

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

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Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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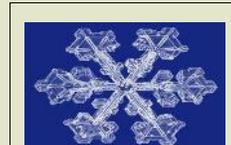
*A Monthly
Publication to
Keep Area
Residents
Informed of City
Projects and
Events*



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, January 4.....6:00 pm	R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting
Monday, January 4.....7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 13.....7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 14.....7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Monday, January 18.....HOLIDAY	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Hall Closed
Wednesday, January 27.....7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 28.....7:00 pm	City Council Meeting

These dates are subject to change: For up-to-date information about events please refer to the City website at: www.citrusheights.net.

City Hall Phone Directory

City Hall Offices	725-2448
Community Center	727-5400
Building Division	727-4760
Business Licenses	727-4907
Garbage/Recycling	725-9060
General Services	727-4770
Job Line	727-4900
TDD	725-6185
Animal Services	725-PETS
Animal Lost and Found	727-4850
Planning Division	727-4740
Pothole Reporting	727-4770

Police

General Business	727-5500
Non-Emergency Dispatch	727-5500
Watch Commander	727-5522
Crimes tip-line	727-5524
Narcotics tip-line	727-5523
Traffic hotline	727-5525
Code Enforcement	725-2845
Emergency Services	dial 9-1-1

R.E.A.C.H. represents the interests of the community and its citizens and encourages participation in neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city. **R.E.A.C.H.** meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room, (6315 Fountain Square Drive). Visit www.citrusheights.net or call (916)725-2448 to find out more about the neighborhood group that serves in your area.





From the desk of the Chief

As a New Year begins, it is always advantageous to look back on the year and reflect on our successes, as well as identify areas that call for improvement. Here are some department highlights:



- were honored by the city and community in an unprecedented 'We Support Our Police Week' proclamation
- won the *California Law Enforcement Challenge* (CLEC), an annual honor awarded to the agency with the best traffic safety plan
- received *Technology in Traffic Safety* award for use of modern technology to increase traffic safety
- implemented a *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design* program (CPTED) whereby specially trained officers walk a property and provide crime prevention recommendations
- hosted the *Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium* (WLLE) sponsored by the California Police Chiefs Association and attended by over 700 registrants
- trained twenty-two new officers (reserve and lateral) through our Field Training Officer program
- reduced UCR Part 1 property and persons crimes from 2014
- hosted a *Motorcycle Rodeo and Traffic Safety Fair*; agencies from all over the region and Nevada participated, the community came out to enthusiastically support, and money raised benefitted the Citrus Heights Police Activities League (CHPAL)
- applied and was awarded a grant that provides for a fully grant-funded Level 1 Reserve Police Officer position dedicated to pedestrian and bicycle safety in Citrus Heights
- revoked a number of massage parlor licenses for illegal practices
- hosted four retirements; promoted two sergeants and two lieutenants
- implemented an online crime report follow up for victims of identity theft
- updated patrol car technology allowing for more efficient operations in the field
- continued participation in the regional IMPACT and Cal-METT task forces
- supplied over fifty families (120 adults, 157 children) with food, gifts, toiletries, furniture, clothing, Christmas trees, and more through our annual Holiday Referral Program
- CHPD Dispatcher Jessica Drobish was awarded *2015 Telecommunicator of the Year* by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO)
- CHPD Communications 9-1-1 staff won *2015 Team of the Year*, awarded by the same organization (APCO) for their role in Community Oriented Policing...

...to name just a few!

Looking ahead in 2016, we will continue to reduce crime, conduct DUI checkpoints and saturation details monthly, closely monitor illegal massage parlors, and actively pursue remedies in response to homelessness in our city. We are enhancing our Domestic Violence Response Team program to provide more resources for involved children, and will increase membership in our Police Explorer program.

As Chief of Police for our community, I am very proud of what we (law enforcement and both the citizens and local businesses of Citrus Heights), accomplished together as a team in 2015. We look forward to another year of positive, effective collaboration with the community we serve and encourage residents to interact with the department through one of our many programs. On behalf of the men and women of the Citrus Heights Police Department, I'd like to wish everyone a healthy, prosperous, and safe new year.

