

# CITY OF CHINO HILLS

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### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING – GET THE 411 LANDSCAPE & LIGHTING IN CHINO HILLS**

The City of Chino Hills is hosting the third in its series of Community Information Meetings on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center, 14250 Peyton Drive. City Manager Konradt Bartlam will provide an overview of Landscape and Lighting in Chino Hills. The first two meetings covered How the City Attracts Businesses and Shops, and Law Enforcement and Public Safety.

According to Mr. Bartlam, when development pressures led to the adoption of the Chino Hills Specific Plan in the early 1980's, a series of mechanisms were put in place to pay for amenities in the developing area. New residents were required to pay Landscape & Lighting District assessments on their property tax bill to fund the maintenance of parks, medians, slopes, and trails. Because of changes in legislation over the years, only about half of the City's residents pay these assessments which range from \$50 to \$500 per year.

"Rates haven't been raised in over 20 years and the General Fund is now making up a \$500,000 shortfall that is projected to grow exponentially," said Mr. Bartlam. "I encourage residents to attend this meeting to learn more about this important and complex issue."

Mr. Bartlam continued, "Exploring options and identifying a solution for the long-term funding of parks and landscape maintenance is a top priority at City Hall."

The City of Chino Hills has 41 parks, 3,000 acres of open space, and 39 miles of trails. For additional information, please visit [www.chinohills/Getthe411](http://www.chinohills/Getthe411) for additional background information published in the City's City News and Recreation Brochure or call (909) 364-2610.