



# 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, December 7 .....	6:30 pm	REACH Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 7 .....	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 9 .....	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 10 .....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 24 .....	HOLIDAY	Christmas Eve - City Hall Closed
Thursday, December 24 .....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting - CANCELLED
Friday, December 25 .....	HOLIDAY	Christmas Day - City Hall Closed
Thursday, December 31 .....	HOLIDAY	New Year's Eve - City Hall Closed
Friday, January 1 .....	HOLIDAY	New Year's Day - City Hall Closed

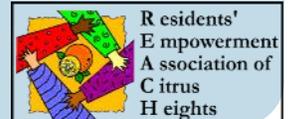
These dates are subject to change: For up-to-date information about events please refer to the City website at: [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net).

### 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		

**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 [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



I had intended to write an end of the year message briefly detailing the department's many accomplishments and recognitions this past year. However, something unprecedented and remarkably impactful occurred in the meantime that will without a doubt serve as the pinnacle of 2015 for the men and women of the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD). Our community, never shy about voicing their support of this agency, desired to heighten that sentiment by more publicly demonstrating their allegiance. Working together, they initiated a citywide pro law enforcement campaign proclaiming the week of October 18 – 24 as *"We Support Our Police Week."*

When first approached with this unique intention, I was deeply touched and profoundly grateful given the current "anti-cop" climate and the effect it is having on law enforcement morale. Clearly, while many police departments throughout the country are experiencing tension, distrust, and unrest between law enforcement and citizens, CHPD is not one of them. Rather, this community goes to great lengths to express their loyalty and appreciation.

On October 22, during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, residents, business owners, and members of city service organizations gathered in a moving display of esteem, respect, and gratitude for the men and women of CHPD. There, Council Members addressed police personnel, reading aloud a proclamation declaring the week of October 18 - 24 *"We Support Our Police Week"* in recognition of their hard work, commitment, and dedication. The proclamation and a video of the presentation may be viewed here: <http://www.citrusheights.net/862/We-Support-Our-Police-Week>.

In addition to the proclamation, a formal petition was presented to the department listing over 600 signatures of citizens in support of this effort. Proceeds from the sale of blue ribbons, blue ribbon lapel pins, and *"We Support Our Police"* signs and banners will benefit the Citrus Heights Police Activities League (CHPAL), a program developed to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the youth in our community through activities and mentoring. To learn more about our PAL program, visit [www.citrusheightspal.com](http://www.citrusheightspal.com).

From day one as Chief of Police for the city of Citrus Heights, my priority has been building and maintaining a solid relationship with the community - the foundation of which is confidence and trust. Utilizing a community oriented policing model, we diligently and consistently work on this partnership every single day – it is first and foremost in all we do. Moreover, having achieved this allegiance with our citizens, we do not take it for granted. We know we have to continue to earn it every day, every hour, every call for service. We only succeed when our community works with us - that is, when we work *together*.

On behalf of the men and women of the Citrus Heights Police Department, I would like to sincerely thank the residents, business owners, service clubs, Mayor, Council Members, and City Manager for the overwhelming support and gratitude shown to us on a regular basis. There is no greater testimony, not only to our profession but to us as human beings, than to have the people we serve align themselves alongside us so adamantly. Your deep appreciation and passionate loyalty are increasingly the exception, and as such take on even greater meaning. We are humbled, inspired, honored.



THANK YOU CITRUS HEIGHTS!

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a prosperous, healthy, *safe* New Year!

## Community Events



### Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Board

#### GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

#### Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Board – Appointment Available

Citrus Heights encourages people to become involved in their local community. One way to do so is to serve in an advisory capacity on one of the city's various commissions, committees or boards. The SYMVCD is governed by a Board of Trustees, each representing one of the incorporated cities or one of the counties within the District's boundaries. Each Trustee is appointed by the City Council of each member agency.

The city is currently accepting applications for appointment, either a two or four year term which is at the discretion of the City Council, to the SYMVCD Board of Directors. Applications are available on the city's website or by contacting the City Clerk's office at 916-725-2448 or [cityclerk@citrusheights.net](mailto:cityclerk@citrusheights.net).

