

# CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS REACH OUT

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, April 4	.6:30 pm	.R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 4	.7:00 pm	.History & Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 13	.7:00 pm	.Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 14	.7:00 pm	.City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 27	.7:00 pm	.Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 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: <a href="www.citrusheights.net">www.citrusheights.net</a>.

### 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

### Police

Non-Emergency Dispatch Watch Commander	727-550 727-552
Crimes tip-line	727-552
Narcotics tip-line	727-552
Traffic hotline	727-552
Code Enforcement	725-284
Emergency Services	dial 9-1-

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room,

(6315 Fountain Square Drive). Visit <u>www.citrusheights.net</u> or call (916)725-2448 to find out more about the neighborhood group that serves in your area.

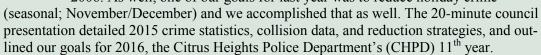
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### From the desk of the Chief

Recently, I presented the department's annual crime report to Citrus Heights council members and was proud to be able to report that we are one of few agencies in the region to have lowered overall crime in 2015. In fact, last year saw our lowest amount of total crime since the agency's inception in 2006. As well, one of our goals for last year was to reduce holiday crime





Since 2007, we have realized a 29 percent decrease in total Part 1 crimes, which are considered serious felonies and include willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny over \$50, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The overall reduction in our Part 1 crimes is only partly due to the hard work of the men and women of CHPD. The balance of credit goes to the citizens of this community without whose partnership a decline this significant, in this category, would not be possible.

I am frequently asked about the role prison realignment (2011) and Prop 47 (2014) have had on crime statistics in Citrus Heights. Realignment was intended to decrease California's prison population by reassigning "new, non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual offenders" from state prisons to county jails. Inmates released from county jails to our streets (making room for the in-coming prison assignees) are placed on county-directed *post-release community supervision* (PRCS) instead of state parole. On the heels of that, Prop 47 reclassified certain crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Where we see the greatest fallout from these two pieces of legislation is in our robbery stats: up 74 percent in 2015. Most of this is shoplifting related; offenders quickly realized that, because of Prop 47, all thefts under \$950, considered 'property' crimes, are now only misdemeanors. However, when a business's loss prevention gets involved trying to stop thieves, the property crime becomes a 'person' crime, or robbery, which is a felony.

Some of our reduction strategies around crime prevention include community oriented policing programs; strong community partnerships; school and youth-based programs; tenacious focus on narcotic, gang, and PRCS offenders; sophisticated, predictive crime analysis; excellent customer service; and proactive crime fighting.

In regard to collision stats, they remain relatively similar year after year; total collisions were up two percent however DUI collisions were down 19 percent. This reduction is the result of a relentless push to enforce traffic laws and conduct regularly scheduled checkpoints that both enforce drunk/drugged driving laws and educate the public. Other strategies include effective use of grants; directed campaigns around specific issues such as distracted driving and seat belt usage (*Click It or Ticket*); and targeted enforcement in identified problem areas.

Department goals for 2016 include continued, effective crime and collision reduction strategies such as our Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) and our Crime and Traffic in Citrus Heights (CATCH) models; intensified focus on blighted properties and homelessness/camps; preserving quality of life; expanding youth and teen programs; and increasing resources and follow-up care for children exposed to domestic violence. Each new year provides fresh opportunities to further evolve our policing and services. Our commitment, however, to the safety and well-being of this community remains unwavering. As always, we welcome your feedback, input, and ideas.

Chief Boyd's annual crime report presented on February 25, 2016 to the Citrus Heights City Council can be viewed in its entirety on the City's website: <a href="http://citrusheights.net/MediaCenter.aspx?CID=City-Council-Meeting-Videos-2">http://citrusheights.net/MediaCenter.aspx?CID=City-Council-Meeting-Videos-2</a>

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### If You See Something, Say Something

In July of 2010 the department of Homeland security launched a public safety campaign called "See Something, Say Something". It was a simple slogan to remind citizens how vital a role they can play in the fight against terrorism. Here in the City of Citrus Heights, we are fighting against crime, and the slogan still applies. As a police department we deploy our units to patrol as effectively as we can, and are constantly trying to find smarter and better ways to prevent crime, however we simply cannot be everywhere at once.