Community Events

New Mayor and Vice Mayor Selected by City Council

At the regular meeting on December 10, 2015, the Citrus Heights City Council appointed Jeannie Bruins as the new Mayor and Jeff Slowey as the Vice Mayor for the next 12 months. Each year, the City Council selects one of its members to serve a one-year term as mayor and vice mayor. Jeannie Bruins has been on the City Council since November 2002, and was re-elected November 2006, 2010 and 2014. Jeff Slowey was appointed December 19, 2003 to complete the remaining term of late Mayor William "Bill" Hughes. He was elected to the City Council in November 2004, and re-elected November 2008 and 2012.



Looking for a Furrever Friend

**Full Shelters need
BIG Hearts!**

Many Sacramento shelters and rescues are at or
nearing capacity!
Make a Difference –
Volunteer or Foster an Animal today!
Adopt a Furrever Friend!

Visit the *NEW* County adoption center at
PetCo
8840 Madison Ave
(Madison & Hazel)
Fair Oaks
www.SacCountyShelter.net



Tips for Driving in the Rain



The rainy season is right around the corner. The **Citrus Heights Police Department** wants motorists to be prepared to drive during wet conditions. Please read the following driving tips regarding driving in wet weather.

1. **Exercise extreme caution after a long dry spell.** During a dry period, engine oil and grease build up on the road over time. When mixed with water from a new rainfall, the road becomes extremely slick. Continued rainfall will eventually wash away the oil, but the first few hours can be the most dangerous.

2. **Allow for more travel time.** You should plan to drive at a slower pace than normal when the roads are wet. Keep in mind that traffic is likely to be moving slower as well. There's also the possibility that your preplanned route may be flooded or jammed. Whatever the case, rushing equals higher risk.



3. **Drive slowly and carefully, especially on turns.** Steer and brake with a light touch. When you need to stop or slow, do not brake hard or lock the wheels and risk a skid. If you do find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.

4. **Avoid hydroplaning** by keeping your tires inflated correctly. Maintain good tire tread. Don't put off replacing worn tires. Slow down when roads are wet, and stay away from puddles. If you find yourself hydroplaning, do not brake hard or turn suddenly. This could throw your car into a skid. Ease your foot off the gas until the car slows. If you need to brake, do it gently.



5. **Turn on your headlights**, even when there's a light sprinkle. It helps you see the road, and more importantly, it helps other motorists see you. However, don't blast your high beams in the rain or fog — it'll obscure your view further, as the light will reflect back at you off the water droplets in the air.

6. **Watch out for pedestrians.** An ordinarily observant pedestrian may become distracted by fiddling with an umbrella or a rain slicker.

Now that you know how to drive in the rain, take some precautionary measures to ensure that your vehicle is prepared to get you through a downpour.



1. **Stay on top of your car's condition.** Its brakes, tire pressures, tire tread depth and defroster operation should be checked regularly so that you'll be ready to deal with heavy rain when the time comes.

Please Travel Safely



Animal Services

The Rabies Resolution

What is rabies?

Rabies is a rare, fatal infection of the brain. All mammals, including dogs, cats, and horses, can become infected with the rabies virus. In California, rabies occurs most often in wild animals such as bats, skunks, and foxes.

Why is rabies vaccination of companion animals important?

In California, companion animals can be exposed to rabies when they encounter rabid wildlife, such as bats, skunks, or foxes. Vaccination not only protects your animal from disease and death due to rabies, but also provides an important second level of defense for you and your family.

Which companion animals should be vaccinated against rabies?

Dog owners must comply with California legal requirements for vaccination and **licensure** of all dogs over four months of age. Rabies vaccination is strongly encouraged for cats and horses that are outdoors and have potential contact with wild animals.

When should companion animals receive rabies vaccines?

☑ **Dogs:** The first rabies vaccine should be given after the dog is three months of age, with a second vaccination 12 months later. Dogs should receive a booster vaccination every three years thereafter.

