina Parkway, the park has a small covered picnic area, a playground and open space.

COLORADO NATURE CENTER

The city helps maintain the nature center on the river off of Richardo Avenue. Amenities include a bird-watching platform, beach and natural trails.



ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Located on Sunshine Peninsula on the Colorado River, the memorial park pays tribute to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces. It is home to an eternal flame burning at the Medal of Honor Memorial.

GARY KEITH CIVIC CENTER PARK

The park in the middle of Bullhead City — on Highway 95 at Marina Boulevard — is a work in progress. Plans include an amphitheater, picnic tables, ramadas, walking paths and restrooms.

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MOHAVE VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK

Built primarily by monetary contributions and in-kind donations, the park at the intersection of Laguna Road and Aquarius Drive, near River Valley High School in Mohave Valley, has athletic fields, a dog park and sidewalks for jogging and walking.

TOPOCK COMMUNITY PARK

In another product of community involvement, the Topock park was built through donations — including a large grant from the BHHS Legacy Foundation — and donations from individuals, businesses and organizations as well as in-kind work. The park includes areas for baseball, football and soccer, shuffleboard, pickleball, sand volleyball and other activities.

MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK

Located on Arie Drive just off of Needles Highway in Laughlin, the park has athletic fields, picnic areas, a walking path and an area for horseshoes as well as a skateboard park and playground.

LAUGHLIN COMMUNITY WATER PARK

The park, on James Bilbray Parkway, has a swimming pool and water park.

**COLORADO RIVER HERITAGE GREENWAY PARK AND TRAILS**

The park includes 9 miles of trails, some for pedestrians and others for bicyclists and equestrian riders. The park stretches to Davis Dam, where the Pyramid Canyon Day Use Area offers picnic areas and space for other gatherings. Shelters may be reserved by rent.

ROADSIDE REST

Roadside Rest at Rotary Park in Needles is on Front Street and includes a caboose and train car, tying the area to the nearby railroad track. Roadside Rest has recently been given a facelift to add new amenities such as benches and a walking path.

DUKE WATKINS PARK

Situated off of J Street in Needles, the park includes picnic tables, shade ramadas, a playground, skate park, athletic fields and restrooms. The skate park was built through the help of the Tony Hawk Foundation, which donated \$20,000 for the project.

SPIKE'S DESERT DOG PARK

Named in honor of Snoopy's brother, Spike, in the Peanuts comic strip (Spike lives in the desert outside Needles), the Needles dog park is on Flip Mendez Parkway. The fenced area features turf

and water for dogs.

JACK SMITH PARK

Needles' largest park, on the Colorado River, has a launch, shade structures, playground, beaches, barbecue area, swimming area and camping hookups.

MANNY MORRIS BEACHSIDE PARK

The small Needles park on Marina Drive behind the River's Edge Golf Course, has a turf area, shade structures and barbecue areas.

SANTA FE PARK

On Front Street in Needles, the park is across from the historic El Garces Hotel. The park has horseshoe pits, benches and a grass area.

PLACES OF INTEREST

COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

The Colorado River Museum is part of the Colorado River Historical Society, Inc. It is in Bullhead Community Park, at 1239 Highway 95. The museum, which previously was located near Davis Camp in an old church building, offers a wide variety of historic photographs, documents, memorabilia and artifacts.

Operated entirely by volunteers, the museum is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is open on Saturday if there are events in the park or other Saturdays, depending on the availability of volunteers.

MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

Located at 400 West Beale Street in Kingman, Arizona, the museum offers displays of early Native American artifacts as well as historical displays of tools, clothing, treasures and art from around the county. Also Presidents and First Ladies portraits and new mining history exhibit. Open Monday-Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. AZ), Saturday (1 p.m.-5 p.m. AZ). Admission \$4 adults; \$3 seniors (60 plus)-good for admission to Route 66 Museum. Call 928-753-3195 for information.

ROUTE 66 MUSEUM

A salute to the Mother Road through three dioramas. Also a short film about the fabled highway. Located in the Powerhouse at 120 W. Andy Devine (Rte 66) Kingman, Arizona. Open daily (9 a.m.-5 p.m. AZ). Admission \$4 adults; \$3 seniors (60 plus)-good for admission to Mohave Museum of History & Art (above). Call 928-753-9889

SUBMARINE MUSEUM

A memorial dedicated to all submariners past, especially those lost in World War II; memorial plaques; boat history; vintage photographs. Located at the Golden Valley VFW Post 2555, one block northwest of Colorado Street and Highway 68 in Golden Valley; free; donations accepted; for info call 928-520-440-619

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

This huge swath of the desert west of Laughlin is part of the National Park Service and offers a true, off-the-beaten-path desert experience. Among the points of interest are: the Kelso Sand Dunes, Kelso Depot, Hole-in-the-Wall, Mojave Road, Teutonia Peak and Mid-Hills. Camping, hiking and four-wheel exploring are available. For info, call 760-252-6201 on weekdays; 760-928-2572 on weekends.



GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

THE BONELLI HOUSE

Built in 1915, the Bonelli House at 430 Spring St. in Kingman, Arizona has been restored and furnished with period furniture. It offers a walk into history with tours. Call 928-753-1413 for more information.

HAVASUPAI FALLS

One of the most exotic spots in America is the Havasupai tribe village at the bottom of a side canyon to the Grand Canyon with the Havasupai Falls and pools; (road access to rim off of Route 66 between Kingman and Seligman). Visitors are allowed to visit and camp but must make an 11 mile hike down a trail to get there (pack mules to haul equipment are available for a fee). For information on reservations and costs, call 928-448-2121 or 928-448-2237, ask for Tourism Office

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Riverfront veterans memorial in Bullhead City. North section is home to a set of bronze panels with the names of all Arizonans killed in the last hundred years of armed conflicts, the south section holds an eternal flame surrounded by pillars. 434 Whitewater Drive, Bullhead City.

GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

The Grand Canyon Railway offers train rides from the historic Williams Depot in Wil-

liams, to the rim of the Grand Canyon 363 days of the year. The 65 mile trip ends 200 yards from the rim at the Grand Canyon Depot near the famous El Tovar Hotel. There are five classes of service available for the round-trip train ride. For reservations, call 1-800-THE TRAIN (1-800-843-8724) or visit TheTrain.com.

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Tours of a working and award-winning spirits distillery offering up close looks at the art of distilling. The spirits featured are rum and vodka. Tours Thursday-Monday (10 a.m.-6 p.m.); 4875 Olympic Dr., Kingman, Arizona (in the Kingman Airport Industrial Complex). For further information, call 928-757-7611; or DesertDiamondDistillery.com.

HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

4,000 acres of ponds, open bays and channels laced with cattail and bulrush stands. This area includes the Topock Marsh of Mohave Valley, located some 30 miles south of Laughlin on Arizona Highway 95. These marshes provide havens for a myriad of species of wildlife. Fishing allowed. For more information call 760-326-3853.

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GRAND CANYON CAVERNS

Natural caverns with regular tours, “Flashlight Tour” and “Explorer’s Tour” (new caverns never experienced prior to 2002); nature trails, an inn with full facilities and restaurant and gift shop. Also, home to the deepest motel room in the world—a complete suite 220 feet below the surface (available for rent). Located on Historic Rte 66 65 miles east of Kingman. Call 928-422-3223 for further details or room reservations.

EL GARCES

This former hotel and train station located in downtown Needles on Front Street was home to a Harvey House. It has been restored with tours now available (\$5) by appointment (call Heidi at 760-326-2344). The Needles Regional Museum is across the street at 929 Front St holding a lot of railroad history.

WINERIES

Valle Vista, north of Kingman on Route 66 is home to two wineries offering tastings and sales. These are Cella Winery 6927 E Brooks, Blvd (714-402-4878); and Stetson Winery, 10965 Moonscape Way (928-757-7206).

GRAPEVINE CANYON

Native American petroglyphs left by a tribe or tribes unknown adorn the walls of this canyon located near Christmas Tree Pass northwest of Laughlin. The mouth of the pass is located up the western incline behind Laughlin about ten miles outside of town. There is a two mile gravel road leading to the trail head off Highway 163. The canyon was named for the abundant wild grape plants to be found in the area. A short walk from the parking lot is required to reach the petroglyphs. The markings are fragile and should be respected and not touched.

LAS VEGAS/HOOVER DAM

The bustle of Las Vegas is 95 miles north of Laughlin via Nevada Highway 163 to Highway 95. Hoover Dam can be reached by taking the route to Las Vegas and making the Boulder City turn off just south of Henderson, Nevada; or via Arizona Highway 68 toward Kingman and then north on Arizona Highway 93. This route also takes you over the Mike O’Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge.

OATMAN, ARIZONA

Historic gold mining town born in 1906 as a tent camp for miners. Located in the Black Mountains some 18 miles east of Bullhead City (take Highway 95, 13 miles south of Bullhead City and turn east on Boundary Cone Rd.), Oatman offers visitors quaint shops, restaurants and a couple of watering holes. A town landmark are the burros that roam the streets. The Oatman gunfighters stage free “Old West” showdowns and shoot outs on the town’s main street (Historic Route 66) daily. Gold Camp Days are celebrated each Labor Day weekend with special events and parade.

