

MEMORANDUM
City of Chino
Community Services,
Parks & Recreation Department

DATE: JUNE 22, 2026
TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: PROGRAMS ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2026

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SOAR and High Five After School Programs

- All After School sites focused on active learning through gardening, environmental activities, and hands-on Earth Day projects.
- RAAP program participants concluded their Slime and Basketball Clubs by creating unique slime designs and participating in basketball drills and friendly games. Participants took part in a service-learning project by creating lollipop flowers for mothers at the Senior Center.
- In partnership with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, participants from the High Five program at Cal Aero Preserve Academy took a trip to the Chino Creek Wetlands to celebrate Earth Day. The trip took place on April 23, and participants were engaged in educational presentations, learned about the water cycle, and took home many fun goodies from the event.
- SOAR, RAAP, and High Five sites all submitted projects for the Agriculture Fair at the Pomona Fairplex. Projects will be displayed from May 7-31. This year's theme is "Advocate for Agriculture!"
- SOAR and RAAP programs will conclude with the end of school on May 21.



CHINO YOUTH MUSEUM

Autism Awareness Month Proclamation

- On April 7, the Chino Youth Museum jointly accepted a certificate of recognition distinguishing April as Autism Awareness Month.
- Joint recipients included Melissa Cardona, Senior Resource Specialist from the Autism Society Inland Empire; Felicia Guzman, CEO/Founder of Arian's World, Inc.; and Dane D'Antuono, Chino Youth Museum CSPR Coordinator.
- For more than 15 years, the Museum has been a proud home for all children. From Play Together programs and resource fairs to the sensory-inclusive exhibits, the Museum's goal is to ensure every child feels they belong.



Arbor Day Celebration

- On April 3, 189 participants joined the free family-friendly annual Arbor Day Celebration.
- This event honors Chino's proud designation as a Tree City USA and reflects the Chino Youth Museum's shared commitment to environmental stewardship.
- The event featured live entertainment from Eco Hero, hands-on educational activities, nature-themed arts and crafts, exhibit play, and seed planting.
- This event is hosted in partnership with the City of Chino's Green Chino program and Healthy Chino.
- The event was sponsored by the Southern California Metropolitan Water District.

Around the World with Crafts Program

- Sixty-four children and family members participated in the weekly program on Wednesdays.
- The program ties in crafts from around the world to cultures in the Chino community.
- Families are guided through a different culture each month. April featured crafts from Germany. Children made cuckoo clocks, gingerbread hearts, German flags, and Oktoberfest alpine hats.

Letter Learners Program

- Fifty-five children and family members participated in the interactive storytelling program offered on Thursdays.
- During Letter Learners, staff led children through a "get your wiggles out" activity and guided them in making alphabet Play-Doh letters, letter crafts, storytelling, and exploring the lowercase letters "C-G."

Memberships

- Four family membership packages were sold.

Parties

- Three private birthday parties were booked. Eighty-seven guests attended.
- All party guests explored the Museum's exhibits and played activities.
- Staff led birthday party scavenger hunts and awarded prizes.
- Both party hosts received \$150 worth of free child admission day passes for future use as part of the party packages.

Tours

- Five private tours were booked by Wing Lane Elementary School, Creek View Elementary School, St. Margaret Mary School, and Vander Molen Elementary School (two tours). Ninety adults and two hundred and fifty-nine children attended.
- Staff led each group on an educational, historical tour through the Museum, guided children in making butter or community helper crafts, and encouraged all guests to play and explore the eight hands-on exhibits that resemble a small town.

COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Family Counseling

- Human Services provided counseling services to 70 participants for a total of 243 units of service. Counseling services are provided in person and through telehealth.
- The CDBG program provided counseling services to 18 participants, totaling 77 units of service.

Volunteers

- Human Services had 15 volunteer interns, who logged a total of 942 hours.

Recruitment of New Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Trainees

- Human Services has now secured seven new trainees who will begin their practicum at the end of July.

Internships

- Human Services is accepting resumes for Bachelor Interns to start summer internships in Case Management.
- BA interns are typically college students pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work or an equivalent field. They are required to complete a certain number of hours. They assist in a variety of ways, such as file destruction, updating the resource directory, preparing for giveaway events, and shadowing Case Managers.

Volunteer Dinner

- At the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Ellie Wu was honored as the Social Services Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding contributions. The event celebrated community members who have dedicated their time and efforts to improving Chino.



Counseling Groups

- On April 21, a 10-week grief support group offered by Counselors called Sprouting Hope for Seniors began meeting at the Chino Senior Center. The group is set to conclude in June.