☑ **Cats:** The first rabies vaccine should be given at three months of age, with a second vaccination 12 months later. Cats should receive a booster vaccine every year or every three years thereafter, depending on the type of vaccine used.

Domestic dogs transmit 99% of rabies cases to humans through bites, scratches and saliva contact. Rabies is almost always fatal in humans and can cause permanent brain damage or paralysis. There are only three known rabies **survivors** in the U.S. in the last 10 years. Every year, more than 15 million people worldwide receive a post-bite vaccination to prevent the disease. Children are the most likely to be bitten. By September 2015, California had 132 positive test results. In 2014, California had 200 positive test results – Sacramento had 2 bats, 1 skunk and 1 dog test positive.

Make your New Year's Resolution count, make the **RABIES RESOLUTION** and resolve to vaccinate your pets for rabies. Even indoor pets need to be vaccinated for rabies –they are still at risk of exposure in your home or backyard by occasional contact with rodents or wildlife animals. Contact your veterinarian for your pet's rabies records. Licenses for spayed or neutered animals are \$15.00 annually and unaltered animals are \$30.00 annually. Current rabies certificates are required for licensing.

For more information on low-cost rabies vaccination clinics and how to license your pet, contact: Citrus Heights Animal Services, 916-727-7387 (PETS).

(Sources: [California Dept. of Public Health](#) & [Center for Disease Control](#))



NEW Lost & Found **HOTLINE** ~ Citrus Heights Animal Services
916-727-4850 Afterhours and Weekends
Help our On-Call Animal Services Officers reunite owners & pets!!

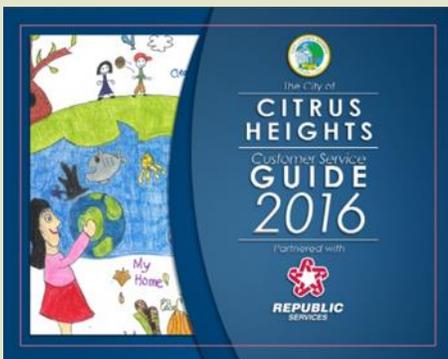


Republic Waste



The poster features a blue header with the Republic Services logo (a red star) and the City of Citrus Heights seal. The main title "Holiday Treecycling" is in large green letters. Below it is a green recycling symbol with a Christmas tree in the center. The dates "December 26, 2015 to January 15, 2016" and the offer "Citrus Heights residential customers of Republic Services can recycle their Christmas Trees for free!" are in green. A red footer contains instructions: "Simply put your tree out on the curb on your regular garbage collection day, and Republic Services will pick it up and recycle it. Artificial trees, flocked trees, or trees containing ornaments and other decor cannot be accepted. For more information on Holiday Treecycling, please call Republic Services at (916) 638-9000 or (916) 725-9060".

2016 Service Calendar



Be on the lookout for the 2016 Customer Service Calendar. Calendars have been printed and should be arriving in your mailbox within the first two weeks of January. Use your customer service calendar to get Green Waste and Recycling schedules and information on the various services offered to residents by Republic Services. If you have not received your Customer Service Calendar, please contact Republic Services at (916) 725-9060 and one will be mailed to you.

Construction Projects



Project	Description	Status
Parkoaks Creek Bank Restoration Project - Brooktree Creek	Improvements to the creek bank at Parkoaks Drive and Brooktree Creek to prevent further creekbank erosion.	Construction is expected to take place in spring 2016.
Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Project - Phase 3A	Pedestrian safety improvements along Sunrise from Antelope Road to Northern city Limits. Project will focus on the west side of Sunrise, and construct sidewalk, curb, and gutter; install access ramps and ADA upgrades and medians at the Twin Oaks intersection; modify the median on Sunrise north of Antelope; install street lights; resurface the entire roadway; and re-stripe traffic and bicycle lanes.	The Contractor is now focused on retaining walls, sidewalk, curb & gutter, street lights, and signal upgrades. The project team anticipates completion in March 2016, but is weather dependent.
Twin Oaks Avenue / Mariposa Avenue Drainage Improvements Project	Add drainage pipes and improve drainage ditches along Mariposa and Twin Oaks Avenue to increase drainage capacity and reduce risk of flooding.	Construction will resume in January or February 2016, weather permitting. A detour will be in place during construction hours 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday for about 3 weeks to accommodate the soil conditions and for safety purposes.
Mariposa - Glenn Avenue Slope Failure Rehabilitation Project	Cripple Creek has eroded the bank on Mariposa near Glenn and the shoulder on Mariposa is failing. This project will restore the shoulder and construct a retaining wall to prevent future failures.	This project will be ready to bid in January and construction will begin in spring 2016.

