

REACH OUT

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, January 7.....	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 8	3:00 pm	Citrus Heights Oversight Board Meeting CANCELLED
Wednesday, January 9	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting CANCELLED
Thursday, January 10.....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 15	3:00 pm	Citrus Heights Oversight Board Meeting
Monday, January 21.....	HOLIDAY	City Hall CLOSED—Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday, January 23	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting CANCELLED
Thursday, January 24.....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 29.....	6:00 pm	Housing Element Workshop

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 Control	725-PETS
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 from Cell Phone	726-3015
Emergency Services	dial 9-1-1

Seasons Greetings





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. As Chief of Police for this community, I must say that I am quite proud of what we (law enforcement and both the citizens and local businesses of Citrus Heights), accomplished together as a team in 2012. First and foremost, the Holiday Referral Program was one of our shining moments. Donations poured in, and this community came together like never before. We were able to supply almost one-hundred families with food, gifts, toiletries, furniture, clothing, Christmas trees – you name it. The ‘spirit’ was definitely apparent on both the ‘pick-up’ day (held at our Community Center), as well as the ‘delivery’ day when a special convoy traveled through the city helping Santa with his deliveries! As well, a week prior, law enforcement partnered with Wal-Mart and local youths to participate in “Shop-with-a-Cop”. Certain children from the community were given a gift card with which to ‘shop’ at the store, accompanied by officers and law enforcement staff. This event never fails to kick off the holiday season with an abundance of joy and inspires us all to continue to make a difference year-round.

2012 also saw further advances in technology with which law enforcement can augment our efforts, especially in the monitoring of the 109’ers; those criminals being released from prison ‘early’, to our streets, as per the requirements of AB109. And, while voters did not pass Measure K in the recent election, your leadership in Citrus Heights is working diligently on a “Plan B”, that is, alternative methods to acquire much needed funding to address the city’s most pressing needs.

Looking ahead in 2013, among our many goals are increasing the number of officers assigned to early release offenders, our on-going participation on the regional gang task force, our continued and focused effort aimed at reducing DUI related incidents in our city, and increasing the number of youth we serve through our youth programs. 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 year.



4th Annual Holiday Referral Program

We wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who worked with us on our 4th Annual Holiday Referral Program. We had another fantastic and successful year, and it has again been a pleasure working with each of you. The Citrus Heights community, service clubs, churches, schools, businesses, city staff, and all of you made Christmas very special for our less fortunate Citrus Heights families.

- ◆ This year we were able to assist 100 families by providing them a nice turkey dinner, extra food, gifts and toys.
- ◆ In total, we provided gifts to 385 people: 170 adults and 215 children!
- ◆ 101 turkeys were donated and distributed.
- ◆ In a police caravan, we delivered gifts to 7 families this year with about 40 people, including Santa Claus, assisting with the “traveling” gift distribution.
- ◆ Police Officers and volunteers handed out over 150 stuffed animals to all the kids in the neighborhood or apartment complexes where we delivered.
- ◆ 120 stockings were filled to the brim and distributed to children 4-10 years old.
- ◆ Every child received a handmade blanket donated by either Project Linus Volunteers or the Golden Valley Quilt Guild Volunteers in Citrus Heights.
- ◆ Beds, furniture, and large appliances were donated and distributed.
- ◆ 30 Christmas Trees were donated and distributed.
- ◆ Utility bill assistance/payment .

On behalf of Chief Christopher Boyd and the Police Department Staff, we wish you all a Happy New Year for 2013.

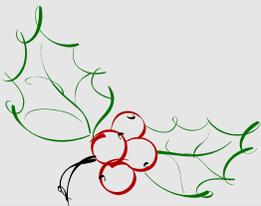
We hope you have a safe and peaceful year and look forward to joining our efforts again next Christmas!



16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas with the City of Citrus Heights

The 16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6, 2012, was a huge success! Following the ceremony, the festivities moved to the Community Center with hot cocoa, cookies, pictures with Santa, music and planned activities for kids such as cookie decorating. Committed sponsorship came from Sunrise Mall, Cal American Water, Citrus Heights Dental Group and SAFE Credit Union. 7-Eleven was on hand to give out donuts and peppermint mochas. Bill McNally's NASCAR was a hit ... Vroom-Vroom!