HUALAPAI MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK

Located 14 miles east of Kingman, Arizona, the Hualapai Mountains offer a forested environment similar to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Campsites and rustic rental stone cabins available. Also, RV parking, group picnic areas and hiking trails to be found. For further information call 928-757-3859.

CHLORIDE, ARIZONA

1860s mining town four miles off AZ Highway 93 on Mohave County RD 125 about 17 miles north of junction of Highway 68 (just north of Kingman), at one time, home to 73 functioning mines (the town’s name comes from silver chloride, most abundant item mined there). Chloride Ghost Town is a recreated Old West town within the center of town with staged gunfights and more. Roy Purcell’s murals located on nearby canyon walls a short drive outside of town (ask locals for directions); for more information, call 928-565-4888.

GOFFS HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE AND CULTURAL CENTER

70+ acre Goffs Cultural Center features historic structures &

artifacts including several rare working stamp mills, the tiny Danby Courthouse, a Route 66 House, the historic Goffs Cemetery and more. Located west of Laughlin on National Old Trails Road in Goffs, California. Open seasonally from Oct. 13-June 24: Saturday-Monday (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). For other days and times, please call 760-733-4482. MDHCA.org.

KEEPERS OF THE WILD

A non-profit exotic animal sanctuary with over 175 animals including lions, tigers, jaguars, wolves. Open daily except Tuesday (9 a.m.-5 p.m. AZ); guided tours (10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. AZ); gift shop. Located at 13441 E. Highway 66, Valentine, Arizona—at mile marker 87, on Historic Route 66 east of Kingman. Call 928-769-1800 for details.

LAUGHLIN CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION

Located in Don Laughlin 's Riverside Resort and Casino. Two showrooms (one along Casino Drive and the other in the South Tower) feature classic and rare automobiles from Don Laughlin's private collection; also home to antique slot machine collection; open daily; no charge with King of Clubs Players' card (small fee without card).

COLORADO RIVER HERITAGE GREENWAY PARK AND TRAILS

This recreation area features trails for walking, hiking, bird watching, cycling, fishing, picnicking and more, all within walking distance of the Laughlin casinos. The trailhead and visitors center are north of the Casino West section of the Riverside Resort on Casino Drive. Call Clark County Parks and Recreation at 702-298-3413.

LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA — LAKE MOHAVE

Lake Mohave is contained within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area offering ideal boating and fishing opportunities; rentals for fishing boats, ski boats, water skiing equipment and houseboats; auto access to Lake Mohave is limited to Katherine Landing, Princess Cove and Willow Beach on Arizona side and Cottonwood Cove on Nevada side. Call the Visitor Center at 702-293-8990 for details on rules and regulations of the area.

GRAND CANYON WEST

Located approximately 72 miles northeast of Kingman, this area of the Grand Canyon lies within the jurisdiction of the Hualapai Indian Tribe. Attractions include an Indian Village with authentic dwellings and amphitheater with scheduled Native American cultural performances; the Hualapai Ranch, a western town with horseback and wagon rides and gift shop; and the "Skywalk"—a cantilever glass bridge at Eagle Point that suspends more than 4,000 feet above the Colorado



River; for more, call 1-888-868-9378.

LAKE HAVASU'S LONDON BRIDGE AND ENGLISH VILLAGE

Lake Havasu's London Bridge spanned the Thames River for about 80 years before being dismantled and brought piece by piece to Arizona in 1964. The unique attraction offers the English Village filled with shops and eateries; boat rentals and tours of the lake; travel option from Laughlin is via the Colorado River on London Bridge Jet Boat Tours (call 1-888-505-3545).

NEEDLES REGIONAL MUSEUM

Located at 929 Front St. in Needles, this museum has a mining display, history of Santa Fe RR, and more; open seasonally in the fall/winter, Monday-Saturday (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); \$2 donation to visit the museum; call 760-326-5678.

ALPACAS OF THE SOUTHWEST

Fully operating alpaca ranch in Kingman, Arizona offering "tours" for a chance to get up close and personal with alpacas; 1108 McCarrel, Kingman, AZ; open Thursday-Monday (10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.), Tuesday-Wednesday by appointment only; \$9 per car entry fee; call 928-225-1450 or visit SouthwestAlpacaTours.com for more information.



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EDUCATION

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There have been many changes in Bullhead City-area schools over the past seven decades. Today, the city's public schools are in the Bullhead City Elementary District and the Colorado River Union High School District.

The two school districts share many services through an intergovernmental agreement as the Colorado River Schools.

It was not always that way.

