

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Low-Impact Development in Citrus Heights

In an effort to promote design principles that reduce stormwater pollution, the City's two new community centers also serve as low-impact development (LID) demonstration sites. LID is a method of land development focused on absorption and filtration of rainwater before it enters the storm drain. As more land is developed, it is important to consider its effects on our water resources, including: degraded habitat; impaired aquatic life; high pollutant loads; depleted and contaminated groundwater; and a higher incidence of flooding. LID design principles work to minimize the effects of urbanization on our water resources.



The Citrus Heights Children and Youth Center (7836 Sayonara Drive) and the Sylvan Community Center (7521 Community Drive) both employ LID concepts such as pervious asphalt, rain gardens, bio-swales, and infiltration planters. The centers have educational

signage posted on the exterior to describe each of the techniques employed. The public is welcome to view the exterior improvements at the demonstration sites during regular business hours. In addition, the recently completed Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Project incorporated LID principles into the streetscape improvements. The planters installed along the road serve as bio-filters to clean the water and divert runoff during a storm event. For more information, visit the City's Stormwater website at www.chstormwater.org.

Are You Looking to Buy a House in Citrus Heights?

Did you know the City offers up to \$40,000 in low-interest downpayment assistance loans to eligible first-time homebuyers? These funds won't last forever. Loans are reserved on a first come, first serve basis and funds are currently available! The City does not currently have a waiting list to participate in this program. Now is a great time to take advantage of these funds!

The main requirement for the program is that your household income must not exceed the following limits according to family size:

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5
Income Limit	\$40,550	\$46,350	\$52,150	\$57,900	\$62,550

Do you meet these eligibility requirements or do you think you're close to meeting them? Contact NeighborWorks® Sacramento today to find out more about the program and learn how this program can help you get into a new home. For more information visit www.nwsac.org, or contact NeighborWorks® at (916) 452-5361 ext. 227.

Buying a home may seem intimidating, but by following these simple steps you can become a homeowner:

Step 1: Register for a NeighborWorks Homebuyer Education Orientation: Classes are offered weekly in both English and Spanish at 2400 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817.

Step 2: Meet with a Homeownership Counselor Individually: Make an appointment with one of NeighborWorks' counselors for a FREE individual consultation about your financial and credit background.

Step 3: Get Pre-Approved for a Mortgage Before Shopping for a Home: Before you begin looking at homes to buy, get a mortgage pre-approval so you'll know that you can qualify for a loan and the loan amount. NeighborWorks can assist you in getting this pre-approval. Need a broker? NeighborWorks can help you with that too!

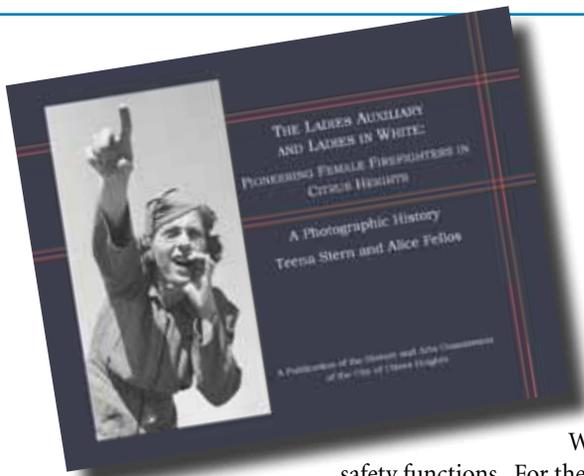
Step 4: Enjoy the benefits of homeownership!

Citrus Heights Tree Inventory Underway

How many trees are there in Citrus Heights? The City will be able to answer that question following a tree inventory this summer! The information gathered during the inventory will be used to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan and comprehensive Citrus Heights Urban Greening Strategy. In line with the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (GGRP), the strategy will include policies and procedures aimed at reducing GHG levels in Citrus Heights. The GGRP was adopted by the City Council in 2011 as part of the General Plan process and set a GHG reduction target of 10-15% below baseline levels by 2020.

The City needs your help to capture all of the cities trees in the inventory! Add the trees in your yard on the Sacramento Tree Foundation's Greenprint Map at www.greenprintmaps.org. Funding to develop the Citrus Heights Urban Greening Strategy was provided in part from Proposition 84, through the Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities grant program.