Applications are due to the City Clerk's office by Friday, December 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

# MOB/CITY HALL PROJECT UPDATE

## *Demolition of the Former City Hall Campus –*

AMPCO Contracting has completed demolition of the former City Hall Complex, located at 7115 Greenback Lane.

Panattoni Development Company has submitted plans to construct a three-story, 68,727-square-foot Medical Office Building on the site of the former City Hall Complex. The MOB will be operated by Dignity Health and will provide primary and specialty care services.

## *New City Hall Construction Update –*

The construction of a new City Hall and Utility Yard at 6360 Fountain Square Drive began on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and is moving forward according to schedule. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the project reached a significant milestone as contractors began raising the concrete walls for the building. Next, crews will focus on grading and paving the parking lot and installing curbs and gutters.

Capital Partners Development Company and Ascent Builders estimate the new 35,000-square-foot City Hall and adjacent 4,000-square-foot Utility Building will be complete in late summer 2016.

## *More Information –*

If you have questions about the Medical Office Building and City Hall Project, contact Monica Alejandrez at (916) 725-2448 or [malejandrez@citrusheights.net](mailto:malejandrez@citrusheights.net) or Stephanie Cotter at (916) 727-4768 or [scotter@citrusheights.net](mailto:scotter@citrusheights.net).





# First Time Homebuyer Assistance

## City of Citrus Heights First-Time Home Buyer Program

### DID YOU KNOW...

...the City of Citrus Heights offers down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers? If you are interested in purchasing a home but need assistance with financing the down payment, you may be eligible to apply for a loan up to \$40,000, low-interest rate and deferred for 30-years through this program. See below how you can become a first time homebuyer here in the City of Citrus Heights!



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ The home needs to be located within the City of Citrus Heights.
- ◆ The home needs to be owner occupied for the term of the loan.
- ◆ Your family’s income must be at or below certain income limits, see table below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Income Limit	\$40,050	\$45,800	\$51,500	\$57,200	\$61,800	\$66,400	\$70,950

The funds originate from the City of Citrus Heights, and NeighborWorks Homeownership Center of Sacramento Region administers the program. For more information, contact NeighborWorks at (916) 452-5356, Ext. 1230.

# History & Arts

## History and Arts Pentagon Art Exhibit

The History and Arts Commission recently sponsored a Pentagon Art Exhibit with art provided by the Veterans Artist Program. The Exhibit was located at Birdcage Center and was on display from October 17<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Veterans Artist Program works with veterans to promote the arts as a form of healing. A variety of artistic mediums were featured ranging from photography, drawing, to painting.

Citrus Heights was the first city on the west coast to host the exhibit. As an end to the exhibit, the History and Arts Commission hosted a closing veteran's lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Citrus Heights Rotary Club. The lunch had a variety of guests in attendance including Congressman Ami Bera and a special guest speaker, former Ravens pilot Joe Scheimer.

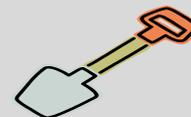


# Construction Projects



Project	Description	Status
<b>Parkoaks Creek Bank Restoration Project - Brooktree Creek</b>	Improvements to the creek bank at Parkoaks Drive and Brooktree Creek to prevent further creekbank erosion.	Construction is expected to take place in spring 2016.
<b>2015 Residential Street Resurfacing Program</b>	Resurfacing portions of 23 residential streets throughout the City.	The resurfacing work is complete and punch list items are being addressed.
<b>Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Project - Phase 3A</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; resurface the entire roadway; and re-stripe traffic and bicycle lanes.	The Contractor is now focused on retaining walls, sidewalk, curb & gutter, street lights, and signal upgrades. The project team anticipates completion in March 2016, but is weather dependent.
<b>Twin Oaks Avenue / Mariposa Avenue Drainage Improvements Project</b>	Add drainage pipes and improve drainage ditches along Mariposa and Twin Oaks Avenue to increase drainage capacity and reduce risk of flooding.	Construction will resume in January or February 2016, weather permitting. A detour will be in place during construction hours 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday for about 3 weeks to accommodate the soil conditions and for safety purposes.
<b>Mariposa - Glenn Avenue Slope Failure Rehabilitation Project</b>	Cripple Creek has eroded the bank on Mariposa near Glenn and the shoulder on Mariposa is failing. This project will restore the shoulder and construct a retaining wall to prevent future failures.	This project will be ready to bid in January and construction will begin in spring 2016.