According to the Arizona Educational Directory, 1946-1947 is the first year Mohave County lists Bullhead City District No. 15. There were, however, schools operating near what is now Davis Dam and in Oatman at various times.

Officially, the elementary district traces its heritage back to what is commonly referred to as the Lil' Red Schoolhouse, relocated several years ago to Community Park. Originally white, it opened in June 1947 at Lee Avenue and Third Street (now Suddenlink Way), later becoming part of Mountain View Elementary School, which was built farther east up a hill.

In 1948, the first eighth-grade commencement exercise included 13 students, who were handed diplomas by the school's original principal, Lee Clayton. A soloist sang "On the

Road to Mandalay."

When Mountain View opened a few years later as the Bullhead City Elementary School, Arizona Gov. Dan Edward Garvey was on hand to dedicate it.

Over the next several decades, Desert Valley, Coyote Canyon, Sunrise and Diamondback elementary schools were opened.

In 1972, ground was broken on Bullhead City Junior High (now Bullhead City Middle School), followed by Fox Creek Junior High.

During this time, high school students were required to take a rickety bus over Union Pass every day to attend school in Kingman. That changed in 1969, when Mohave High School opened. Students from Bullhead City to Mohave Valley — including those across the river in Laughlin — made up a first-year student body 50 years ago of 235 in four grade levels. In seven years, the student body had nearly tripled.

Arizona law allows separate K-8 and 9-12 districts. When built, Mohave High was part of the county-wide Mohave Union High School District, along with Kingman and Lake Havasu high schools.

The late 1980s and early '90s saw various changes. In February 1989, voters approved the breakup of the county high school district, effective that July. While Kingman and,

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later, Lake Havasu City, unified their high school and elementary districts, the Bullhead City, Mohave Valley and Topock elementary school districts retained their autonomy, and continue to do so to this day.

Laughlin students stopped crossing state lines to attend Mohave High when Laughlin High School opened in 1991. Also that year, CRUHSD voters approved a school bond to construct River Valley High School in Mohave Valley, which opened in 1992.

Student enrollments in the area continued to grow, as did overall population, when portions of the Tri-state were proportionately among the fastest-growing in the country. That changed

- The Youth Academy an alternative to expulsion for elementary, middle-school and junior-high students who have behavior issues but also a realistic chance of being placed back in regular classrooms.

The Bullhead City, Mohave Valley and Topock Elementary School Districts are feeder districts for the CRUHSD. Mohave High draws generally from the Bullhead City area, while River Valley High’s student body is comprised mostly of students south of the Bullhead City limits. Each has a graduation rate exceeding 90 percent, compared to the state average of 78 percent.

MOHAVE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The modern-day history of the Mohave Valley Elementary School District began in the summer of 1964, when the then-Oatman Elementary School District solicited proposals to build a new school in Mohave Valley, where the majority of the district’s students lived.

The original Mohave Valley campus was expanded over the years from the original main building to include additional classrooms, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, and rooms for wood shop and home economics classes, and eventually an entire junior high wing built during the early 1980s.

Eventually, the renamed Mohave Valley Elementary School District served students from just outside Bullhead City south to Topock, and eastward into the edge of Golden Valley (including Oatman). As the population began to grow in Fort Mohave, at the northern end of the district, plans were made for a new elementary school on Joy Lane. The “Joy Lane” school eventually was named Fort Mojave Elementary, and it received its first students in October of 1988.

Continued growth in the Fort Mohave area led to the construction of two more schools: Camp Mohave Elementary, and a central-to-the-district Mohave Valley Junior High. Both opened in the fall of 1998.

At its height, the Mohave Valley Elementary School District served more than 2,100 students in grades Grades pre-K through 8.

With the downturn of the economy in 2008-2009, the district’s population began to shrink. At almost 50 years to the day of the Mohave Valley school’s dedication, the governing board voted to close Mohave Valley Elementary at the end of the 2014-15 school year, as the district’s enrollment had dwindled to 1,400.

At that time, the governing board also voted to grade-band the three remaining schools, converting Fort Mojave to a primary school serving PK-2 students, Camp Mohave to an intermediate school serving students in Grades 3-5, and moving sixth grade to the junior high, which now serves Grades 6-8.



LAUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL

when the recession hit 11 years ago. Mountain View Elementary closed and is now used by Bullhead City as Suddenlink Community Center.

The elementary district also moved several grade levels in what’s known as “grade banding,” and now operates three K-4 elementary schools, one 5-6 middle school and one 7-8 junior high.

The Coyote Canyon campus is now home to three separate programs:

- A pre-K school
- The CRUHSD Academy, an alternative high school using a mix of online and traditional classes



MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mohave Community College was established as a county college by a vote of the people in October of 1970.