History and Arts Commission Publishes Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies in White Pictorial Book

The History and Arts Commission has published a book based on the historical contributions of a local WWII era all-female volunteer fire fighting brigade, which eventually evolved into one of the nation's first and most effective volunteer first aid programs. This book combines historical information the City has amassed over the years, including oral history interviews, donated photograph collections, and information from both the City's and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District's archival collections.

After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and the entry of the United States into World War II, local municipalities sought solutions for carrying out necessary protection and safety functions. For the area now known as the City of Citrus Heights, this meant a call to the women who lived

here to train and serve as firefighters while the men served in the military. The women of the Ladies Auxiliary were known to extinguish grass, barn and farm fires and even sustained injuries while protecting their community. After the war ended, local firefighters noticed a need for an emergency response squad that could assist victims of fires, automobile accidents and other dire situations. They pioneered the concept of medical response teams working in conjunction with local fire departments and provided an organizational model that other communities would soon follow. The Ladies Auxiliary was reinstated in 1951 as the "Ladies in White" and served in an emergency rescue capacity until 1986.

As noted by David Richie, Sacramento BEE reporter in 2004, "The Ladies in White pioneered the concept of first aid units working in conjunction with firefighters, providing one of the most effective volunteer organizations of this type... The Citrus Heights Fire District and the Ladies had tremendous vision, not only in bringing women into a previously all-male profession, but also in fire-fighting equipment, techniques and training, which demonstrates the progressive nature of all involved."

The City of Citrus Heights can take great pride in the legacy, strength and dedication of the Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies in White. Their contributions provide an illustrious chapter in our nation's history, focusing on the abilities of women. To purchase a copy of this book, visit www.lulu.com, and search for "Ladies Auxiliary". Questions call (916) 727-4952 or email historyandarts@citrusheights.net.

City Launches Economic Development Support Fund

In the City's continuing effort to promote business development and economic development, the Citrus Heights City Council approved a two-part Economic Development Support Fund on March 14th. Funds for the program, budgeted to be \$150,000, will be approved with the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City budget.

Part I of the program will provide grants and sponsorships for events, marketing and promotions, studies to further economic development and other economic development-related activities. Businesses, business associations, and economic-development related organizations are eligible to apply for these funds. Part I will conduct two competitive application periods a year and off-cycle applications at City Council's discretion. The first round of applications for Part I of the program were due March 29th and will be reviewed by City Council on May 23rd.

Part II of the program will provide grants to businesses for façade design assistance, up to a maximum of \$10,000 and sign improvements, up to a maximum of \$5,000 with a 50% match. Applications for Part II will be accepted on an on-going basis starting July 1st.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Devon Rodriguez, Development Specialist, at (916) 725-2448 or drodriguez@citrusheights.net.

On May 23rd, City Council will be considering a second incentive program, the Development Fund, to create incentives, and eliminate or reduce impediments for development, such as funding for development requirements (e.g. undergrounding of utilities, sewer relocation, etc.).

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

Gather up your old paint, miscellaneous cleaning supplies, automotive fluids and fluorescent bulbs! The second Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Event for 2013 is happening Saturday, June 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the second of three (3) FREE drop-off events the City and Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste) will be hosting for residential Allied/Republic customers this year. The event will be held at the back parking lot behind the Macy's Women's at Sunrise Mall.

Appointments are always encouraged but not required. Contact Republic Services at (916) 725-9060 or (916) 638-9000 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Acceptable items include: automotive batteries, automotive fluids, household cleaners, gasoline, pesticides, paints, solvents, fluorescent light bulbs, and fluorescent tubes.



Do you have old batteries, home-generated sharps and/or used oil to recycle? These items are collected at your home by Republic Services FREE for its residential customers. See your Customer Service Guide Calendar, check the City website or call (916) 727-9060 for details.

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

San Juan High School Celebrates 100th Anniversary



San Juan High School has been a staple of the Citrus Heights community since it first started educating students in 1913. Now 100 years later, the school continues to provide an exceptional education experience for students in the community. Centennial activities will be held throughout the year, and as these activities are scheduled they will be listed at www.sanjuan.edu/newsanjuan. The Centennial Committee is also in search of items related to the history of San Juan High School or the surrounding area for use in programs, exhibits and other Centennial activities. For more information visit www.sanjuan.edu/newsanjuan or call (916) 971-5113.