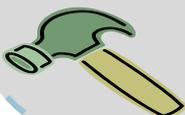
For more information on these projects, or other Capital Projects, please contact the General Services Department at 916-727-4770.



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Project	Description	Status
<b>Holiday Moratorium</b>	To better control the holiday traffic and increase driver and pedestrian safety through the holiday season, the City of Citrus Heights limits construction in the right-of-way on major streets	The City’s Construction Moratorium will be in effect from 5:00 pm on Friday, November 20, 2015 until 8:00 am on Monday, January 4, 2016. The Moratorium applies to all construction and utility work and all oversize loads requiring a transportation permit.
<b>Storm Drain Annual Cleaning</b>	Storm drain cleaning will concentrate in the Neighborhood Areas 11 and 5. Approximately 250,000 lf of storm drains are scheduled to be cleaned.	56 cubic yards of material was removed from 7,230 lf of Cripple Creek. 19 bags of litter were picked up at: Auburn Blvd and Deville Oaks; Sylvan Corners; and Greenback Lane at Arcade Creek. Approximately 250,000 lf of storm drains were cleaned this year. Crews have just completed cleaning all concrete lined ditches throughout the City – just in time for the winter rain. Staff continues to identify and respond to resident requests for cleaning in other areas of the City.
<b>New City Hall and Medical Office Building (MOB) Project - Fountain Square Drive</b>	Please see the <a href="#">New City Hall/MOB Project website</a>	The concrete foundation is complete on the new City Hall building and some of the walls have been erected.
<b>Sylvan Road Accessibility and Safety Improvements Project</b>	Pedestrian safety improvement, with sidewalk installation on east side of Sylvan Road from just south of Bayside Church to San Juan Road. Additional intersection improvements at Stock Ranch Road and Sylvan Road.	The project is substantially complete and the contractor, McGuire & Hester (M&H), is addressing some minor punch list items. All clean-up work should be done in early December and staff anticipates Final Acceptance in January.





## Citrus Heights Community Center

The Community Center is currently at 5478 events to date with more coming in daily. We anticipate a busy 2016 based upon bookings to date. With the volume of events, both public and private, a full staff is necessary.

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).

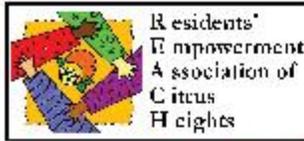


## Sylvan Community Center

Staff are completing repairs to the pass through doors between the kitchen and meeting room. The current opening will be outfitted with trim and repainted to match the existing wall color. The City has the facility professionally cleaned every month and this includes a complete cleaning of the facility: bathrooms, kitchen, windows, and floors. Based upon the continuous daily use of the small site the overall condition is good. To check for availability and pricing, call (916) 727-5400 or email [sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net](mailto:sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net).



# COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!



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

*Get involved and make a positive impact in your neighborhood!*

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

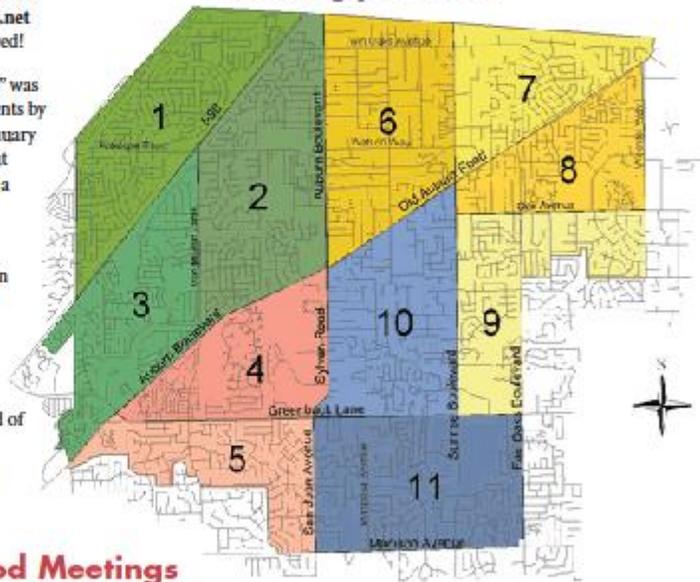
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Police Dept. Community Room (6315 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	Round Table Pizza (7700 Sunrise Blvd. #1100)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Christ Fellowship Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Sylvan Community Center (7521 Community Rd.)	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

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# 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](http://www.saclibrary.org).