For more information on these projects, or other Capital Projects, please contact the General Services Department at 916-727-4770.



Construction Projects



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<p>Storm Drain Annual Cleaning</p>	<p>Storm drain cleaning will concentrate in the Neighborhood Areas 11 and 5. Approximately 250,000 lf of storm drains are scheduled to be cleaned.</p>	<p>Approximately 250,000 lf of storm drains were cleaned in 2015. Staff continues to identify and respond to resident requests for cleaning in other areas of the City as they come up.</p>
<p>New City Hall and Medical Office Building (MOB) Project - Fountain Square Drive</p>	<p>Please see the New City Hall/MOB Project website</p>	<p>The concrete foundation is complete on the new City Hall building and some of the walls have been erected.</p>
<p>Sylvan Road Accessibility and Safety Improvements Project</p>	<p>Pedestrian safety improvement, with sidewalk installation on east side of Sylvan Road from just south of Bay-side Church to San Juan Road. Additional intersection improvements at Stock Ranch Road and Sylvan Road.</p>	<p>The project is substantially complete and the contractor, McGuire & Hester (M&H), is addressing some minor punch list items. Staff anticipates Final Acceptance in January.</p>

For more information on these projects, or other Capital Projects, please contact the General Services Department at 916-727-4770.





Citrus Heights Community Center

Current bookings are now at 5515. Staff continue to book multiple events weekly. Prior mentioned patio landscape improvements will be scheduled for early spring 2016. Over the holidays staff will do some interior cleaning of storage areas as well as clean and paint the interior wall fountain water troughs.

Rental Facilities: There are several options of available spaces at affordable prices for your next gathering. For more information or availability of the facility, please call (916) 727-5400 or send an email to dcarpenter@citrusheights.net.



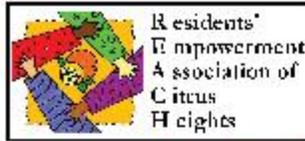
Sylvan Community Center

Staff will be scheduling interior painting of the hall, kitchen and main meeting room for early 2016. Look for a fresh interior coat of paint to be completed by March.

To check for availability and pricing, call (916) 727-5400 or email sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net.



COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!



Your Local Neighborhoods Help Make Citrus Heights a Great Place to Live!

Get involved and make a positive impact in your neighborhood!

Congratulations! As a resident of Citrus Heights, you are a member of a Neighborhood Association! You are invited to join your neighbors at their regular meetings, to volunteer in local events and make a difference in your community! The Neighborhoods are here to help you. Best of all, you don't have to pay dues or own your home in order to belong.

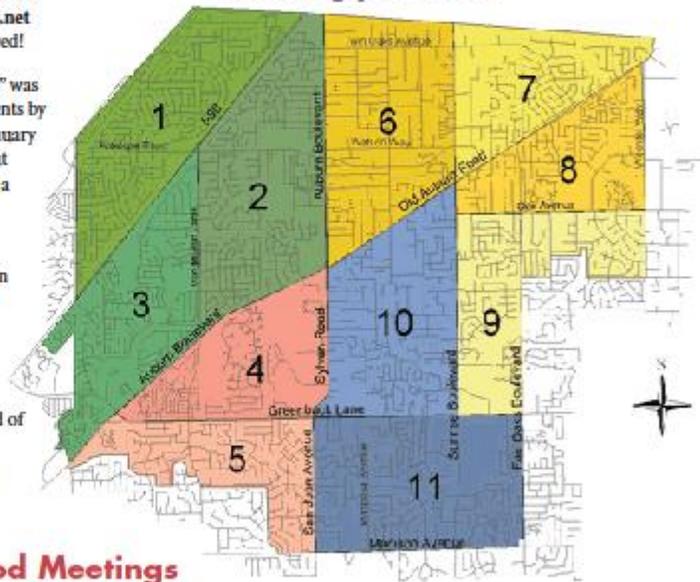
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more information about how to get involved!