Recognizing the vastness of the service area, the first Board of Governors made a commitment to establishing three main campus sites. In June 1971, J. Leonard and Grace Neal donated 160 acres of land in Kingman where the college's first facilities were developed.

The college operated out of temporary facilities in Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City at first. In October 1972, McCulloch Properties donated a parcel of land in Lake Havasu City to the college. Later, 320 acres were acquired from the Bureau of Land Management to meet expanded needs in Bullhead City.

During the 1971-1972 and 1972-1973 school years, MCC's courses were occupational in nature and were offered primarily at night. During the fall of 1973, MCC began to offer classes in academic areas, including university transfer courses, leading to associate of arts and associate of applied science degrees. In 1974 Mohave Community College's plan for integration into the state system was signed into law, and the college became part of the Arizona State System of Community Colleges.

In 1981, MCC received full accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1982, the college received full accreditation of its associate's degree in nursing. In the same year, the Board of Governors approved the development of a telecommunications system to link the three main campuses together electronically.

In 1988, the college began plans to expand the telecommunications system to Colorado City, linking the upper one-third of the college's service area to the other MCC campuses.

In the late 1980s, Mohave Community College became the primary provider of Adult Education/GED program services in

the county. MCC also began delivering instruction by videotape (distance education). The nursing program became available at North Mohave Center in Colorado City, and a new casino training facility opened at the Bullhead City Campus.

The 1990s proved to be an equally eventful time in the life of the college. Mohave Community College experienced a significant growth in terms of student enrollment, program offerings, facilities development, and staff and faculty growth.

When it opened in 1971 the college offered just 27 courses. Today, MCC offers more than 60 degree and certificate options for students, and the tuition rate has held steady at \$81 per credit hour, making it an extremely affordable higher education option for the people of Mohave County and the Tri-state.

MISSION

The mission of Mohave Community College is to be a learning-centered institution, serving all constituencies, inspiring excellence through innovation and empowering students to succeed.

GOALS

Mohave Community College strives to provide high quality, affordable and accessible higher ed-

ucation to all who seek it.

Educational: Mohave Community College supports an academic learning-centered community through implementation of quality teaching initiatives, professional development, integration of learning technology, development of partnerships, delivery of effective student support services, and by providing accurate information and advising.

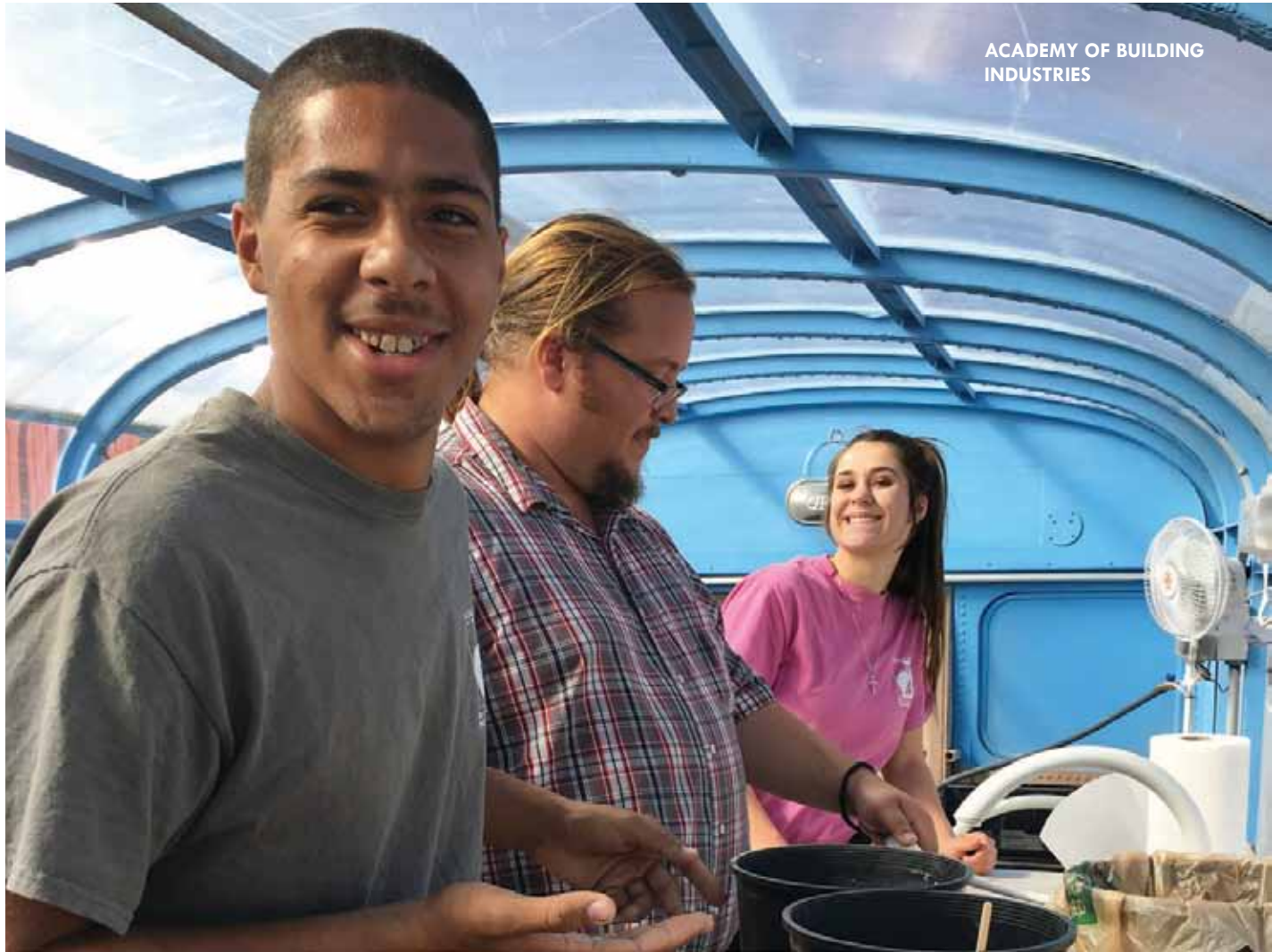
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Civic: Promote active citizenship within the college community