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# December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	CLOSED	10 – 8	10 – 8	10 – 8	1 – 6	10 – 5
<p><b>Wednesdays:</b> Tech Help 2-3 pm</p> <p><b>Saturdays:</b> Tech Help 11 am-12 pm</p>	<p><b>Thursdays:</b> Job Coach 4-6 pm</p>	<p>1 <b>Tuesday Movie</b> <b>Madness :</b> 6 pm <b>"EIF"</b> (2003, PG, 97 min, New Line Cinema)</p> 	<p>2 <b>Toddler Storytime :</b> 10 am and 11 am</p>	<p>3 <b>Sensory Storytime :</b> 10:30 am</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <b>Sylvan Oaks</b> <b>Friends BOOK SALE:</b> 11 am- 3:30 pm</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <b>Toddler Storytime :</b> 10 am and 11 am</p>	<p>10 <b>Storytime Music &amp; Movement:</b> 10:30am</p>	<p>11 <b>Coffee, Donuts, &amp; a Movie : 1:30 pm</b> <b>"Boys Town"</b> (1938, 96 min., MGM)</p> 	<p>12 <b>Sylvan Oaks Adult Book Club : 10 am</b> <i>These Is My Words and Someone</i> <b>2nd Saturday Art:</b> Glass Ornaments 2pm</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16 <b>(Storytime Break—until 1/6)</b> <b>Puppet Company</b> <b>"Nutcracker" : 4 pm</b></p>	<p>17 <b>Storytime Break—until 1/7)</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Family Event:</b> <b>Cookie Decorating</b> 3 pm</p>	<p>19 <b>Sensory Storytime :</b> 10:30 am</p> 
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p>25 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p>26 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b></p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <b>Teen Advisory Board : 5 pm</b></p>	<p>30 <b>Teen Bling for 2016 : 4 pm</b></p>	<p>31 <b>Lego Mania : 3:30 pm</b> <i>Library closes @ 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>Sylvan Oaks Library</b> 6700 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights</p>	



# CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Christopher W. Boyd  
Chief of Police

## CITRUS HEIGHTS PD COLLECTING NEW TOYS, FOOD & CLOTHING

NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
MONDAY- FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

The City of Citrus Heights Seventh Annual Holiday Referral Program is collecting new toys, clothing, baby items, toiletries, and canned food to help our local Citrus Heights families. Donations can be dropped off at the Citrus Heights Police Department located at 6315 Fountain Square Dr. The Police Department and City of Citrus Heights have again partnered with various local service clubs, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and community members to brighten the holidays for several of our Citrus Heights families. This collaborative effort between all facets of the community specifically targets assistance to families residing in the City of Citrus Heights. Last year we worked with over 40 service clubs, business groups, social clubs, churches, schools, and community members to assist 80 families, including 180 children and 160 adults.

This unique community-involved program was created to provide participating families with food, household items, and toys/clothes for the children. We rely heavily on the community to help make the effort a success. Participation can include the donation of items or adopting a family.

This year we are encouraging Citrus Heights businesses to work with their employee teams to either collect donations for our program or adopt a family. We are looking for businesses to also place donation bins in their lobbies for collecting new toys, clothes, etc. If you would like to volunteer, adopt a family or have questions regarding the program, please email:

[holidayreferral@citrusheights.net](mailto:holidayreferral@citrusheights.net) or call 916-727-5565

# 2015 Holiday Recycling Guide

'Tis the season... to recycle all your holiday leftovers!

The City of Citrus Heights and Republic Services (Citrus Heights' waste and recycling provider) encourage you to follow these simple steps to recycle holiday materials and trees this winter season.

## IMPORTANT SERVICE INFORMATION

### Is Your Trash Pickup Day a Holiday?

Containers will not be picked up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Services will be moved to the next calendar day.

