

MEMORANDUM
City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026
TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JEFF BENSON, PARKS AND FACILITIES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARKS & FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

PROJECTS UPDATE

CHINO RANCHO PARK

- Chino Rancho Park was selected as the 2025 American Public Works Association (APWA) Inland Empire Project of the Year in the Outstanding Community Revitalization Project category. The park's grand opening took place on March 29, 2025.

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. Staff will continue coordinating with the contractor to address the remaining touch-up work anticipated to be finished in January.





APOC BATTING CAGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Status:

- The City Council awarded a contract to DLJ Development on June 3, 2025.
- Construction began October 13, 2025.
- Social media notifications and onsite signage were used to notify the public of the temporary closure during construction.
- During construction, the existing conduit was determined to be in poor condition and the contract was modified to include installation of a new conduit path from the machines to the APOC office. This will ensure the full functionality of the new system is operational with minimal disruptions to gameplay.



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 will expand 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 will consist of design services to develop a conceptual plan and construction documents for the removal of the old playground equipment and existing rubber/sand surfacing and replacing it with new all-inclusive playground equipment, rubber play surface throughout, new shade sails, park benches, and LED lighting for the playground area.

- 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 east side of the Carolyn Owens Community Center. The Demonstration Garden will feature climate appropriate, drought-tolerant plantings and irrigation systems, along with identification signage, decomposed granite walkways, drinking fountain, 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 award of contract for ADA design services for this project is scheduled for 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.

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.

Scope of Work:

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

AYALA PARK PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE INSTALLATION**Project Status:**

- All valves have been installed and water pressure reduced to the required operating range for the system.

Scope of Work:

- Install pressure regulating valves on all potable backflows at Ayala Park. This is intended to lower the water pressure and reduce the frequency of line breakages and leaks.

PARK AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT**Grounds Division**

- Prepared City Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Chino Youth Christmas Parade and Fair.
- Installed white fencing around Christmas tree.
- Made a custom tree skirt for underneath the Christmas tree.
- Continued overseed project at Ayala and Mountain View Parks.
- Rototilled playground sand at Liberty, Shady Grove, Cypress Trails, and Sebring Parks.

Building Management

Work Requests:

- Facilities Maintenance completed 80 work orders.

Notable Activities/Special Projects:

- The Police Department's bi-annual gun range and exhaust cleaning took place.
- A new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) was purchased and installed for the Police Department's gun range air conditioning system.
- Staff re-plastered a wall at Monte Vista Park in preparation for the paint project.
- A new Christmas wreath was purchased and installed by staff prior to the tree lighting ceremony.
- Staff helped set up and tear down the stage, as well as assisted CSPR staff with setting up for the annual Christmas Parade that takes place on Central Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

For Commission information.