Resources: Provide resources needed to achieve the mission and vision

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CHARTER SCHOOLS



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Charter schools have existed in the Tri-state since 1994, when Young Scholar’s Academy opened as a private school in a strip mall at 4410 Highway 95.

The school originally served preschool and grades pre-K through 4. In 1996, the Young Scholar’s Academy Charter School Corp. was formed and signed 15-year contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. The preschool continued to provide services to prepare students to enter kindergarten at YSA.

In 1998, the school moved to its current location at 1501 E. Valencia Road in Fort Mohave.

From 1998 to 2011, Young Scholar’s undertook several expansion phases, adding classrooms and a full service gymnasium. Grades were added at a rate of one a year until the school began serving eighth-graders.

“Once our infrastructure was in place, we continued our focus in the direction of academics and supplying each one of our classrooms with a full-time para-professional teaching aide,”

said Kim Eddy, assistant to the director. “Apart from the replacement of a new gym floor in 2015, we have remained focused on providing an exemplary educational foundation to each one of our YSA students without distraction.”

- In 2001, Mohave Accelerated Learning Center was launched, with classes meeting at Riviera Baptist Church. The next year, MALC added kindergarten and middle school grades. In 2003, it moved to its present location at 625 Marina Blvd. In 2004, MALC built its middle-school campus. In 2006, MALC built its high school campus.

In 2009, Mohave Accelerated Elementary School’s East Campus opened at Spirit Life Church on Silver Creek Road. The campus was moved to its Thumb Butte Drive location two years later.

In 2013, Mohave Accelerated Schools received an “A” grade from the Arizona Department of Education, and opened the Battleground Gymnasium.

In 2016, a second gymnasium, the Training Ground, would follow.

In 2018, Mohave Accelerated Schools opened its preschool addition, and this year debuted the football/softball

field it calls the Battlefield.

• Between 2001 and 2003, the Mohave Valley Contractors Association began moving forward on its plan of creating a high school focused on preparing students for careers in the building trades.

Principal Jean Thomas recalled that contractors association members were large employers in the area.

"They noticed that graduated students did not have entry level construction skills (needed) for hiring purposes," she said. "They approached the local high schools and asked if there was a possibility to teach basic construction/tool knowledge. The traditional high schools did not have the budget for these types of classes. So the MVCA decided to open their own charter high school."

Leaders proceeded to write a school charter, acquire property and construct buildings.

After the charter was approved by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, the Academy of Building Industries opened its doors to 54 students in September of 2004.

The property was purchased with the help of a loan from the BHHS Legacy Foundation. Students at AOBI then performed community service projects throughout the area, Thomas said, logging work hours to repay the loan.

AOBI started with electives in framing/wood shop, and



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heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) the first year, along with the academic classes required by the state for graduation.

The second year of AOBI's operation, the school added welding, which has grown over the years to include auto mechanics, auto body, metal fabrication and machining.