That is where you as citizens come in. You are our eyes and ears in the city. Citizens will see and hear different things than a marked patrol unit would, and we rely on you to relay that information to us. Many times we have had citizens call several hours after they may have witnessed an incident that needed to be reported. While the information is still good for us to have, that time delay drastically diminishes our ability to intercept a potential problem. If you see something that strikes you as "off", such as a person or vehicle that doesn't belong in your neighborhood and seems out of place, or you suspect that someone is driving under the influence, don't hesitate. The faster we receive the information, the faster we can react to the situation.

If what you are seeing is an in progress or life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. If you need to report something suspicious, but isn't threatening the safety of anyone call the seven digit non-emergency number at 916-727-5500 x1. You can make a very real difference in our community by being willing to reach for the phone.

### K-9 Unit Members

Have you met the newest members of the Citrus Heights Police K9 Unit? If not, please welcome Police Officer Nate Culver with K9 Jack along with Police Officer Chris Bosson and K9 Lukas. Both are welcome additions to the police canine unit. The CHPD K9 Unit has been in operation for almost ten years. It is currently comprised of three canine teams to include Police Officer Kyle Shoberg and K9 Dax. The unit is part of the Patrol Division and it is supervised by Sergeant Bryan Fritsch, Lieutenant Chad Courtney and Commander Gina Anderson. Although the unit has a total of three canine teams now, we will be adding a fourth team this spring.

Our police canines play an integral role on patrol. They are trained to do many different tasks such as searching fields and buildings for wanted and dangerous suspects, they can alert to the odors of illegal controlled substances, they can locate evidence such as discarded guns and they also can track the path of fleeing felons. The canine also serves as a force multiplier by reducing the time it takes to locate dangerous suspects. Not only are police canines a cost effective tool in law enforcement, any canine handler will tell you they are the best partner an officer can have on the job. Many stories are told of how a police canine potentially saved their life's by alerting them to danger or a hidden threat before they could observe the threat themselves.

The CHPD K9 Unit can be seen in action each year at a many school events and other public events such as Petapalooza, Sunday Funday, Spooktacular, National Night Out and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade just to name a few. All the canine handlers and their canine partners are always eager to meet the citizens they serve and are happy to answer questions about their unique jobs. The next time you see one of the canine teams, please stop and say hello.

(Please see the attached photograph. From left to right are Officer Culver and K9 Jack, Sergeant Fritsch, Officer Shoberg and K9 Dax, Lieutenant Courtney, Officer Bosson and K9 Lukas)



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### **Coming Soon!**

### **New Businesses Coming Soon!**

There are several new businesses and restaurants that are currently under construction and are expected to be open by the summer or earlier! If you love Vietnamese pho, a new Pho ABC is currently under construction at 7811 Greenback Lane, the former Waffle Square. This will be the second location for Pho ABC in the Sacramento Region (their first location is in Folsom). Also, the new Capital Nursery Plaza is well on its way to completion. The 50,000 square foot, new retail complex, which took the place of the former Capital Nursery, is soon to be home to a new Smart N Final as well as McDonald's, Black Bear Diner, Moe's Southwest Grill, and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches.

Stay tuned for opening dates by following the City of Citrus Heights on Twitter @CityofCHeights.





### Building Safety Month Coming May 2016



Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign to MONTHMAY help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The cam- NTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL



paign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

Call the Building Dept. for more details at (916) 727-4760.







### **Animal Services**

## APRIL 17-23, 2016 NATIONAL PET ID WEEK!

Celebrate with your pet by licensing and microchipping your pet today!

Citrus Heights Animal Services 916-725-7387



Ruben & Tanya,

Thank you for

all you do!