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

- The Homeless Outreach Team, made up of the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Homeless Outreach Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, alongside the Chino Police Department's Quality-of-Life Team, continues to provide vital support to individuals experiencing homelessness. The team connects people with services, such as rehabilitation programs, transitional or permanent housing, and family reunification, while creating personalized case plans to help them achieve stable housing.
- The team served 17 returning clients and 21 new clients, providing a total of 61 units of service.
- Silverado Contractors generously donated \$3,750 to the Homeless Outreach Program. This contribution allows the team to make interactions more personal, dignified, and effective. Simple gestures like offering a cup of coffee, a meal, a small essential item, or a bus pass can open the door to meaningful conversations and connections. These moments often become the foundation for life-changing progress, including reconnecting individuals with family, accessing services, and ultimately securing housing.



Success Stories

- Homeless Outreach staff met with an individual at an encampment who expressed interest in entering a substance use rehabilitation program. Staff promptly contacted the county hotline and secured a residential placement for the following week. The individual was transported to a long-term residential treatment program that provides integrated

support for mental health and substance use, including therapy, psychiatric care, and vocational services to support long-term stability.

GIVEAWAY EVENTS

Back-to-School Event

- The Back-to-School event scheduled on July 25, continues to receive sponsors and supply donations. Vendors are being secured, including Vibe Barber, a fan favorite from last year, providing the coolest haircuts around. A social media post is scheduled for May to advertise the event registration dates, June 18, from 12:00-5:30 p.m.; and June 19, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Neighborhood Activity Center. This event plans to provide 500 backpacks with school supplies for CVUSD students, Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade, who are most in need. With so many generous sponsors, the most vulnerable families will receive a \$50 grocery gift card from Northgate.

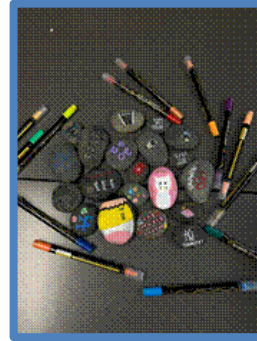
HOPE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (HOPE)

Case Management

- HOPE enrolled 21 new families who received Case Management support for rent and utility assistance, emergency food assistance, and social service applications.
- Case Managers attended the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to advocate for one McKinney-Vento family in the hope of securing rapid rehousing funds. The family was successful in achieving the placement. CES is the gateway to transitional and permanent supportive housing programs.
- Two families received rental assistance totaling \$7,690. Two families received assistance with their water and gas bills in the amount of \$1,732.21.
- The Case Manager attended an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting for a student in special day class along with Principal, Counselor, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Special Education Coordinator, and Speech Language Pathologist. The Case Manager discussed resources offered to her to eliminate barriers to education. The client was not aware of the resources available to her and was receptive. The client received a hygiene bag, clothing, and a pair of shoes were ordered for one of her daughters.
- With support from the faith-based partners, 50 families received Easter baskets filled with household essentials and grocery gift cards. Some baskets also included toys, and arts and crafts for the students.
- HOPE purchased a bunk bed frame, a twin bed frame, and mattresses for a family facing financial hardship. The students were using damaged beds, creating a safety hazard. This purchase was made possible by community donations.
- Three McKinney-Vento families received emergency grocery assistance through the CARE program. Case Managers request grocery wish lists from the family and shop for the items.
- With generous community donations, 16 high school seniors were able to participate in Grad Nite, Prom, and Senior Trip.
- With the support of the Police Department's Russ Miller Scholarship, a family was able to participate in the Chino Boxing program for five months, and another family was supported to play Chino Youth Basketball.

EXCEL (Experience in Career, Education, and Leadership)

- EXCEL students learned about money management and bill-paying using paper checks.
- At the final meeting of the school year, students were encouraged to reflect on their high school years and create story stones to reflect on their future goals.



CARE Closet

- The CARE Closet served 105 individuals. Services included the distribution of 22 emergency hygiene bags and 52 children receiving clothing.
- The Closet is preparing for Back-to-School backpacks and supply donations.

TYKES

- The TYKES program provided a total of 211 services to 65 families with a child 0 to 5 years old.
- The Parents as Teachers program had three new participants and three that completed the program in April.
- The Outreach Specialist hosted a table at five events leading to 739 service contacts promoting Case Management support services and early childhood related resources.