Citrus Heights Community Center

Currently, the Community Center bookings are at 2347, and staff continues to book events daily. We are booked out one year in advance but receive many requests for two to three years ahead. Our goal for event totals for fiscal year 2012/13 is an additional 2,000 bookings. We are averaging 65 event

bookings a month and handling more than 50 calls a day.

Additional volunteers for the front counter are still needed and we continue to look for interested folks willing to dedicate some time to us. Persons interested in volunteering can call 916-727-5400.



REACH OUT and Encourage Local Students to create Safe Routes to School Videos!

The deadline for the Citrus Heights Walk+Bike to School Video Contest sponsored by the Citrus Heights School Walkability-Bikability project has been extended to **January 31, 2013!**

Students from any Citrus Heights elementary or middle school may submit an up to 5-minute video (entrant must be from a San Juan Unified school) on YouTube that promotes walking or biking to school.

Three Prizes for Each Grade Category!

First prize of a \$250 gift card

Second prize of a \$100 gift card

Third prize of a \$50 gift card

The contest gives students the opportunity to submit videos of their own creation that highlight the physical, social and environmental benefits of walking and/or biking to and from school. Videos may be up to 5 minutes in length, but should be no shorter than 30 seconds.

There are three sets of grade categories: K-3, 4-5 and 6-8. This is a San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) centered grant, thus only students attending SJUSD schools within Citrus Heights are eligible to participate in the contest. For details about the contest and how to submit an entry, please see the WalkSacramento webpage at <http://www.walksacramento.org/videocontest/> or call WalkSacramento at 916-446-9255.



Road Construction Projects

Project	Status
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Phase I – Oak Ave to Antelope Rd	Work on the project was suspended during the holiday period. Teichert has been directed to resume work on constructing the new curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway entrances along the east side of Sunrise Blvd. on January 7, 2013 (weather permitting).
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersection Safety Improvement Project	Design consultant, Quincy Engineering, has submitted a draft Design Criteria Chart (DCC) for GSD staff review. Once the DCC is finalized (mid-January), Quincy will begin the formal design.
Antelope Rd Accessibility and Safety Improvements Project	The contractor, McGuire & Hester (M&H), has completed approximately 90% of the project, including all traffic signal upgrades. The project is currently on winter weather suspension and the final micro-surfacing and restriping (on both Antelope Road and Lauppe Lane) has been postponed until late spring 2013 when the average daytime temperatures are high enough to ensure a quality product.
Sycamore Ave Drainage Improvements Project	A punch list has been provided to the contractor. Project is scheduled to be finalized in mid January.
Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)	Christmas shopping around Sunrise Mall/Birdcage was accommodated by timing changes to allow shoppers more time to get into and out of the parking areas. This year the after-Christmas shopping did not seem to have a vehicular volume level of past years. The ATMS worked well at determining the correct timing for the signals.
Mariposa Ave Safe Routes to School Phase II Sidewalk Infill Project	The contractor, Martin General Engineering (MGE), has completed 95% of the project. They are currently working on a punch list of items to be cleaned up/corrected prior to final acceptance.
Safe Routes To School: Antelope Road Sidewalk Infill Project	Staff submitted a formal allocation request to Caltrans in December. Once Caltrans approves the allocation request (expected by mid-January 2013), the design consultant selection process will begin. Consultant selection should be completed and design started by April 2013.
2012 Bus Stop Improvements Project, Phase II	The design consultant, Dokken Engineering, has submitted the 65% plan set, and the project team and RT are currently reviewing them. Construction will occur in the spring of 2013.
Mesa Verde Bike Trail	Committee has met with a school district committee for input. Group is working toward a public meeting in late January.





Auburn Blvd Complete Streets Revitalization

Construction – The contractor is working on the joint trench north of Antelope. Piers for the retaining wall near Shell are being installed. The oak tree in front of Red D Transmission will be removed next Monday and Tuesday (January 7th and 8th). The tree is diseased and is being stressed further by the joint trench and cannot be saved.

Segment III Design – Staff is currently reviewing 90% plans, specifications and estimates submitted by the consultant December 20th.



Building and Safety Division

The Building Division permit counter will be **closed** for lunch between the hours of 12:00 & 1:00 pm effective Monday, October 29th until further notice. The closure of the permit counter will not affect regular scheduled inspections and inspections will still be performed during normal lunch hours.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms & The Law

It's the Law

Senate Bill 183 in California requires Carbon Monoxide Alarms for dwelling units intended for human occupancy with fuel burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

Affective Date

Effective date of this law was January 1, 2011 for new construction, July 1, 2011 for existing single family dwellings and **January 1, 2013** for multi-family dwellings such as apartments and hotels.