National Animal Control Officer Week

April 10—16, 2016



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



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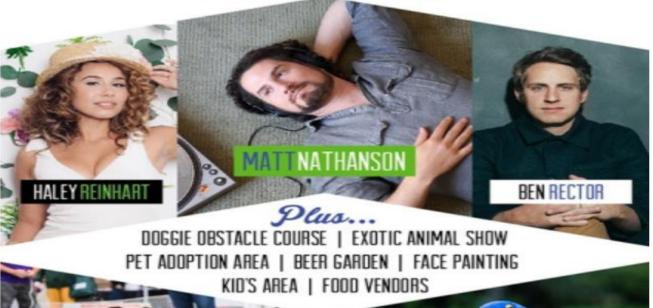
### **Animal Services**



Presented by

APRIL 23, 2016 | RUSCH PARK | 10AM - 4PM | FREE!

Performances by





### PET-A-PALOOZA

Saturday, April 23, 2016 10:00AM – 4:00PM Rusch Park 7801 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights (MAP)

#### FREE ADMISSION!



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



### **Animal Services**

### Sacramento County

in partnership with

### **Animal Spay and Neuter**

present

SPAY it Forward Campaign 2016

FREE SPAY & NEUTER FOR

**ALL CATS IN SACRAMENTO** 

This program is available for all cats!

Owned or homeless, tame or feral, that reside anywhere in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

Offer good until funds run out.

#### By appointment only.

Please call to schedule, appointments fill up quickly.

Sacramento Location

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3839 Bradshaw Road

3524 KOA Way

(916) 368-7314

(530) 889-8800

Help us help cats... Spread the word and SPAY it Forward!

\* Rescue groups and animal agencies do not qualify for this offer.



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### FREE SPAY OR NEUTER! harities Any Citrus Heights CAT!





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



#### 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

### Do you know what to do in the event of a Natural Disaster?

Dare to Prepare Day is April 30, 2016!

With all the talk of El Niño and heavy rains, have you thought about the things you can do to prepare for a natural disaster? Dare to Prepare Day is a free family event that seeks to help residents prepare for any emergency or disaster by providing helpful tips and learning tools. The event will take place on April 30, 2016 from 11am - 3pm in the Sunrise Marketplace at Sunrise Mall and the Citrus Town Center.

What can you do in the meantime? Here are some helpful tips on things you can do now, before disaster strikes: Dispose of any unused and old electronic waster and other bulky items - Items of this weight and size can cause serious damage in the case of a natural disaster such as an earthquake or a flood.

Citrus Heights residents that subscribe to residential garbage service receive three (3) neighborhood clean-up events per year. These items can be placed out for pick up during these events. To find out when your next neighborhood clean-up is, contact Republic Services at (916) 725-9060 or (916) 638-9000.

Identify, gather and dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - These items include old cleaning supplies, paints, solvents, automotive batteries and liquid, and other hazardous items.

The City and Republic Services offer three (3) HHW drop-off events per year. These events are held at the Sunrise Mall, behind the Macy's Women's store. The next event is scheduled this month so gather up those items now. April's HHW event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 8am - 1pm. Appointments are encouraged but not required. Contact Republic Services today at (916) 725-9060 or (916) 638-9000 for more information.

Republic Services will be in attendance at Dare to Prepare Day! For more information on how you can prepare for a disaster and also clean-up after one, visit their booth at the day of the event.





#### SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 | 11AM - 3PM FREE EVENT FOR ALL | RAIN OR SHINE

LEARN & EXPLORE

This family friendly event will help you prepare for any emergency or disaster. Walk away with great tips, learning tools, check lists, "make a plan" options, freebies & more

**EVENT WILL INCLUDE:** 

EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR - QUAKE COTTAGE | EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS | FOOD TRUCKS | PRESENTATIONS RUN, HIDE OR FIGHT CLASS | EXHIBITS | SHOW & TELL | GIVE-A-WAYS & CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES | MUCH MORE!

Visit daretoprepareday.com for more information.













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### FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

When: Saturday, April 9 Saturday, June 18 Saturday, October 15 8 am - 1 pm

Where: 6041 Sunrise Mall (In the parking lot behind Macy's Women's; off Arcadia Dr.)