Sacramento Capitals and Concert Series Return to the Sunrise MarketPlace for Summer 2013

The Sacramento Capitals are making a triumphant return to the Sunrise MarketPlace after winning the Western Conference last year. The Capitals will play their first home match on July 7th at the Capitals Stadium at Sunrise Mall (near the Macy's Men's).

For more information on the Sacramento Capitals 2013 season and to buy tickets go to www.saccaps.com.

But wait! At the conclusion of the Capitals' season stick around, because the Sunrise at Night Concert Series will be returning to the Sunrise MarketPlace Outdoor Pavilion from August to September! Last year, the Pavilion hosted six concerts featuring acts such as Blondie, Lonestar, America and many more.

For the latest on the Sunrise at Night Concert Series visit www.sunrisemarketplace.com/info/concerts.

Sacramento Capitals' 2013 Home Game season schedule:

Sunday, July 7 vs. Texas Wild

Monday, July 8 vs. Philadelphia Freedoms

Wednesday, July 10 vs. Orange County Breakers

Friday, July 12 vs. Boston Lobsters

Saturday, July 13 vs. Washington Kastles

Wednesday, July 17 vs. Texas Wild

Monday, July 22 vs. Orange County Breakers

City Offers Free Landlord-Tenant Counseling Services



The City offers free counseling and mediation services for tenants and landlords willing to work together to resolve disputes not related to fair housing violations (i.e., housing discrimination). The City has partnered with Sacramento Self Help Housing to provide guidance to residents on issues such as eviction and health and safety repairs to rental dwellings. Self Help Housing has weekly office hours in locations within or near the City limits. To schedule an appointment with Sacramento Self Help staff call (916) 341-0593. For more information, or if you

feel you have been the victim of housing discrimination, visit www.chfairhousing.net.

Office Hours and Locations

Sacramento Works One Stop Career Center
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
7011 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights

Carmichael Seventh Day Adventist Church
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
4600 Winding Way, Sacramento

Citrus Heights Community Marching Band

The Citrus Heights Community Marching Band is off to a great start for 2013. They are gearing up for a fun summer of making music at events including the Orangevale Pow Wow Days Parade, the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, the North Highlands VFW Memorial Day Parade, and their 9th appearance in the Citrus Heights Red, White & Blue Parade! They have musicians of all ages from beginners to professionals, and are happy to welcome anyone in between. With the number of local school music programs closing, the CHCMB is proud to be the place for students and their families to come to learn and enjoy music together.

For more information visit www.chcmb.org.



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From the Desk of the Chief



The coveted James Q. Wilson Award for Excellence in Community Policing is presented annually by the Regional Community Policing Institute and is sponsored by the American Military University in association with the California Police Chiefs

Association, and the state Attorney General's office. Every year, law enforcement agencies throughout California compete to be recognized for their winning team approach incorporating the Community Policing Philosophy, and empowering excellence in their communities. The award is named after Dr. James Q. Wilson who was an expert on Community Policing. "For decades, Dr. Wilson's Community Policing concept has created great successes involving proactive policing, public cooperation, and crime prevention. This award was designed to honor law enforcement agencies in California who have adopted the Community Policing philosophy and are doing an outstanding job in their communities," explains Kimberly Unland, Director of the Regional Community Policing Institute – California. In March 2012, the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) won this prestigious award for "The Citrus Heights Model – Community Based Domestic Violence Intervention" in regard to our unique and revolutionary response to domestic violence, one of the department's largest resource-draining issues. Collaborating with community organizations such as A Community for Peace (formerly known as the Domestic Violence Intervention Center or DVIC), resulted in an innovative model of victim outreach. In this model, trained domestic violence counselors are partnered with police officers on patrol. When a domestic violence call for service comes in, officers respond to the scene along with a professional victim advocate. The counselor can quickly assist victims, while officers attend to their respective responsibilities. Before this model was implemented, only 8% of victims sought follow-up services; now, over 50% of victims seek counseling and resources – a far more effective approach to breaking this particular cycle of violence.

