

CITY OF CHINO HILLS

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LAST PROGRAMS AT THE FOUNDERS RECREATION CENTER SITE ARE SLATED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

Prior to the opening of the new Chino Hills Community Center, Recreation staff worked on a plan to relocate activities, classes, and programs from the Founders Recreation location to the New Community Center and various other City facilities. The temporary buildings at the Founders site has met the City's needs quite well as the City planned and saved for the eventual construction of the new City Hall and Government Center, and a new Community Center. Since the City's incorporation in 1991, the buildings at the Founders site were always intended to be temporary.

Back in 1992, Chino Hills City Hall was located at the site and began with three temporary/modular City buildings which housed departments that would provide City services to the community. Before the move to the new Government Center, the three temporary/modular buildings housed Community Development in one building, the City Manager's office, City Clerk's and Council offices, and the Council Chambers in another building, and the Finance and Community Services Department in another. The County library building was also located at the site.

As the City grew, so too did the need for additional space. In 1999, the City constructed an addition to the children's area at the existing County library, and two more temporary buildings which included the Civic Center Community Building and the Chino Valley Independent Fire District Administration building.

After the opening of the permanent Government Center in 2008 and 2009, changes were in order for the old Civic Center site at 2001 Grand Avenue. The old City Hall and Library were demolished. They had been in use for nearly 17 years and the repair costs exceeded their value. The Civic Center Community Building was renamed “Founders Recreation Center” to accurately reflect the remaining services offered at the location, yet capture our beginning. Civic Center Drive was also changed to “Founders Drive” to honor the founders of Chino Hills.

The life span of temporary buildings is usually 15 years, and the completion of the new Chino Hills Community Center in February came right at that earmark and has allowed Recreation staff the perfect opportunity to move many of the Recreation programs and services from the Founders Recreation site to the new Community Center and other various permanent locations.

The City is now planning for the future disposition of the site, which has not yet been determined. The site is currently zoned PD for planned residential development.