This event allows Citrus Heights residents to dispose of the following items:

✓Household chemicals & cleaners ✓Acids
✓Auto fluids (except used motor oil\*)
✓Paints & Solvents ✓Fluorescent lamps/tubes
✓Vehicle Batteries (excludes household batteries\*)

\*Used motor oil, sharps, and household batteries can be disposed of/ recycled by utilizing our curbside and at door pick-up service. Contact Republic Services at (916) 638-9000 for more information.

### Proof of residency required. Please bring photo ID or utility bill.



Appointments are encouraged but not required. Call Republic Services at (916) 725-9060 or (916) 638-9000 to schedule an appointment.

## FREE COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Want to learn how to turn waste into healthy nutrient-rich matter that can be added to your garden or yard? Taught by a composting instructor, this informative class will show you how to build, maintain, harvest, and troubleshoot a compost pile.



SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:30AM - Vermiculture Composting 11:30AM - Traditional Composting

Sunrise Mall-Farmer's Market 6041 Sunrise Mall

RSVP at (916) 475-4182

All Citrus Heights residents who attend will receive a FREE composting kit!



We' hand e it from here."

## **Construction Projects**

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Project	Description	Status
Baird Way Drainage Improvements	Installation of new drainage inlets and pipes to increase capacity and eliminate recurring nuisance ponding.	Construction expected to commence in Spring 2015.
Parkoaks Creek Bank Restoration Project - Brooktree Creek	Improvements to the creek bank at Parkoaks Drive and Brooktree Creek to prevent further creek bank erosion.	Construction expected to commence in Spring 2015
Sunrise Boulevard Bus Stop Improvements Project Phase 2	Installation of two bus stopping pads and new shelters on southbound Sunrise Blvd; one at Macy Plaza Drive, one at Uplands Way.	Project has been completed
Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Project - Phase III	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.	Out to bid, construction is expected to start in April/May and expected to last 6 to 7 months.
Sunrise Boulevard / Sungarden Drive Signaliza- tion Improvement Project	Installation of a signalized intersection on Sunrise at Sungarden to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Improvements will also include enhanced accessibility along both sides of Sunrise within the project area.	Project is expected to be complete late March/April.
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 expected to commence in April 2015.

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







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### **Community Events**

We will be having our first Red, White and Blue Parade committee meeting on April 7, 2016 @ 12:00 located in the Citrus Heights Community Center. We hope to see you there.





### Citrus Heights Community Center

Events are currently at 5851. The damaged fountain wall has been replaced and now staff will be scheduling the installation of new ceramic tile for the wall. Additionally exterior metal doors will be given a fresh coat of paint as weather permits this month.

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 <a href="mailto:dcarpenter@citrusheights.net">dcarpenter@citrusheights.net</a>.







### Sylvan Community Center

The Center is busy and fully booked.

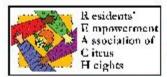
Interior painting is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March in the main meeting room.

The Sylvan Community Center is an alcohol and smoke free venue.

To check for availability and pricing, call (916) 727-5400 or email <a href="mailto:sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net">sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net</a>.



### 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.

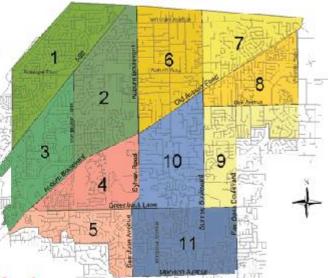
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #2 - Rusch Park	Ascension Lutheran Church (7607 Garden Gate)	3rd Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Dr.)	1" Tuesday
Area #5 - Park Oaks	Advent Lutheran Church (5901 San Juan Ave.)	3rd Thursday
Area #6 - Sunrise Ranch	Twin Oaks Ave Baptist Church (7690 Twin Oaks)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Areas #7/8 - CHASE	Round Table Pizza (7700 Sunrise Blvd. #1100)	3rd Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Christ Fellowship Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1ª Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Sylvan Community Center (7521 Community Rd.)	4th Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3rd Wednesday