"The third year we were open, as enrollment grew, it became increasingly more difficult to provide students with lunch," Thomas said. "We created a way to train students in work-related skills while they ran their own lunch program."

She said that AOBI's business manager teaches students how to run their own business, providing a snack bar and a cooked daily lunch special. Students are trained on how to run a cash register, take inventory, determine cost per unit and acquire customer service and soft skills necessary for any employment environment, she said.

In its fourth year, AOBI added sports, due to parent requests.

"They wanted their students to have access to the learning that is available through team competitive sports," Thomas said.

School administrators felt that sports would be a great way to teach soft skills such as teamwork, communication, tolerance and problem-solving along with making memories and having fun, she said.

All students are invited to play on school teams, which compete in the state charter league.

"No tryouts," Thomas said. "Just fun and learning."

Now, depending on interest levels, the school may field softball, baseball or coed basketball teams. Over the years, AOBI has taught electrical, plumbing, robotics and other skills.

The school is now teaching computer-aided drafting and design, basic engineering, blacksmithing, welding, general construction/painting, office management, greenhouse food-growing and other skills.

AOBI remains at its capacity of 125 students, year after year, Thomas said.

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DEVELOPMENT

Many recent development projects have taken place in the area, showing the strength of the local economy and continued potential for growth.

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A photograph of the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse, a large, modern building with a prominent sign. The building features a large glass facade and a concrete walkway in the foreground. The sky is blue with some clouds.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Two \$30 million projects have injected a major boost into development in Bullhead City.

Dot Foods opened its Arizona distribution center in March of 2018, culminating a major construction of more than 190,000 square feet of warehouse and office space near Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport.

In addition to bringing jobs to the Tri-state, Dot Foods' choice to locate in Bullhead City – thanks in part to incentives from the state of Arizona, Mohave County and the city – provided a visible change to the industrial landscape of a community that is heavily reliant on the tourism and retail sectors.

Tourism always will be front and center for the area economy – Laughlin brings in an estimated 2 million visitors each year, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and communities on the Arizona side of the



Colorado River are doing their part in providing services and facilities for those visitors.

The other mega-project, construction of the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse, owned and operated by the Colorado River Union High School District, was funded by a voter-approved bond issue.

The facility just north of Mohave Crossroads shopping

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center near the southern intersection of Highway 95 and the Bullhead Parkway, opened in May of 2019. It will be used as a home venue for both Mohave and River Valley high schools as well as for CRUHSD educational programs.

Plans also include marketing the indoor facility for football, soccer, basketball and other athletic events for use by private groups for sporting events, trade shows, conventions and other gatherings.

Location of the fieldhouse near the site of a future bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City was one part of a surge in development in that area on the Arizona side. Several businesses have constructed new buildings in the area, including the recent opening of Culver's, a fast-food restaurant chain new to the city.

At City Square, in the center of Bullhead City, Hobby Lobby recently opened its new store while Ashley Furniture and Smart & Final relocated after major renovations at existing store space. A new facade is being installed on the strip of stores facing Highway 95 in the shopping center.

Another boost for development – present and future – was the opening of Laughlin Ranch Boulevard, a stretch of road from the Bullhead Parkway to Highway 95 that opens up a wide swath of previously unreachable land for future development.

The road project was funded by three developers – Laurin Hendrix, Lansing Companies and Solid State Parkway – who provided about 75 percent of the \$4.5 million pricetag. The city paid about \$1 million to secure a connection with Highway 95 in the area of

Bullhead Community Park.

Those developers, those owners, those are the people that paid the money, said David Lords, developer of Laughlin Ranch, whose longtime vision was for a road to connect the development east of the parkway to Highway 95. 'They don't get much credit, but if it wasn't for them saying they'd sign with the city, this wouldn't have happened.'

Community Park is, itself, the site for current and future development. In the existing park, the Colorado River Historical Society opened its new museum building, joining the relocated Lil' Red Schoolhouse and Moss Mine Head Frame to form what is hoped to become a visitors' center of sorts celebrating the history of the city and the region.

The city already has begun work on expanding Community Park, providing more riverfront beach areas for recreation.

And more development is on its way following legislative approval of a land swap between the city and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The city will acquire ownership of about 345 acres of land along Highway 95 in exchange for land in the Black Mountains that was donated to the city by Don Laughlin.

Congress authorized the land swap in a sweeping bill in early 2019 and President Donald Trump already has signed it into law.

Development in the area, from the city's perspective, will include more public park facilities, sports fields and other recreational amenities, including a possible marina.



The city already has added sports fields, pickleball courts and a tennis court at Rotary Park and a donation from the Fiesta Bowl Foundation led to new turf installed at the park's Firebird Field, a football/soccer facility that long has been in need of upgrading.