POSITIVE ACTION FOR LIFE SUCCESS (PALS)

- The PALS Specialists will be ending all sessions with the end of the school year on May 21. Monthly evaluations continue to be sent to school administrators, teachers, and MTSS-B Counselors to share student progress.

HEALTHY CHINO

Hike the Valley

- Hike the Valley did not take place this month. The summer/spring session will begin in May.

Garden Workshop

- Healthy Chino hosted a Community Garden Workshop on April 18. The workshop's topic was "Harmony in the Garden" and was led by a San Bernardino County Master Gardener. Participants learned how to plant and grow different species of plants together.

Children’s Discovery Workshop

- The Children’s Discovery Workshop took place on April 18. The workshop’s topic was “Welcome to the Gnome Garden.” At the workshop, participants completed a gnome-themed craft.

Outreach

- Healthy Chino hosted several Outreach booths in April. Outreach was conducted at the Chino Youth Museum Arbor Day event on April 3, Earth Day at the Chino Creek Wetlands on April 23, and Healthy Kids Day at the Chino Valley YMCA on April 25. Participants learned about upcoming programs and events and were able to spin the prize wheel for Healthy Chino swag.



Healthier YOU Challenge

- Healthy Chino hosted the department winners of the Healthier YOU Challenge: Second Annual Department Showdown. The winning department, Public Works, enjoyed acai bowls and the first, second, and third place individual winners received prizes.
 - Overall department winner: Public Works
 - First place individual: Sam Vallejo, Human Resources
 - Second place individual: Mussette Ayala, Public Works
 - Third place individual: Ivan Gallardo, Finance



Healthy Chino Kids

- Healthy Chino Kids concluded this month at SOAR, RAAP, and High Five After School sites. Participants engaged in lessons about healthy physical activities, mental health, and wellness exercises. The challenge lasted six weeks with After School sites competing in weekly healthy activities, which helped them earn points towards a Healthy Chino party and prizes.
 - First place: Doris Dickson SOAR
 - Second place: Anna Borba SOAR

- Third place: Alicia Cortez SOAR

Volunteer Dinner

- At the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, gardeners Steve and Denise Parker were honored as the Municipal Services Volunteers of the Year for their contributions to the Chino Community Garden. The event celebrated community members who have dedicated their time and efforts to helping the City of Chino and its community members.



CITYWIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

Chino Corporate Challenge

- Chino Corporate Challenge is scheduled from May 2-15.
- Opening Day Kick-Off will be held on May 2, at Ayala Park.
- Events will take place at various locations throughout the Chino Valley.
- ActiveNet is live for teams to sign up their employees to participate.
- Contracts for trivia and casino night have been finalized.
- Eleven teams have signed up to compete.
- Corporate Challenge website is being updated daily.
- Schedule is finalized.
- Medals and trophies have been delivered and received.
- Staff inventoried event equipment to update and replace any worn-out equipment.
- Brackets for softball, basketball, and volleyball were pulled at the Team Coordinator meeting on April 22.

Memorial Day

- The Memorial Day event will be held on May 25, at the Chino Community Building.
- Staff will assist with logistics day-of.
- Staff has confirmed that SLJ Audio Services, Inc. is booked and will provide sound at the event.
- Staff is continuing to meet with the American Legion commander to continue the planning process.

Chino Summer Movie Nights

- Chino Summer Movie Nights is scheduled for June 12 through July 31. No showings on June 26 and July 3.
- The movie line-up has been selected:
 - 6/12 Zootopia 2
 - 6/19 GOAT

- 7/10 Lilo & Stitch
 - 7/17 Hoppers
 - 7/24 A Minecraft Movie
 - 7/31 The Super Mario Galaxy Movie
- Event flyer is finalized and has been distributed.
 - Event maps for both locations have been finalized.
 - Staff is seeking entertainment for pre-movie performances.
 - Staff met with the Preserve Parkhouse staff to review event plans and ensure City staff has access to power at Stueve Family Park.
 - Vendor applications are being collected and are available on the City webpage.

Fireworks Spectacular

- Chino Fireworks Spectacular is scheduled for June 26, from 4:00-10:00 p.m.; and June 27, from 1:00-10:00 p.m., at Ayala Park.
- Committee members are working on their assignments.
- The headliner band for Saturday is “Identity Theft.”
- The team is working on completing contracts.
- Staff purchased new decor to celebrate America's 250th birthday.
- Kiwanis Club of Chino will host a Summer Concert on June 26, as a new feature to the event.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 20.