# 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.



### **April 2016**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	CLOSED	10 — 8	10 — 8	10 — 8	1-6	10 — 5
10.00	Oaks Lib uburn Bl	rary vd., Citrus Heig	Tuesdays: Job Coach 5-7 pm Tech Help 2-3 pm	Saturdays:	1	2 BOOK SALE: 11 am—3:30 pm Teen Volunteer Training: 11 am
3	4 Printers	5 Teen Poetry Workshop: 4 pm Tuesday Movie Madness: 6 pm "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015, PG, 89 min., Columbia)	6 Mother Goose on the Loose: 10 am and 11 am Science Club: Electricity with The Science Wizard: 4 pm	7 Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am Altered Fashion for Teens : 4 pm	8 Coffee, Donuts, & a Movie 1:30 pm "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" (1948, 94 min., Warner Bros.)	9 Book Club for Adults: Wolf Hall: 10 am Second Saturday Art: Acrylic Painting: 2 pm
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK	11	Teen Poetry Workshop : 4 pm	13 Mother Goose on the Loose: 10 am and 11 am Family Craft: Watercolor: 4 pm	14 Storytime Music & Movement : 10:30 am Tween Book Club: Rain Reign : 4 pm	15 Going Back to College : 4 pm	16 Sensory Storytime ; 10:30 am
17	18	19 Teen Poetry Workshop : 4 pm	20 Mother Goose on the Loose: 10 am and 11 am Fenix Drum & Dance — From Africa to the Americas: 4 pm	21 Storytime Music & Movement : 10:30 am	22 Sit & Stitch: 1 pm	23 Autism-Friendly Family Movie: 10:30 am "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015, PG, 89 min., Columbia)
24	25	26 Teen Poetry Workshop : 4 pm	Mother Goose on the Loose: 10 am and 11 am	28 Storytime Music & Movement: 10:30 am Lego Mania 3:30 pm Teen Adv Board: 4 pm	29	30



#### Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

#### Fire Camp Lets Kids Be Firefighters for a Week

Sacramento County, CA - Metro Fire recently opened the application period for Fire Camp, a day camp that takes place from July 12-15, 2016. Fire Camp provides local children a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience today's fire service, first hand. The program is designed to instill self-confidence, teamwork, teach life safety skills and provide a basic understanding of the firefighting profession, in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Campers are grouped in "strike teams" of eight campers, and each strike team is mentored by two Metro Firefighters. Campers learn valuable life safety skills, while discovering what it means to be a firefighter.

To attend Fire Camp, applicants must be 11, 12 or 13 years of age, with preference given to those living within Metro Fire's boundaries. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received, so apply early for a better chance of securing a spot. Deadline to apply is June 6, 2016.

For applications and more information, visit our website: www.metrofire.ca.gov.







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#### Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

#### 11-year-old girl saves friend's life because of skills she learned at FIRE CAMP

Sacramento County, CA - Metro Fire recently opened the application period for FIRE CAMP, a day camp that takes place from July 12-15, 2016. FIRE CAMP provides local children an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience today's fire service, first hand. The program is designed to instill self-confidence, teamwork, teach life skills and provide a basic understanding of the firefighting profession, in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

We're excited to announce that in 2014 FIRE CAMP had its first life save success story. In 2014, then 11-yearold Skylar Berry attended FIRE CAMP. Later that summer, while Skylar was at a birthday party she and her friends were playing in a pool and realized one of their friends was at the bottom. Once the boy was retrieved from the bottom and put on the side of the pool, Skylar immediately went into action. She yelled to call 9-1-1 and started hands-only CPR just like she was taught at FIRE CAMP. "FIRE CAMP staff provided Skylar the life safety tools but she was the one who took them out of the box and used them to save a life. The men and women of Metro Fire couldn't be more proud of her!" Brenda Briggs, FIRE CAMP Coordinator said of Skylar's quick actions.

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For applications and more information, visit our website: www.metrofire.ca.gov.











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#### METRO FIRE - FIRE CAMP

Are you interested in learning about firefighting?

Are you 11, 12 or 13 years of age?

Are you willing to experience new and exciting things while learning at the same time? If you answered YES to these questions, come join the men and women of Metro Fire for a fun-filled week of FIRE CAMP!

