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City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

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TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JEFF BENSON, PARKS AND FACILITIES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARKS & FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY
REPORT – JANUARY 2026

PROJECTS UPDATE

MONTE VISTA PARK–TEEN CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT AND PAINT PROJECT

Project Status:

- The project commenced on December 1, as planned. All primary construction activities for both the roofing and painting phases were completed in December.
- The final touchups were completed in January 2026.



APOC BATTING CAGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Status:

- Installation of new wiring is complete and machines are ready to be programmed and adjusted.
- Staff is currently looking at tentative dates to host a reopening event.

Scope of Work:

- The scope of work for the APOC Batting Cages Replacement Project includes the removal and replacement of pitching machines, token boxes, and ball conveyor system. New wiring will also be installed as part of this project.



WALNUT PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Project Status:

- Staff continues to work with the design consultant and Public Works CIP team to coordinate the plans and bid packages, and schedule the timing of construction.
- Staff anticipates a bid solicitation in Quarter 1 of 2026 calendar year.
- The scope of work has expanded to include the renovation of the basketball court and remaining hardscape areas adjacent to the basketball court for an overall cohesive improvement project.

Scope of Work:

- In December 2021, the City entered into a contract with California State Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for the State of California Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Parks Bond Act Per Capita Grant for the Walnut Park Improvements project. The project scope of work shall include professional design services to prepare plans and construction documents for the removal of existing playground equipment and rubber/sand surfacing, and for the installation of new all-inclusive playground equipment, continuous rubberized play surfacing, a shade sail system, a new picnic shade shelter, new site furnishings (including tables, benches, trash receptacles, and a drinking fountain), basketball court improvements, parking lot improvements, and new concrete improvements within the main area of the park.
- The Walnut Park Restroom Interior Improvements project will consist of accessibility improvements to the existing restroom building.

CAROLYN OWENS COMMUNITY CENTER DEMONSTRATION GARDEN PROJECT

Project Status:

- The Carolyn Owens Community Center Demonstration Garden project is nearing the end of the design phase, including the recently added ADA compliance improvements. Next steps will include the plan review process.

Scope of Work:

- The scope of work for the Carolyn Owens Community Center Demonstration Garden project will consist of designing and constructing a drought tolerant garden on the south side of the Carolyn Owens Community Center. The Demonstration Garden will feature climate appropriate, drought-tolerant plantings and irrigation systems, along with identification signage, concrete walkways, walkway lighting, and park benches.

CAROLYN OWENS COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND & ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**Project Status:**

- The Carolyn Owens Community Center Playground and ADA project is currently in the design phase.

Scope of Work:

- The scope of work for the Carolyn Owens Community Center Playground and ADA project will consist of designing and installing a new tot lot playground adjacent to the future demonstration garden. The intended design for the future tot lot playground will be a nature-themed playground that will tie into the demonstration garden. Additional scope of work will include accessibility improvements to walkways on the east side of the facility. The tot lot and accessibility improvements project will coincide with the demonstration garden project to minimize disruption and avoid construction impacts on the property.

CHINO YOUTH MUSEUM INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN**Project Status:**

- The contract for ADA design services for this project was awarded at the January 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

Scope of Work:

- Improve interior accessibility by completing high priority items identified in the ADA Transition Plan and other related improvements.

SHADY GROVE PARK IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN**Project Status:**

- The City Council awarded the contract for design services to Architerra Design Group on December 16, 2025.
- Preliminary design work, such as the site survey and testing, is scheduled to begin February 2026.

Scope of Work:

- Accessibility improvements and playground replacement. Construction is scheduled for FY 2026-27.

HERITAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN

Project Status:

- The City Council awarded the contract for design services to RHA Landscape Architects-Planners, Inc. on December 16, 2025. RHA has previously designed multiple projects for the City of Chino, including Chino Rancho Park.
- Staff is scheduling design kickoff to begin preliminary design work.

Scope of Work:

- Work will include accessibility improvements, playground equipment, and pavilion replacements. Construction is scheduled for FY 2026-27.

PARK AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT

Grounds Division

- Rototilled the playground areas at Villa, Heritage, Liberty, and Central Parks.
- Painted the barbecue pits at Liberty, Villa, Monte Vista, Shady Grove, and Cypress Trails Parks.
- Replaced broken tree stakes throughout Mountain View Park.
- Installed 520 feet of yellow fence cover for Chino National Little's field at Heritage Park.
- Repaired broken main line near Field #3 at Ayala Park.
- Repaired broken main line for Restroom A near Field #14 at Ayala Park.
- Installed new plant material and drip-line irrigation around the Teen Center at Monte Vista Park.
- Conducted gopher treatment throughout Heritage, Cypress Trails, and Ayala Parks.

Building Management

Work Requests:

- Facilities Maintenance completed 81 work orders.

Notable Activities/Special Projects:

- Various roof leaks were repaired throughout City Hall, which were affecting offices as well as the closed session room of our Council Chambers. The roofers worked with Facilities Maintenance staff to address the affected areas.
- New monument lights were installed on the corner of the Central Avenue and "D" Street, and Central Avenue and Chino Avenue to illuminate the existing monuments.
- The CHINO sign that is over the Cultural Arts building (formerly T-SHIRT Mart) was repaired by adding new neon that had burnt out.
- A new heat exchanger was installed at the Neighborhood Activity Center HVAC unit above the offices and is now heating the area.
- A new actuator valve that was leaking inside of the Carolyn Owens Community Center physical activity room was replaced and is now operational.

RECOMMENDATION

For Commission information.