Fast forward to March 2013; in an unprecedented move, CHPD has again, won the James Q. Wilson Award. In all the years the award has been bestowed, never has any agency received this honor consecutively, back-to-back, two years in a row. Our winning entry, "The Sayonara Revitalization Project" described the dramatic transformation of Sayonara Drive. Once an area where calls for service were 32 times higher than anywhere else in the city, it is now a thriving neighborhood where residents enjoy a vastly improved quality of life. This project, spanning several years, took a three-block, multi-family housing area - long impaired by shootings, felony assaults and gang activity - and turned it into a flourishing, safe suburb.

The revitalization effort, spearheaded by our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, involved partnerships with various community stakeholders, including the Sayonara Youth and Children's Center, Campus Life Connection, Citizens of Sayonara Drive and several other entities. Officers worked diligently to develop trust with the residents and slowly, relationships strengthened. Soon, a neighborhood watch group, made up of adult volunteers was established, landlords began to hold tenants accountable for criminal activity in the rental units, and code enforcement officers cracked down. Old, dilapidated apartment buildings were torn down, paving the way for future development. A federal grant afforded a brand-new 27,000 square-foot Children and Youth Center, which opened last August. Since then, a park, half-sized basketball court, children's playground, picnic tables and more have been added. After enduring years of problems on Sayonara Drive, residents are finally realizing a vastly improved quality of life. Violence is down, infrastructure and façade issues are being corrected, and the residents feel much safer. The turn-around of Sayonara Drive is serving as a template for other police agencies committed to cleaning up blighted and crime-ridden neighborhoods through similar community involvement and problem-oriented policing efforts. The transformation of entire neighborhoods is not possible without a citywide dedication to community and policing. We are well aware that our success in these focused POP projects is a result of the strong alliances we have forged with a very committed city leadership, as well as a community dedicated to making Citrus Heights a premier city in which to live, work and play. The James Q. Wilson Award, for the second year in a row, is merely a tangible representation of the excellence for which this community has come to be known.





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- City Hall Offices: (916) 725-2448
- City Council / City Manager: (916) 725-2448
- Citrus Heights Community Center: (916) 727-5400
- Animal Control: (916) 725-PETS
- Building Division: (916) 727-4760
- Business Licenses: (916) 727-4907
- Economic Development: (916) 725-2448
- Garbage / Recycling: (916) 725-9060
- General Services: (916) 727-4770
- City of Citrus Heights Job Line: (916) 727-4900
- PG&E (natural gas): 1-800-743-5000
- Planning Division: (916) 727-4740
- Potholes in roadways: (916) 727-4770
- Public Information / Press Releases: (916) 725-2448
- Sewer District (report overflows 24/7): (916) 875-6730
- SMUD (electricity): 1-888-742-7683
- TDD (hearing impaired only): (916) 725-6185

Citrus Heights Police Department:

- Chief of Police, Christopher W. Boyd: (916) 727-5560
- General Business line: (916) 727-5500
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: (916) 727-5500
- Emergency Services: dial 9-1-1
- Emergencies (when calling from a cell phone): (916) 726-3015
- Watch Commander: (916) 727-5522
- Crimes tip-line: (916) 727-5524
- Narcotics tip-line: (916) 727-5523
- Traffic hotline: (916) 727-5525
- Code Enforcement: (916) 725-2845

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Located in the City Council Chambers (7117 Greenback Lane)

- History & Arts Commission - 1st Monday - 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission - 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
- City Council - 2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

MAY:

- May 14th - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Creek Corridor Trail Project Community Workshop (Citrus Heights Community Center 6300 Fountain Square Drive)
- May 27th - City Hall CLOSED (Memorial Day)

JUNE:

- June 9th - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Free Summer Concert in Rusch Park - AZUAR (7801 Auburn Blvd.)
- June 15th - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Event (behind Women's Macy's at Sunrise Mall)
- June 22nd - 9:00 a.m. - Red, White & Blue Parade (Sunrise Blvd., between Madison & Greenback)
- June - 29th - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Free Summer Concert in Rusch Park - Joe Getty and the Dead Flowers (7801 Auburn Blvd.)

