

# CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS REACH OUT

Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, February 6.....6:00 PM.....R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 6 .....7:00 PM.....History & Arts Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 8 .....7:00 PM.....Planning Commission Meeting –CANCELLED

Thursday, February 9.....7:00 PM.....City Council Meeting

Monday, February 20..... HOLIDAY.....President's Day - City Hall Closed

Wednesday, February 22 .....7:00 PM.....Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 23.....7:00 PM.....City Council Meeting

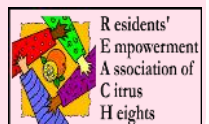
Dates are subject to change; up-to-date information regarding City events can be found on our website at: [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net).

## City Hall Phone Directory

## Police

City Hall Offices	725-2448	General Business	727-5500
Community Center	727-5400	Non-Emergency Dispatch	727-5500
Building Division	727-4760	Watch Commander	727-5522
Business Licenses	727-4907	Crimes Tip-Line	727-5524
Garbage/Recycling	725-9060	Narcotics Tip-Line	727-5523
General Services	727-4770	Traffic Hotline	727-5525
Job Line	727-4900	Code Enforcement	725-2845
TDD	725-6185	Emergency Services	dial 9-1-1
Animal Services	725-PETS		
Animal Lost and Found	727-4850		
Planning Division	727-4740		
Pothole Reporting	727-4770		

**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 City Hall Community Room, (6360 Fountain Square Drive). Visit [www.citrusheights.net](http://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



During my first 90 days as your police chief, I have focused primarily on learning the internal workings of our police department, reviewing our many policies and procedures, understanding our CHPD culture, assessing budget priorities, making minor adjustments to staff assignments, and asking a lot of questions. I have met just about everyone on our police staff, but still have a few to meet. I have discovered we have professionals at CHPD who care about this community and are committed to our noble policing profession. We are a busy police department and we maintain a working environment in which everyone contributes regularly. I have come to realize there is no "dead weight" at CHPD; everyone gives 100% all the time and no one individual takes the credit alone, but rather as a shared team. My assessment is that we are a high-volume, high-impact organization when it comes to protecting this community, driving down crime, and having a positive presence in our City. Our high level of performance seems to be a main reason many of our staff were attracted to work for such a professional organization.

My first 90-days have been very rewarding and I am proud to be your police chief. During the next 90-days I plan to begin a broader external outreach to meet more of our business community, Neighborhood Associations, community members, and schools. I recognize how critically important it is for a police chief to be accessible and connected with our community. You deserve to know who your police chief is and what I'm all about.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting Louise "Weasie," Hansen-Cordray, the owner of Java Cherry Coffee House located at 6720 Van Maren Lane. I read about her unique coffee house in the Citrus Heights Sentinel and thought I would stop by to introduce myself (thank you to the Sentinel for such a great recommendation). Weasie made me a fantastic iced espresso and we had great conversation about Citrus Heights and her business, which has been open for about four years now. What a wonderful place. I also had an opportunity to eat lunch at a new restaurant, also recommended by the Sentinel: Taqueria Tres Hermanos on Greenback Lane. Unfortunately, the owners were too busy to chat, but it was great food!

I love meeting local business owners and shopping local to support our Citrus Heights businesses. It gives me an opportunity to hear about issues business owners are having that our City staff might be able to assist with. As part of my next 90-days at Citrus Heights, if you own a local business or are part of a local community group, non-profit, church group, school, or business group, I encourage you to contact me via email so we can set up a meet and greet. I can be reached by email at: [PoliceChief@citrusheights.net](mailto:PoliceChief@citrusheights.net) and I look forward to creating opportunities to connect with our community.

## Community Partnerships

# City of Citrus Heights Police Department

## *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Referral Program*



### *2016 Program Highlights*

53 Families “adopted”

75 Adults and 234 Children

Thousands of dollars worth of food, clothes, toys, gift cards, bicycles, and monetary donations from the community

73 city groups, businesses, service clubs, non-profit organizations, schools, families and citizens “adopted” and donated

50 Turkeys were passed out to adopted families with their donated food boxes

# City Manager's Office

## *City Council Recognizes Outgoing Mayor Jeannie Bruins*

The City Council formally recognized Jeannie Bruins for successfully completing her third term (December 2015 to December 2016) as Mayor of Citrus Heights. Each year, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as mayor.

During her mayoral term, Bruins was responsive to community needs, honorably represented the City at numerous events, and oversaw many significant projects including the completion of the new state-of-the-art City Hall.



## *Citrus Heights Purchases New City Hall Building*

Approved by the City Council in fall 2016, the City officially purchased the new one-story, 35,000-square-foot City Hall building located at 6360 Fountain Square Drive!



