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## Walking toward wellness



Photos by Valerie McClung

**ABOVE:** Chino Hills State Park volunteer Michael Lindsey leads a hike on Jan. 1. **BELOW:** The city's Healthy Hills Committee joins forces with the state park to offer healthy activities to the community.

### By Marianne Napoles

January is the month for making resolutions and exercise is at the top of the list for many of us.

Motivating communities to get healthy is a top goal for cities and states across the country and Chino Valley is no exception.

The Healthy Hills program in Chino Hills joined forces with the State Park to offer a hike Jan. 1 where 68 people got up at the crack of dawn to explore the trails.

The hike is part of a nationwide initiative led by America's State Parks to encourage people to get outdoors. Hundreds of free, guided hikes were organized in all 50 states.

Ten representatives of the Chino Hills State Park led beginning and advanced-level hikes. The city sponsored a nature craft booth and a game and an activities area was set up for children.

"The feedback was so positive," said community services supervisor Jessica Gandara. "It was a beautiful day. Participants were very grateful that the state park and city collaborated to put on the event."

**Wellness fair**

Ms. Gandara encourages the community to discover all the health resources available to them by attending the Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive.

The event will include screenings, nutrition guidance, healthcare services, and education booths.

She said the "Hiking in the Hills" program will offer for the first time an intermediate-level four-week session beginning Jan. 13 where hikers will explore a different trail from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Ms. Gandara said the city is bringing back the Track and Field Meet to Ayala High School at 8 a.m. March 17 for children born between 2003 and 2011.

### Healthy Chino

The City of Chino supports and encourages healthy lifestyles year round through the Healthy Chino initiative that combines nutrition, active living, and physical and mental health, said city spokeswoman Monica Gutierrez.

Chino hosts events such as Healthy Family Day and Bark around Ayala Park to connect the community to local health resources and partners, Mrs. Gutierrez said.

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## Chino reaches settlement with Frontier Communities

### By Erin Tobin

A lawsuit between the city of Chino and Frontier Communities was settled shortly before Christmas.

The development was intended to contain 84 single-family homes on 17 acres near the police department west of Benson Avenue and south of the 60 Freeway. The tract plan for the development was approved on June 9, 2015, but after the homes were completed, Chino issued only 82 of the needed 84 certificates of occupancy for the project.

The remaining two certificates are needed for Lot 22 located at 5671 Buckthorn Court and Lot 29, located at 12311 Twin Gables Drive.

According to city attorney Fred Galante, the city was waiting on the developer to correct compliance issues before the certificates would be distributed.

On Sept. 7, 2017 Frontier Communities filed a lawsuit against the city to claim the missing certificates. The two parties came to a settlement agreement. Chino would provide Frontier Communities with the missing certificates by Dec. 22 and the developer would make the

necessary corrections to the properties by Jan. 31, 2018.

### Accessibility issues

According to a report by Jesus Plasencia, the city engineer, the project had a number of problems with compliance with American with Disabilities Act regulations. The report references an accessibility study performed by Chino resident Stubbie Barr.

According to the report, 19 curb ramps in the development are in non-compliance.

According to Mr. Plasencia's report, the federal and state regulations for curb ramps were "more restrictive than previously understood."

"Construction of curb ramps that conform to multiple state and federal requirements without detailed designs has proven to be very challenging to contractors," his report states.

Most of the issues revolved around diagonal crosswalk ramps. A level landing and turning space should be provided at the top and bottom of the ramp. There were also concerns about the degree of incline of the ramps and how they met level with the street.

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Champion photo by Dawn Marks

An accessibility ramp leads into Frontier Communities housing development located near the police station. Nineteen of the ramps in and near the community were deemed out of compliance with ADA regulations.

## Local schools pass county survey

### By Dawn Marks

A recently released survey of instructional materials and facilities collected from six Chino Valley schools indicated that there were no major deficiencies or emergency repairs needed.

The findings are from an end of year report submitted by the San Bernardino County Department of Education for the 2016-17 school year.

Chino High, Ramona Junior High, Anna Borba Fundamental, and Dickson, Marshall and Walnut Avenue elementary schools were surveyed.

The six schools, all located in Chino, had adequate instructional materials and properly assigned teachers, according to the report.

Non-emergency deficiencies were reported at five schools. No deficiencies were reported at Walnut Elementary.

"Work orders are automatically generated during the inspection and completed soon after," said Brenda Dunkle, a spokesperson for the school district.

"There are a few projects pending," she said.