Did you know that the creation of the "Neighborhoods" was voted by the public as one of the Top 10 Accomplishments by the City of Citrus Heights since its incorporation in January 1997? You owe it to yourself and your family to find out why so many think the Neighborhood Associations are a wonderful benefit for residents of Citrus Heights!

The area groups usually meet once a month to solve neighborhood issues such as traffic or crime, to work on various projects, to host City information sessions, to network, have fun and much more.

All of the Neighborhoods are part of REACH (Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights). REACH is a coalition that consists of a Board of Directors composed of a representative from each neighborhood. REACH meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Police Department Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights).

Check the map for the Neighborhood Group covering your area:



Citrus Heights Neighborhood Meetings

You're invited to attend a meeting in your neighborhood! All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Area #1 - Northwest	Sierra Meadows Mobile Estates (7600 Daly Ave.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #2 - Rusch Park	Ascension Lutheran Church (7607 Garden Gate)	3 rd Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 nd Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Dr.)	1 st Tuesday
Area #5 - Park Oaks	Advent Lutheran Church (5901 San Juan Ave.)	3 rd Thursday
Area #6 - Sunrise Ranch	Twin Oaks Ave Baptist Church (7690 Twin Oaks)	4 th Tuesday
Areas #7/8 - CHASE	Round Table Pizza (7700 Sunrise Blvd. #1100)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Christ Fellowship Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1 st Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Sylvan Community Center (7521 Community Rd.)	4 th Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 rd Wednesday



SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Schedule of Events

Sylvan Oaks Library, 6700 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights

Sunday & Monday: Closed; Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.;

Friday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.



January 2016

SUN-	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	CLOSED	10 – 8	10 – 8	10 – 8	1 – 6	10 – 5
Sylvan Oaks Library 6700 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights			<u>Tuesdays:</u> Job Coach 5-7 pm <u>Thursdays:</u> Job Coach 4-6 pm	<u>Wednesdays:</u> Tech Help 2-3 pm <u>Saturdays:</u> Tech Help 11 am-12	1 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	2 Teen Volunteer Training : 11 am
3	4	5 Tuesday Movie Madness : 6 pm "Inside Out" (2015, PG, 102 min, Disney) 	6 Toddler Storytime : 10 am and 11 am Science Club : 4 pm	7 Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am 	8 Coffee, Donuts, & a Movie : 1:30 pm "After the Thin Man" (1936, 113 min, Warner Bros.) 	9 Book Club for Adults : 10 am 2nd Saturday Art : Calligraphy 2 pm
10	11	12	13 Toddler Storytime : 10 am and 11 am Family Craft : 4 pm	14 Storytime Music & Movement: 10:30am	15	16 Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am 
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	19 Teen Advisory Board : 4 pm	20 Toddler Storytime : 10 am and 11 am Jordan the Science Wizard : 4 pm	21 Storytime Music & Movement: 10:30am Tween Book Club : 4 pm	22	23 Autism-Friendly Family Movie : 10:30 am : "Inside Out" (2015, PG, 102 min, Disney) 
24/31	25	26 Book Launch Party : 4 pm	27 Toddler Storytime : 10 am and 11 am	28 Storytime Music & Movement: 10:30am Lego Mania : 3:30 pm	29 Sit & Stitch: Knit the Sky : 1 pm	30

Citrus Heights First-Time Homebuyer Program

Need Help Purchasing a Home? THE CITY CAN HELP!