The new facility currently houses approximately 65 employees (once located in four separate buildings) into a single energy-efficient City Hall. The state-of-the-art building features a “one-stop” public counter providing community members convenient access to City services. Purchasing the new facility will allow the City to continue to provide high-quality, efficient services to the community while managing operational and maintenance costs.

For more information, contact Monica Alejandrez at (916) 725-2448/[malejandrez@citrusheights.net](mailto:malejandrez@citrusheights.net).

## *City Kicks Off 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

On January 12, the City kicked-off its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special reception at City Hall. Participants gathered to peruse Citrus Heights memorabilia and reminisce about the City's battle for incorporation and past two decades of cityhood.





## ***City Announces First Top 20 List City Awards and Accomplishments***

Among the many activities planned for the City's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will release a Top 20 List each month in 2017 to highlight various aspects of our outstanding community. The City unveiled the first list, *Top 20 City Awards and Accomplishments*, at the January 12 City Council meeting:

### **TOP 20 CITY AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. \$100 million in infrastructure improvements
2. Active business community
3. Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets Project
4. Community Center
5. Community Marching Band - 2013 Heroes for Human Services Award
6. Establishment of 11 Neighborhood Associations
7. Fiscally responsible
8. Forming our own Police Department
9. Greenback Lane Widening Project
10. High-rate of civic involvement and pride
11. Nature Preserves - Stock Ranch and Arcade Creek
12. New City Hall
13. Removal of billboard at Sylvan Corners
14. Sayonara Drive revitalization
15. Successful incorporation effort
16. Sunrise MarketPlace
17. Recipient of A Community for Peace's 2016 Champion of Hope Award
18. Recipient of Sacramento Tree Foundation's 2014 Growing Greenprint Award
19. Two-time winner of the James Q. Wilson Award for Excellence in Community Policing
20. Two-time winner of Neighborhood, USA (NUSA) Awards (Area 10)

The next list, *Top 20 Things We Love about Citrus Heights*, was generated via social media and will be unveiled at the February 9 City Council meeting.

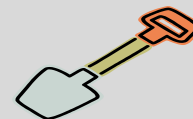
***See if your favorites made the cut!***

# Construction Projects



Project	Description	Status
<b>Baird Way Drainage Improvements</b>	Installation of new drainage inlets and pipes to increase capacity and eliminate recurring nuisance ponding.	Construction expected to commence in February or March 2017.
<b>Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Project - Phase III</b>	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; re-surface the entire roadway; and re-stripe traffic and bicycle lanes.	The project field work is complete. Staff anticipates presenting the project to the City Council for final acceptance in February.
<b>Storm Drain System Yearly Cleaning</b>	Cleaning of the storm drain system to prevent street flooding.	Crews have completed cleaning of approximately 250,000 lf of storm drain pipe in Neighborhood Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4. This concludes the regular storm drain cleaning program for this year however the contractor remains available to assist clearing storm drains that get clogged during storm events.
<b>2016 Residential Street Resurfacing (Various streets)</b>	Annual street repaving project.	The contractor has completed the work. The project will be presented to City Council in February for Final Acceptance.

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



## Citrus Heights Community Center



Crab feed fundraiser season is in full swing with back-to-back events through April. The Center is currently averaging eight to ten new bookings a week and is operating without a receptionist. We are always looking for energetic volunteers who enjoy talking to the public and would be interested in assisting staff. If you or someone you know would enjoy talk-

ing to residents and potential facility renters, please encourage them to come by and check us out!

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](mailto:dcarpenter@citrusheights.net).



## Sylvan Community Center

The Center is busy and fully booked!

The Sylvan Community Center is furnished with tables and chairs and includes a full kitchen and bathroom facilities. Parking is also available on site. The maximum building capacity for a meeting or general assembly is 65 people, or 50 people for a dinner or banquet. The Sylvan Community Center is an alcohol and smoke free venue.

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



# Animal Services

## February Features



### Sweetheart of a DEAL!

Beginning February 13th, Citrus Heights Animal Services and **Pet-Data** will team up to offer pet licensing!

Exciting news: there are reduced three (3) year license prices for altered pets, senior discounts, and NEW lifetime cat registration for cats with microchips! Watch your mail for your renewal notices from PetData!



Citrus Heights Animal Services (CHAS) is proud to announce it has been awarded a new grant to spay and neuter cats in Citrus Heights from PetSmart Charities!

With a previous 2013-2015 PetSmart Charities grant, CHAS altered more than 2,200 owned, stray, and feral cats!

### SPAY DAY USA 2017

The Citrus Heights City Council proclaimed February 26, 2017 as “**Spay Day USA**” recognizing Sacramento Area Animal Coalition (SAAC) and its partners in the Citrus Heights community, and honored local veterinary clinic, **All About Pets!**

All About Pets was one of the very first veterinary clinics to partner in 2000 with SAAC for Spay Day Sacramento!

