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COVID-19 UPDATE:

CITY OF CHINO HILLS EXTENDS CLOSURES THROUGH NOVEMBER 1 AND OPENS PLAYGROUNDS DUE TO NEW STATE GUIDANCE

Chino Hills, CA – Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, City of Chino Hills facilities, along with some park amenities, will remain closed to the public through November 1. Extended closures include Chino Hills Community Center, McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center, Sleepy Hollow Community Center, Mystic Canyon Building, and Grand Avenue Park Community Building and staff offices. Also extended through November 1 are the closures of basketball/volleyball courts, hockey rinks, and gazebos.

The City of Chino Hills will reopen playgrounds as a result of guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health on September 28. Effective immediately, the City will begin to reopen playgrounds and post signage that provides the rules playground visitors must follow. Precautions include: wearing face masks over the mouth and nose for everyone two years of age or older, maintaining physical distance of at least six feet from persons from different households, hand washing or sanitizing before and after playground use, and refraining from eating or drinking in the playground to ensure face masks are worn at all times. Caregivers are required to supervise children at all times to ensure compliance with rules. Additionally, the elderly and persons with underlying medical conditions should avoid playgrounds when others are present. Visitors are encouraged to limit visits to 30 minutes per day when others are present. Capacity has been reached when people from different households are unable to maintain six feet of vertical and horizontal clearance. Visitors are encouraged to return at another time to avoid crowds.

Due to restrictions on gathering, the original National Night event in August was postponed to October 6 as a potential back-up date. Conditions remain and the event will not be held in 2020. The City has also determined that the annual Salute to Service breakfast and ceremony on November 10 will not be held this year. In its place, the City has launched a Veterans Day Sign Campaign to thank local veterans and active duty service members with lawn signs. A video recognizing local veterans will also be released on Veterans Day. Information is available at www.chinohills.org/Veterans.

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Water service disconnections are postponed. Yard Sale Permits are being issued and the \$10 fee is waived. Street sweeping tickets are suspended. However, the City launched a “Get Back in the Habit” campaign to remind residents to get back in the habit of keeping the streets clear on street sweeping days. This effort improves the effectiveness of the street sweeper which reduces pollution entering the storm drains.

City Council and Commission meetings are being conducted via Zoom. Information on how to participate is noted on the first page of the meeting agendas. The Council Chambers is not open to the public during meetings. City Hall is open, and employees continue to provide City services via telephone, online, and in some cases by appointment. All closures are subject to change and will be modified to align with future actions taken at the State level. For information and updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.chinohills.org/Coronavirus.

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