The City's First-Time Homebuyer program provides low-interest loans of up to \$40,000 to low-income homebuyers that may be used for a down payment and closing costs.

Low-Interest Loans

The low-interest loan is structured as a second mortgage. The loan will have a rate of 3.00%, a term of 30 years with no required monthly payments. The total sum of the loan, with interest, will be due at the end of the 30-year term, upon sale or transfer of the property or if the borrower no longer occupies the home as their primary residence. The borrower must contribute a minimum of 1.00% of the purchase price. The actual amount of assistance is based on financial capacity.

Get Started Today!

If you would like to learn more about the program or begin the application process today, contact a NeighborWorks Sacramento representative today. The HUD-certified counselors can assist you with achieving your homeownership goals.

NeighborWorks Homeownership Center

www.nwsac.org

leonor@nwsac.org

(916) 452.5356 Ext. 1230

If you would like to contact a City representative regarding First-Time Homebuyer Program, call Nicole Piva at (916) 725-2448 or npiva@citrusheights.net



WWW.CITRUSHEIGHTS.NET



Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant ***must not*** have owned a home as a principal place of residence within the past (3) complete years.
- The property must be located within the city of Citrus Heights. The property may be a single-family dwelling or condominium unit. Multi-unit structures and mobilehomes are ***not*** eligible.
- The applicant must meet the low-income household requirements.
- ***Income Limits*** table in the column to the right. The current maximum income is calculated by applicant family size.

Low-Income Limits

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$38,550
2	\$44,050
3	\$49,550
4	\$55,050
5	\$59,550
6	\$63,900
7	\$68,300
8	\$72,700

Source: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2014



FREE SPAY OR NEUTER!
Any Citrus Heights CAT!
Owned, Stray or Feral!

FREE Spay/Neuter vouchers
thanks to PetSmart Charities!
Contact:

Citrus Heights Animal Services
916-725-7387 (PETS)

Sacramento Area Animal Coalition
www.sacanimal.org
River City Cat Rescue
www.rivercitycatrescue.org

TIPS—FEEDING CATS AROUND WILDLIFE

- Remove feeding dishes before dark
- Vaccinate whenever possible.
- Feeding will attract ALL neighborhood outdoor cats & wildlife looking for a free meal—know your population.
- Interested in Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) pilot program? Call Citrus Heights Animal Services 916-725-7387

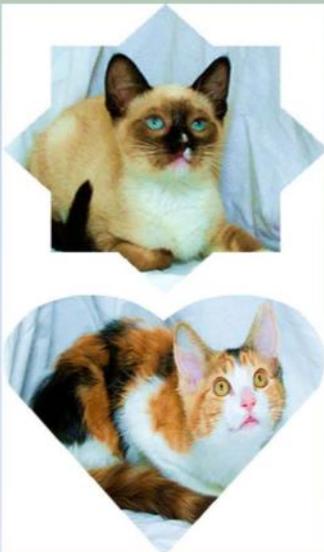
WARNINGS—FEEDING CATS NEAR WILDLIFE

- Cats' exposure to Rabies by wildlife increases.
- Attracts wildlife—raccoons, skunks, rodents & coyotes.
- Habituates wildlife to feeding on left over food
- Provides coyotes with prey.
- See **Keep Me Wild** at US Dept. Fish & Wildlife.
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/>



Adopt a City Kitty!*

Every Saturday & Sunday at PETCO Citrus Heights!



Meet your purrfect best friend
ANY Saturday & Sunday
10 am – 4 pm in **PetCo** Citrus Heights
6067 Greenback Lane
(corner of Auburn & Greenback)
Adopt a **locally** rescued kitten or cat!
Cats and kittens are friendly,
fixed and vaccinated!



Call Citrus Heights Animal Services
for more information: 916-725-7387

***Adoption fees
apply**

All our adoptees are:

*FeLV/FIV tested * Spayed or neutered * Vaccinated * Dewormed * Flea treated * Microchipped*