SERVICES OUTREACH

- Outreach hosted informational booths at over eight community events, successfully engaging more than 2,230 residents. Attendees enjoyed interactive games and prizes, while receiving information about exciting upcoming City programs, including Summer Basketball, Summer Camp, Preserve Teen Programs, Healthy Chino Bike Day, and Chino Youth Museum Barnyard Bingo Bash. Guests who visited the Chino Creek Wetlands Community Earth Day event received Earth Day stickers and bracelets, and had the opportunity to create an activity to play with at home.
 - CYM First Friday - Arbor Day
 - Tracks A, B, D & Jr. High Open House at Legacy Academy
 - Open House at Woodcrest Elementary School
 - Stater Bros Market, Pine Avenue Location
 - Stater Bros Market, Schaefer Avenue Location
 - Chino Creek Wetlands Community Earth Day
 - Kiwanis Club of Chino Corn Feed Run Car Show & Cruise
 - Healthy Kids Day YMCA (New)



CHINO SWAG

- “Chino Swag” merchandise encourages Chino pride.
- Swag items include key chains (\$4), tumblers (\$9), and men’s and women’s t-shirts in black and grey (\$14-\$18).
- Swag can be purchased at the Carolyn Owens Community Center (COCC), Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC), Ayala Park Operations Center (APOC), Senior Center, and Preserve Community Center (PCC).
- Swag is available for purchase at all Chino events.

YOUTH SPORTS

- The Youth Volleyball Clinic began on April 11, at the Preserve Community Center. Participants began learning the fundamentals of volleyball. Each class concludes with fun scrimmage games to put their skills into action.
- Youth Sports staff visited Litel Elementary School and Cal Aero Preserve Academy to present trophies for their placement in the Elementary and Jr. High Divisions of the Chino Valley Youth Track & Field Meet.
- Youth Sports Coordinator presented the Sports Volunteer of the Year Award to Albert Caldera at the Annual Volunteer Dinner on April 28, at the Chaffey College Chino Community Center.

PEE WEE SPORTS

- Pee Wee Baseball began on April 11, at Founders Park. Participants met their new teammates and began learning how to throw, catch, and hit.

CHINO BOXING CLUB

- The Chino Youth Boxing Foundation did not meet.
- Diego Rojas was selected as the April Boxer of the Month.



BATTING CAGES

- Batting Cages served 3,225 participants.
- Batting Cages generated over \$17,700.00 in revenue.

ADULT SPORTS

Men's Basketball

- The spring Men's Adult Basketball season kicked off on April 12, at the Neighborhood Activity Center.
- Ten teams are competing in the Recreation Division and ten teams are competing in the Advanced Division.

Women's Soccer

- The spring Women's Adult Soccer season started on April 7, at Ayala Park.
- Seven teams are competing in the Lower Division.

SPORTS FIELD RENTALS

- Chino Girls Fastpitch held their closing ceremony on April 11, at Ayala Park.
- AYSO held a soccer tournament, April 17-19, at Ayala Park.
- Velocity FC held a soccer tournament, April 25-26, at Ayala Park.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY CENTER (NAC)

Case Management

- The Case Manager provided ongoing support to clients, including assistance with job applications, unemployment insurance claims, and connection to essential resources.
- Additionally, a new client requested financial support for rent. A reduction in work hours created financial strain and caused the client to fall behind on rental payments. The City of Chino approved the client for emergency rental assistance. The Cases Manager will continue providing support to ensure stability.

NAC Enrichment Classes

- No enrichment classes were offered this month.

CHINO EXPERIENCE TEEN CENTER

Chino Experience Teen Center/Teen Programs Activities

- The Before and After School shuttling services continued for students attending Chino High School, Don Lugo High School, Magnolia Jr. High School, Ramona Jr. High School, and 7th and 8th graders enrolled at Briggs Fundamental.

Teen Opportunity Program (TOP)

- The TOP meeting took place on April 2, with 13 teenagers in attendance. During the meeting, teens had the opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities, such as Chino Bike Day and Chino Youth Museum Barnyard Bingo Bash.

Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)

- The Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) conducted its meeting on April 2, at the Neighborhood Activity Center.
- Graduating TAC members were recognized at the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on April 27, for their hard work and contributions during the 2025-2026 school year.



MONTE VISTA PARK

Splash Pad

- Splash Pad operates from May through October.

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

- The Old Schoolhouse Museum had 88 visitors.