Cat surgeries are \$15.00 and dog surgeries are \$20.00 with some dog breeds receiving priority.

Applications for Spay Day surgeries are still being accepted for **families with household incomes of \$35,000 or less**. *Proof of income is required.*

Visit the SAAC website at: [www.sacanimal.org](http://www.sacanimal.org) to find out how to apply for a spay or neuter surgery!



### VALENTINES DAY Dangers for Pets

Did you know sweets and flowers can be hazardous to your pets?

Beware of boxes of chocolates, sugared nuts, alcohol, sugar-free candies made with xylitol and bouquets of flowers containing lilies, all of which can affect a pet's health, especially their kidneys!

You can contact the [Pet Poison Helpline](#) if you have any concerns or call (855) 764-7661.

*Questions? Call Citrus*



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





## Planning Division Update

The Planning Division coordinates the City's review of residential and commercial development projects, evaluating each for compliance with the City's General Plan, Zoning Code, and other city standards.

Below is a selected list of projects currently under review:

- 7942 Arcadia Drive: Plush Lounge - An application has been received to reformat an existing lounge into a nightclub
- 7925 Arcadia Drive: Mitchell Farms - An application has been received to develop a 39-acre parcel into a new development with a variety of housing types for a total of 261 units
- 6024 Atoll Court: Accessory structure - An application to allow an accessory building (detached garage) on a property without a primary structure
- 8501 Auburn Boulevard: Big Lots/Rebounderz - An application has been received to convert an empty building (formerly K-Mart) into two businesses, an indoor trampoline facility and a retail store
- 8043 Holly Drive: A parcel map to allow the division of one parcel into three parcels
- 7882 Lichen Drive: Quick Quack Car Wash - An application has been received to construct a drive-thru car wash on a vacant parcel
- 7534 Old Auburn Road: Bearpaw Village - Review for the development of a 43-unit townhome project
- 7056 Sunrise Boulevard: Arco Gas Station and Car Wash - Review of a Use Permit and Design Review Permit to allow the construction and operation of a new gas station with convenience store and car wash
- 7512 Watson Way: Linmoore Fence Company - Seeking to expand existing business onto adjoining vacant parcels

A complete list of current projects, including projects recently approved, can be found on the City's website at <http://www.citrusheights.net/292/Current-Projects>.

For more information on development within the City of Citrus Heights, contact the Planning Division at (916) 727-4740.

## 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!*

Whether you are new to Citrus Heights and still unpacking your moving boxes, or if you've lived here since cityhood was just a gleam in the eye of a few, we encourage you to check out your local Neighborhood Area (NA) group to see how those involved make such a difference in their respective communities. You can too!

Citrus Heights is divided into 11 neighborhoods, each of which is represented by its respective group of residents (see map). There are ten different neighborhood groups (areas 7 and 8 are combined) that meet once a month. These popular meetings, commonly referred to as *NA Meetings*, allow residents to address neighborhood issues (e.g. traffic or crime), work on various projects, host City staff for informational presentations, and much more. Interestingly, the public recently voted creation of the numbered neighborhoods one of Citrus Heights' Top 10 Accomplishments since incorporation in January 1997.

The NA's are an excellent opportunity to get to know your neighbors, work together to preserve the quality of life enjoyed in your neighborhood, and stay current on what is going on in the City: trends, events, information, alerts. There is no cost to join an NA and you do not have to own a home in order to belong. Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved.

All of the NA's are part of REACH (Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights). REACH is a coalition that consists of a board of directors comprised of a representative from each neighborhood. REACH represents the interests of the community and its citizens, encouraging participation to preserve the quality of life in our city. REACH meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall (6360 Fountain Square Drive).

**Check the map below to determine in which Neighborhood Group you reside!**



Visit the City's Web site at [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net) or call (916) 725-2448 to find out more about the neighborhood group that serves 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	LOCATION	WHEN:
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)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Area #3- CHANT	City Hall (6360 Fountain Square Dr)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Area #4-Arcade Creek	City Hall (6360 Fountain Square Dr)	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Area #5-Park Oaks	Advent Lutheran Church (5901 San Juan Ave.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Area #6-Sunrise Ranch	Twin Oaks Ave Baptist Church (7690 Twin Oaks)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Areas #7 & 8- CHASE	RoundTable Pizza (7700 Sunrise Blvd.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #9-Sunrise Oaks	City Hall (6360 Fountain Square Dr)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Area #10-Sylvan Old Auburn	Citrus Heights Community Club House (6921 Sylvan Rd.)	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Area #11-Birdcage Heights	Skycrest Elementary School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday



SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Schedule of Events

Sylvan Oaks Library, 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights




Sunday &amp; Monday: closed; Tuesday &amp; Wednesday: 10 AM - 8 PM; Thursday: 10 AM - 6 PM;

Friday: 1 PM - 6 PM; Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM

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

SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## February 2017

SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Closed	10 – 6	10 – 8	10 – 8	10 – 8	1 – 6	10 – 5
<b>Sylvan Oaks Library</b> 6700 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights			1 Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am Science Club : 4 pm : <i>Atomic Science</i>	2 Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am Manga Café : Candy Sushi : 4 pm	3 "To Sir With Love" 	4 Teen Volunteer Training : 11 am Friends of the Library BOOK SALE 11 am – 3:30 pm Teen Dance : "Celebration of Hearts" : 6 – 8 pm
5	6	7	8 Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am Family Craft : 4 pm : <i>Hearts</i>	9 Storytime Music & Movement : 10:30 am Read to a Dog : 4 pm	10 Coffee, Donuts, & a Movie: "To Sir With Love": 1:30 pm (1967, 100 mins, Columbia)	11 Book Club : 10 am : <i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> Second Saturday Art: 2 pm : <i>Needle Felting</i>
12	13	14  "Sully"	15 Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am Tyehimba Kokayi: West African Culture, Music and Drumming : 4 pm	16 Storytime Music & Movement : 10:30 am	17 Wii Gaming for Kids! : 3 – 5 pm	18 Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am Tea, Coloring & Crafts : 2 pm
19	20 CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY	21 Writing with Gusto! : 10 am Tues@ the Movies : 3 pm "Sully" (2016, PG-13, 96 min, Warner Bros.)	22 Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am	23 Storytime Music & Movement : 10:30 am LEGO Mania! : 3:30 pm	24 Wii Gaming for Kids! : 3 – 5 pm "The BFG" 	25 NEW TIME! Autism-Friendly Family Movie: 10 am : "The BFG" (2016, PG, 117 mins, Disney) Tabletop Day 2 – 4 pm
26	27	28 Writing with Gusto! : 10 am Teen Advisory Board : 4 pm	PROM DRIVE DONATIONS NEEDED! Until March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , bring your gently used items to the library. Thank you!	Tuesdays: Job Coach 4 – 6 pm Wednesdays: Tech Help 2 – 3 pm	Thursdays: Job Coach 4 – 6 pm Saturdays: Tech Help 2 – 3 pm	



## 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.

#### Loan Highlights

- 30-year, silent second
- 3.00% interest
- No monthly payments
- Loan is based on income and need

#### Eligible Properties

- Single-family detached, condominium, or halfplex. Multi-unit structures and mobilehomes are *not* eligible
- Within the City of Citrus Heights
- Must be vacant at the close of escrow
- Maximum price does not exceed Sacramento County median (\$293,000 as of May 2016)
- Home inspection required

#### Get Started Today!

Contact: NeighborWorks Homeownership  
Center Sacramento Region  
Leonor Perez  
(916) 452.5356 Ext. 1230  
[leonor@nwsac.org](mailto:leonor@nwsac.org)

You may contact a city representative,  
Nicole Piva  
Housing and Grants Division  
(916) 727-4752  
[npiva@citrusheights.net](mailto:npiva@citrusheights.net)



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#### Eligible Homebuyers

- First-time home buyer (no ownership in the previous three years)
- Will occupy property as principal residence
- Household annual gross income must be at or below low-income limit

#### Maximum Income Limits

Household Size (persons)	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$38,850
2	\$44,400
3	\$49,950
4	\$55,500
5	\$59,950
6	\$64,400
7	\$68,850
8	\$73,300

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2016

Funding for this program has been provided by Sacramento Housing Redevelopment Agency from the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Last Revised: 6/16/16



# Republic Services

## The Brown Cart - Residential Trash

Republic Services picked up over 20,000 tons of trash from Citrus Heights residents in 2016. Here's a reminder of what should be disposed of in your brown trash cart.

### Goes in Trash Cart:

- Toys (batteries removed)
- Cotton, clothing, fabric
- Contaminated paper
- Hoses
- Light bulbs (incandescent only)
- Packing Peanuts (stuffed into bag)
- Plastic-coated milk cartons
- Waxed paper
- Ceramics
- Metal hangers
- Aseptic packaging (milk, soy, juice cartons)
- Any food that is not being composted/recycled



### Keep These Items Out of Your Brown Cart:

- Electronics (TVs, computers)
- Fluorescent tubes, CFLs
- Hazardous materials
- Medical Waste, sharps
- Hot ashes and coals
- Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, button and lithium)
- Used motor oil and filters

Before throwing anything in the trash, look for alternative ways to reuse, donate or recycle the item.