Dwellings Affected

“Dwelling unit intended for human occupancy” means a single family dwelling, factory-built home as defined in Section 19971, duplex, lodging house, dormitory, hotel, motel, condominium, stock cooperative, time-share project, or dwelling unit in a multi-unit dwelling building.

Installation Requirements

The code states “with respect to the number and placement of carbon monoxide devices, the devices shall be installed in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy.” One alarm is required outside each sleeping area, on each story and in the basement.

Economic Development/Redevelopment

Pacific Cost Co. – Pacific Cost Co., a Russian and Eastern European food warehouse, has opened at 7263 Greenback Lane, the former Big Lots location. The store will also be adding a deli and outdoor seating area.

Citrus Heights Collaborative

The Citrus Heights Collaborative held its annual Planning Meeting on December 14, 2012. A variety of educational and workshop topics were recommended and a calendar showing the schedule for the coming year will be available shortly. The next meeting on January 11, 2013 will provide information on health coverage options for low income households and changes being implemented due to recent state and federal regulations.



Transit Services

Have You Tried The City Ride??

This new service provides the general public “curb to curb” transit service to and from anywhere in the City. The possibilities are endless! Call 916-556-0258 (Press Option 6) and schedule your Ride!

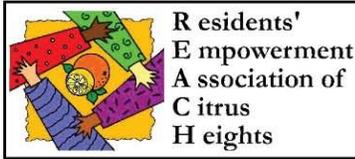
The City Ride only takes reservations one day in advance of trips, so make sure to call early the day before you want to travel (reservation office open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon-Fri – call on Fridays for Monday reservations)!

Public education and outreach about the new City Ride is ongoing. The next presentation will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Northwest Neighborhood Association meeting (Area 1). The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at Sierra Meadows Mobile Estates, 7600 Daly Avenue. All are welcome.

For more information about the City Ride program, please go to the [RT web page](#). Do you have any ideas about outreach and education for the City Ride? Please call 916.727.4730 or email mpoole@citrusheights.net to share your thoughts!



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.

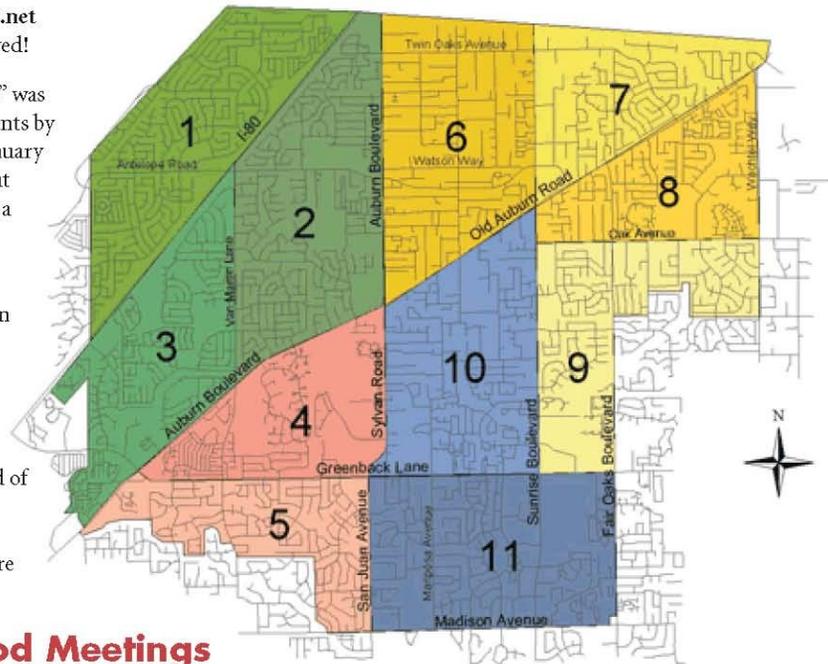
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more 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 Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Drive - behind the General Services Building).

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	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 nd Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Trellis Hall (6237 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	Big Oak Mobile Home Park (8300 Old Auburn Rd.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Sun Oak Baptist Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1 st Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Citrus Heights Community Club House (6921 Sylvan Rd.)	4 th Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 rd Wednesday