Exhibits

- The April pop-up event was held on April 1, which celebrated citrus products such as lemons and oranges. Participants were able to learn about the rich citrus history in Chino and enjoyed outdoor activities along with fresh lemonade. There were 43 participants who attended.
- There was an increase in overall visitors to the Museum this month as more groups came to visit, including a new adult group.
- The team worked on researching material for the Hall of Fame nominees. The information will be presented at the Pioneer Picnic on May 17, and the winners will be honored at the City Council meeting on May 19.

- A metal cow and an emblem of the Chino Valley Historical Society were donated to the Museum.



PRESERVE COMMUNITY CENTER

Programs and Classes

- Science Spies was cancelled due to low enrollment.
- The Youth Sports program is hosting a Youth Volleyball Clinic at the Preserve Community Center that will be held every Saturday from April 11 through May 16.



Teen Scene

- Teen Scene took place every other Thursday from April 2-30, at the Homecoming Clubhouse, to provide teens in the Preserve area with a safe, welcoming space to meet new friends and learn culinary and life skills. There were 40 participants.



COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER CORP

- Hours tracked were equivalent to \$48,191.99 in volunteer service:
 - Recreation and Social Services: 316.00 hours x \$28.30 Leader pay = \$8,942.80
 - Human Services: 911.50 hours x \$43.06 Counselor II pay = \$39,249.19
- Total volunteer value since July 1, 2025: \$556,163.59
- Recruitment for volunteers took place through the following events and partnership opportunities:
 - Human Services
 - Jotform.com
 - Enrichment Classes
 - Peewee Sports
 - Senior Center Legends
- Volunteer recruitment continues for the following upcoming events:
 - Senior Center
 - Enrichment Classes
 - Pee Wee Sports
 - Summer Movie Nights
 - Fireworks Spectacular
 - Summer Camp

SENIOR CENTER

Transportation Services

- The Get S.M.A.R.T program provided 486 transportation trips to 62 participants for different services, including trips to the Senior Center for activities, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, bank, and post office. There were 2 newly registered participants.
- The Breakfast Club was held on April 8, with 8 participants. Free transportation is provided to a local restaurant once a month.
- The monthly special trip to Walmart took place on April 17, with 21 participants.

Special Events

- Legends, “The Senior Challenge” was conducted in April with 64 participants, who competed in 10 events. Events included Basketball, Cornhole, Bunco, Bowling, Poker, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Dominoes, Shuffleboard, and Billiards. Participants enjoyed a barbecue provided by the Chino Police Officers Association. At the conclusion of the event, participants enjoyed an awards ceremony and luncheon at Golden Corral.



Excursions, Trips and Tours

- The Soboba Casino trip took place on April 18, with 18 participants.

Case Management

- The Aging Services Coordinator provided services to 31 participants for a total of 103 units of service. The Aging Services Coordinator worked with various participants for applications for utility and rental assistance. Direct Services included low-income housing lists, Medi-Cal renewal applications, and Cal-Fresh renewal applications. In addition, 12 resources and referrals were provided to participants throughout the month.
- Success Story - The Aging Services Coordinator assisted a participant with completing an application for utility assistance through the City of Chino. This support included conducting a thorough assessment of the participant's financial and situational needs, gathering and verifying required documentation, and providing clear explanations of what the process looks like. The Aging Services Coordinator monitored the progress of the request to ensure timely resolution. The participant was approved for utility assistance.

Social Services

- On April 2 and 16, HICAP provided free information for Medicare. There were three participants.
- On April 8, the Department of Aging and Adult services distributed 80 bus passes to participants over the age of 60.
- On April 23, Feeding America distributed 225 boxes to participants.

Workshops and Support Groups

- On April 6, Elidia Diaz from West End Counseling provided a workshop on the importance of social connections. There were 12 participants.
- On several Wednesdays in April, AARP provided free tax services. There were 63 participants.
- On April 15, Valeria Camey from US Bank conducted a Lunch and Learn to talk about ways participants can avoid fraud. There were 25 participants.

RECREATION CLASSES / CONTRACT CLASSES

Class Highlights

- A new contract class began in April, with Pickleball averaging 14 participants.
- SoCa Arts has launched two new classes this month: Princess Ballet and Children’s Musical Theater.
- Additionally, two new sessions of California Youth Spirit Corps. (CYSC) Cheer have started, with a total of 24 participants enrolled.



TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots

- The Tiny Tots participants learned about the lifecycle of a butterfly and created adorable caterpillar and butterfly crafts. During story time, they enjoyed reading, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle.

- One of the focuses of the Tiny Tots program was helping participants build friendships. Teachers encouraged this through teamwork activities, such as working together to build LEGO structures as a team.



RECOMMENDATION

For Commission information.