- FIRE CAMP is July 12-15, 2016.
- FIRE CAMP is 4 days of experiencing and learning all about the job of a firefighter.
- FIRE CAMP is water safety, rescue practices, firefighting, and more.
- FIRE CAMP is fun, exciting, engaging, and interesting.
- FIRE CAMP is available to selected students within our fire district\* boundaries.
- FIRE CAMP is \$100.00 per child. If this cost is a financial burden please attach a letter explaining the situation along with your contact email for follow up.
- HOURS:

Tuesday - Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Friday end time is flexible

Campers can be dropped off at camp after 7:30 A.M. and must be picked up by 4:00 P.M.

#### To Apply:

- ✓ Complete the application below and if mailing, it must be postmarked by JUNE 6, 2016.
- ✓ Mail to or drop off the application at:

Metro Fire - FIRE CAMP 10545 Armstrong Ave., Suite 200 Mather, CA 95655

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#### Free Tours Offered at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Fascinating "behind the scenes" glimpse into sophisticated facility operations

Sacramento, CA – Free tours of the massive Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant will be offered on specific Thursdays and Saturdays between April and October 2016.

"These tours are educational and engaging for our customers, since few people in our region actually understand what happens to their wastewater once it leaves their homes and businesses," said Regional San District Engineer Prabhakar Somavarapu. "Our guests are amazed about the treatment process, and they leave the tour with a newfound understanding of how we keep the community and our environment healthy and safe."

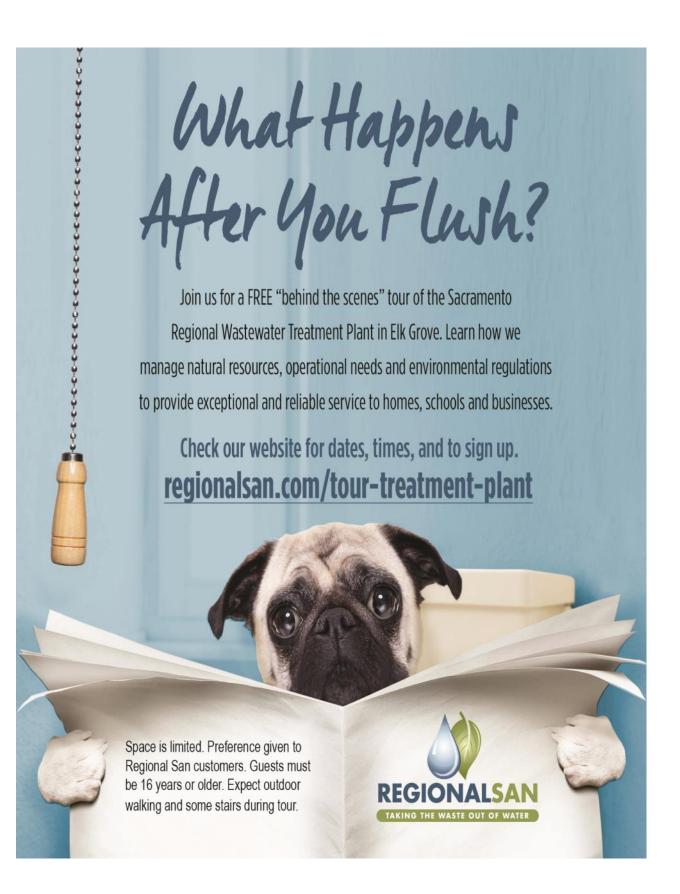
The two and a half hour tour includes an overview of the wastewater treatment process and operations with experts, and examines the strict environmental compliance steps required by state and federal regulators. A walking tour then takes visitors behind the scenes through the Plant's water quality testing laboratory, process areas, and control center — indoor and outdoor facilities not normally open to the public.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. Tour dates and a reservation form are located at <a href="https://www.regionalsan.com/tour-treatment-plant">www.regionalsan.com/tour-treatment-plant</a>, or by calling 916-876-6120 during regular business hours.

Tour attendees must be 16 years of age or older. Moderate walking and stairs should be expected during tours.

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