JULY:

- July 4th - City Hall CLOSED (4th of July)
- July 13th & 14th - Annual Family Community Campout in Rusch Park (Call 916-725-1585 to register.)
- July 21st - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Free Summer Concert in Rusch Park - Prophecy (7801 Auburn Blvd.)

AUGUST:

- August 18th - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Free Summer Concert in Rusch Park - The One 80's (7801 Auburn Blvd.)

Meetings and events are subject to change. Be sure to check the City's Web site for more information: www.citrusheights.net, or call (916) 725-2448.

Get Involved!

Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association. All Neighborhoods are part of Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights (REACH) that is composed of a representative from each neighborhood. You are invited to join your neighbors at regular meetings, to volunteer in local events and make a difference in your community. The Neighborhoods are here to help you, and best of all you don't have to pay dues or own your home in order to belong. Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more information about how to get involved!





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**14th Annual
Citrus Heights**

**Red, White &
Blue Parade**
**Saturday,
June 22nd**
9:00 a.m.
Sunrise Blvd.

*(Route: North of Madison at Uplands
Way to northwest corner of Sunrise
Mall parking lot at Greenback)*

PARADE ATTRACTIONS:

- Wells Fargo Stage Coach
- Marching Bands
- Slamson (Sacramento Kings)
- Skydiving Aerial Display
- BMX Stunt Bike Riders
- Fun & Creative Floats
- Free Face Painting for Kids
- Classic Cars & Hot Rods

Pancake Brunch - only \$5 (Sunrise
Mall parking lot - benefits CH Rotary)

Float, Vintage Car display, &
Fun activities in the Sunrise Mall
parking lot until Noon



14 Mile House Receives State Recognition

The Citrus Heights History and Arts Commission successfully applied to the California Office of Historical Preservation to designate the 14 Mile House as a California Point of Historical Interest. The building joins the Rusch Home as one of the two Points of Historical Interest located within the City limits and is now listed in the State historic register.

The building is the last of the many early inns built to serve the miners and freight wagons along Auburn Road traveling toward the Sierra Nevada during the gold rush era. The roadhouses were established about one mile apart along Auburn Road. The landmark is significant in California history because the building dates back to 1849 before statehood, and is likely one of the oldest buildings in Sacramento County, even though it has been moved and remodeled.

It is not known who built the roadhouse but research indicates it may have been Charles Elveena, or he may have been an early owner. Elveena became an artist and patented inventor after leaving the area about 1850-51. His paintings are in the Smithsonian, California Historical Society and UC Berkeley's Art Museum. The building was sold a number of times in its earliest years and was established as the North Fork House, but is remembered as the 14 Mile House, as the name represents the mile intervals from the City of Sacramento along Auburn Blvd.

The building was owned by the Gray family and operated as a hotel from about 1855 to 1856. As the gold rush subsided, and the Central Pacific Rail Line was completed in 1863, the need for the way stations along Auburn Road dwindled. Gray sold the house and 320 acres to Rudolph Lauppe in 1869. In 1919, Lauppe sold the 14 Mile House and 220 acres to Adolph and Catherine Van Maren and the house has remained in the Van Maren family ever since. Portions of the Van Maren Ranch were sold for development in Citrus Heights, but the 14 Mile House remains as a primary residence and historical landmark within the City to this day. To view the complete report on the 14 Mile House, please visit www.citrusheights.net.



City Initiates Creek Corridor Trail Project



The City is currently determining the feasibility of constructing a multi-use trail network along the 26-miles of creek and SMUD corridors within the City of Citrus Heights. The project is intended to evaluate the feasibility of establishing trails within the creek corridor, identify trail alignments, and prioritize future trail construction. Ultimately, the City hopes to provide improved connections to key destinations for pedestrians and cyclists; improve access to the creek corridors for all residents; increase the number of recreational facilities to more neighborhoods; and increase transportation choices within the city.

In order to gather community input throughout the process, a Trail Advisory Group (TAG) of local stakeholders has been convened. TAG representatives will assist the project team in evaluating the trail alignments to meet the project objectives and create a trail system that fits within the context of the neighborhoods. The public is invited to attend a community workshop on May 14th from 6-8 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Center (6300 Fountain Square Drive). Beginning May 14th, you can provide feedback by taking an online survey at www.chcreektrails.net.