If your pick up day is on Friday, you will receive collection on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and Saturday, January 2, 2016.

*Only those who are serviced on Fridays will be affected for this year's Christmas and New Year's holidays.*

### Are you in need of an extra pick up during the holiday season?

If you have extra trash that will not fit in your cart with the lid closed, call (916) 725-9060 or (916) 638-9000 at least 24 hours in advance of your collection day to arrange for a pickup of the extra trash. Customer Service will provide cost and scheduling information.

## Recycle Cart

- \*Batteries (in a ziplock bag and placed on top of your recycling cart)
- \*Cardboard (toy backing, boxes)
- \*Catalogs
- \*Envelopes
- \*Gift bags
- \*Gift boxes
- \*Holiday cards (non-musical)
- \*Magazines
- \*Paper shopping bags
- \*Plastic bags (in a single bag tied shut)
- \*Shoe boxes
- \*Tissue paper
- \*Wrapping paper



## Trash Cart

- oBubble wrap
- oRibbons, tape & bows
- oTree ornaments & decorations
- oSticky gift labels
- oStyrofoam (packing peanuts, packaging, etc.)
- oFlocked or decorated trees (broken down)



## Holiday Treecycling



December 26, 2015 to January 15, 2016

Citrus Heights residents can recycle their live Christmas Trees at no additional cost!

Simply put your tree out on the curb on your regular collection day, and Republic Services will pick it up and recycle it.

Flocked or decorated trees will not be accepted for recycling but can be broken down and placed in your garbage cart.

For more information on Holiday Treecycling, please call Republic Services at 916-638-9000.



## Recycle Your Holiday String Lights

Take your indoor, outdoor, broken or unwanted string lights to be recycled to:

**Citrus Heights City Hall Lobby**  
 7927 Auburn Blvd  
 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Collection available between December 1 and January 29

*\*String lights cannot be recycled in your recycle cart*



## Animal Services

### Holiday Hazards & Weather Warnings



Whether you are hosting holiday parties, traveling or spending a quiet holiday with family, the holiday season can be stressful for you and your pets. A quick list of things to remember this winter!

- **If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet!** Pets require extra food and water during cold spells to stay warm & hydrated. If your pet must stay outside please provide shelter from the wet and cold. A dog house raised off the ground with warm bedding or straw is usually sufficient. Position door openings away from the wind to prevent heat loss, and if the temperatures will dip below freezing it's best to bring your pet inside.
- **Candles, fireplaces & space heaters pose safety threats to pets.** Many pets enjoy a cozy space near the hearth, but sparks and cinders can burn paws and singe fur, Overheating is also a concern for younger and older pets. Do not leave pets unattended near flames or electrical cords.
- **Holiday Trees and Plants can be hazardous.** Certain plants like mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies are poisonous to pets. Christmas trees (fresh or artificial) can be a tipping hazard and should be secured to a ceiling or wall. The pine tree needles (or artificial replicas) can be a source of digestive disruption and a possible trip to the vet! Prevent your pet from drinking the tree water! Preservatives used to keep the tree fresh, flocking, insecticides and flame retardant can make pets sick.
- **Ornaments and Decorations can be dangerous!** Glass ornaments, the Elf on the Shelf, holiday lights, tinsel, candy canes, popcorn and package decorations can become choking hazards, obstructions in the digestive tract or cause electrocution or injury to the animal's mouth.
- **Festive Foods can foil the festivities!** Chocolate, certain fruits & nuts, fatty foods, bones (poultry, prime rib, etc.), uncooked dough, alcohol, and their packaging can irritate stomachs, tax nervous systems, cause vomiting, diarrhea and can even cause organ failure or death! Provide your pet with tasty, pet friendly alternatives such as healthy rawhides or catnip!
- **A puppy or kitten under the tree has a romantic, nostalgic feel...** holiday commercials are full of charming pets with big red bows under a tree, but pet ownership is a family decision and shouldn't be forced upon the family or the pet. Pets that are not wanted or welcome often unnecessarily end up in animal shelters. Gift the animal lovers with pet toys, books on animal care or donations in their name to local animal shelters or pet rescues!

<http://www.halopets.com/pet-education/pet-articles/holiday-safety-tips-for-pets.html>



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