Provide donors and grants are providing most of the funding for construction at Gary Keith Civic Center Park in central Bullhead City where a long-vacant lot is being transformed into

a place for large events. Plans also call for an outdoor amphitheater when funding becomes available.

Upgrades also are in store in Old Bullhead, where the city's revitalization project includes some street work being funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

The city also has held workshops to gather ideas for other improvements to the area from First to Seventh streets and is encouraging cooperation from existing – and future – businesses.



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HEALTH



The area is served by five hospitals and various affiliate care centers including urgent care facilities. Emergency transport to Las Vegas or Phoenix also available for specialized care.

MAINTAINING WELLNESS

The two existing local hospitals operating in the Bullhead City-Fort Mohave area offer a variety of services. Each offers home health and some health care services.

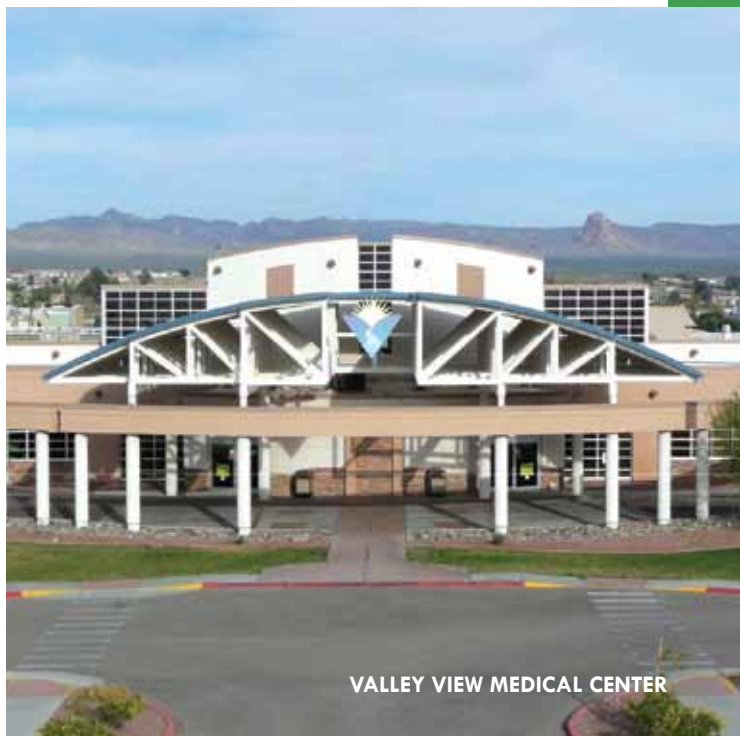
Many area physicians spend time working at both hospitals, Western Arizona Regional Medical Center in Bullhead City and Valley View Medical Center in Fort Mohave.

Patients in need of highly specialized care often are transported to large facilities in Las Vegas or Phoenix.

Western Arizona Regional Medical Center, WARMC, 2735 Silver Creek Road, Bullhead City, is a 139-bed acute care facility. It offers inpatient, outpatient, diagnostic imaging, medical, surgical and emergency services with an intensive care unit, surgery center and wound care clinic. The ICU is the largest in the area, according to Jena Morga, WARMC's director of marketing.

There are a variety of affiliated locations. Mohave Walk-in Care, 3735 Highway 95, Bullhead City; Fort Mohave Walk-in Care,

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Valley View Medical Center, 5330 South Highway 95, is an 84-bed acute care facility. It offers inpatient, outpatient, emergency, labor and delivery, surgical, rehabilitation and intensive care. It's the only fully private bed hospital in the Bullhead City-Laughlin and Needles area.

These sites allow access to quick care: Valley View Primary and Walk-In Care, 5300 S. Highway 95, Suite B, in Fort Mohave and Crossroads Urgent Care at the Mohave Crossroads—Target Center Shopping Mall, 3641 Highway 95, in

Bullhead City.

The hospital's labor and delivery unit embraces family-centered care and allows the baby to stay in the room with the mother. There are eight private suites and a triage suite. Valley View Wound and Hyperbaric Center is at 1520 Hammer Lane in Fort Mohave. VVMC's Outpatient Therapy Services provide a pool to treat a variety of conditions and injuries.

The area also is served by hospitals in Kingman (Kingman Regional Medical Center), Needles (Colorado River Medical Center) and Lake Havasu City (Havasut Regional Medical Center). In addition entrepreneur Don Laughlin announced in mid-2018 that he intends to bring a regional medical center to the town of Laughlin within the next five years. He envisions it as eventually being a level-one trauma center.

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