The report states that playgrounds at Anna Borba and Marshall elementary schools had significant cracks, trip hazards, holes or deterioration.

Structural damage was also reported at Marshall on the playground exterior cover and brick walls.

Overgrown vegetation on the playground at Marshall was reported as a safety hazard.

Unsecured or torn playground fencing at Marshall was remedied, according to the report.

Graffiti was found etched in windows and/or tiles at Anna Borba and in restroom fixtures and/or partitions at Marshall.

Several deficiencies at Doris Dickson Elementary were listed as "remedied." They included improperly secured computer cords, empty soap dispensers in the administration building, low hanging or broken tree branches and overgrown vegetation in the exterior field areas, and unsecured items stored too high in

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Photo by Valerie McClung

Hikers walk a trail at Chino Hills State Park on New Year's Day.

## Walking

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The city's quarterly 'Chino Connection' newsletter highlights activities, workshops and classes that

support health.

The Healthy Chino logo is listed next to these programs.

As an example, residents can participate in interactive workshops at the Chino Community Garden on Riverside Drive where they learn the science behind

growing their own food and the importance of insects within a garden such as bees and butterflies.

Mental health is just as important as physical health, Mrs. Gutierrez said, and to this end, the Human Services Division offers family counseling, preven-

tion education and referral services.

Chino information: 334-3258 or [cityofchino.org/programs](http://cityofchino.org/programs) and search Healthy Chino.

Chino Hills information: 364-2700 or [chinohills.org/healthyhills](http://chinohills.org/healthyhills).

## The Week AHEAD

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
**Food distribution,** 9 a.m. to noon, 4712 Cheyenne Way at the corner of Yorba Avenue in Chino. See Page A8.

**Blood drive,** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Starbucks, 4200 Chino Hills Parkway in Chino Hills.

**Blood drive,** 2 to 7 p.m. at Starbucks, 3280 Chino Ave., Chino Hills.

**Hike the Valley,** a City of Chino hiking program, meet at Turnbull MTB Trailhead, 8 a.m. Turnbull Canyon Rd., Whittier.

**Sunday, Jan. 7**

**Sunday dog hike,** 8:45 a.m., walk your dog or walk a Priceless Pets dog, meet at The Orphanage, 2587 Chino Hills Parkway in the Gordon Ranch Market-place.

**Monday, Jan. 8**  
**School resumes** for students in Chino Valley school district.

**Chino Valley Democratic Club,** 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mimi's Café, 3890 Grand Ave. Chino. See Page A8.

**Chino Hills Community Foundation,** 4 p.m., Chino Hills city council chambers.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

**Chino Hills city council,** 7 p.m., council chambers.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

**Blood drive,** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Ave., Chino.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**  
**Bingo in the Barn,** 12:30 p.m., McCoy Equestrian Center, 14280 Peyton Drive, hosted by Chino Hills 55+ Club. See Page B4.

**Friday, Jan. 12**  
**Canceled:** Friday night movie and dinner.

**"The Importance of Being Earnest,"** 8 p.m., Chino Community Theatre. See Page B4.

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**Chino Tea Party,** 9 to 11 a.m., Archibald's Drive-Thru, 15421 Fairfield Ranch Road, Chino Hills. See Page A8.

**Household hazardous waste dropoff,** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chino public works service center, 5050 Schaefer Ave.

# Citizens patrol needs volunteers

The Chino Hills Citizens Patrol is seeking volunteers to assist with traffic control, community events, truancy sweeps, and special enforcement operations.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Chino Hills Police Station, 14077 Peyton Drive.

After receiving training, vol-

unteers have the authority to issue parking violations, conduct vacation checks, and patrol neighborhoods, parks, and open space to look for criminal activity and graffiti.

Volunteers may also provide fingerprinting and life scan services at the police department on Wednesdays.

Information: 364-2087.

## For the RECORD

In a photo on page A-1 of the Dec. 30 editions of the Champion, the name of the school where students worked together to create a prosthetic hand was incorrect. The students pictured are from Chaparral Elementary.

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Winners of the most patriotic boat at the Kiwanis Club of Chino Hills boat parade held Dec. 15 were Brian and Michele Hagerty and John and Jill Samhamel.

Winner of the most humorous-original boat was Adrian Francoz.

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## Community Food Drive!

Give back to your local community in the new year! Oakmont of Chino Hills will be hosting a month-long food drive to support Caring for the Hills, a local non-profit organization that provides food to those in need.

January 1st through January 30th, 2018

*Help us help others!*

Please drop off any canned goods and non-perishable food items in the designated box at the Concierge Desk.

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