

# CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

# REACH OUT

Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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*A monthly publication to keep area residents informed of City projects and events*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 3	6:00 PM	R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 3	7:00 PM	History & Arts Commission Meeting
Saturday, April 8	7:00 PM	Hazardous Waste Drop Off (Sunrise Mall)
Wednesday, April 12	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 13	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 26	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 27	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting
Saturday, April 29	10:00 AM	CHPD Drug Take Back (CHPD Office)

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)

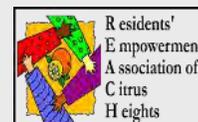
## City Hall Phone Directory

City Hall Offices	725-2448
Community Center	727-5400
Building Division	727-4760
Business Licenses	727-4907
Garbage/Recycling	725-9060
General Services	727-4770
Job Line	727-4900
TDD	725-6185
Animal Services	725-PETS
Animal Lost and Found	727-4850
Planning Division	727-4740
Pothole Reporting	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 Services	Dial 9-1-1

**R.E.A.C.H.** represents the interests of the community and its citizens and encourages participation in neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city. **R.E.A.C.H.** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the 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.





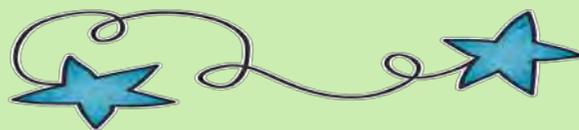
## From the Desk of the Chief...



At the Citrus Heights Police Department, we recognize that our greatest asset is the confidence our community members place in us. We value and appreciate that trust. The men and women of your police department could not be more proud to serve you, and are honored to protect this wonderful city *with* you. You are our partners, and maintaining that positive relationship takes unwavering commitment from both our community and police department.

Despite negative stories by the media, deliberately calculated to spark controversy and mistrust, our community has stood by us and we want to assure you that we will always stand by you. Support for today's policing is not an automatic or assumed value, but it is strong here in our city. Your police department will continue to be responsive in resolving emergencies safely, professional in addressing community issues, and empathetic to meeting your needs.

As Sir Robert Peel published in his Peelian principles of ethical policing in 1829, "*The police are the public and the public are the police...*" Even today, this philosophy could not be more appropriate for Citrus Heights. We encourage and invite you to engage with us on our mission, and commit with us to maintain the strong relationships that have been forged over the past decade. Standing shoulder to shoulder against crime and disorder, together we will continue to make our Citrus Heights community the premier place to live and work.



## *Dignity Health One Step Closer to Construction of Medical Office Building*

In accordance with the lease agreement, Dignity Health recently reimbursed the City for the demolition of the former city hall complex and made the initial lease payment for the property located at 6237 Fountain Square Drive. Dignity Health officials estimate construction of the medical office building will commence this spring.

The 68,000-square-foot medical office building will be located at the corner of Greenback Lane and Fountain Square Drive (see Photo I). The three-story facility will be operated by Dignity Health Medical Foundation and provide primary and specialty care services.



Development of the medical office building will diversify the Citrus Heights economy and add new long-term, high-paying jobs. In addition, the project will bring temporary construction-related jobs to the city. Furthermore, the public-private partnership will generate revenue through the ground lease to help offset the purchase of the new Citrus Heights City Hall.

The City Council approved the Medical Office Building and City Hall Project in Fall 2016. As part of the project, the City purchased a new 35,000 square-foot facility at 6360 Fountain Square Drive. The new one-story City Hall opened in August 2016, consolidating City staff into one energy-efficient building.

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





The City of Citrus Heights is hosting a Block Party to celebrate 20 years of Cityhood! This FREE event takes place on June 3, from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Van Maren Park and Stock Ranch Road. Bring your friends and family and enjoy multiple stages of entertainment featuring Pablo Cruise and the Boys of Summer (Eagles Tribute). Our fabulous Kids Zone will include crafts, face painting, inflatables, a rock wall, and more! This epic event will also include vendors and crafts, a classic car show, strolling entertainment, delicious foods, a beer garden, and that's just getting started! Proceeds from the beer garden will go directly to our local American Legion Post 637 and the car show fees will benefit our Citrus Heights Police Activities League.

Interested sponsors, vendors, or volunteers can complete the application located on our website at [www.CitrusHeightsBlockParty.net](http://www.CitrusHeightsBlockParty.net) or contact event coordinator Darlene Lyons by email at [info@EzEvents.net](mailto:info@EzEvents.net) or by phone at (916) 726-7404.

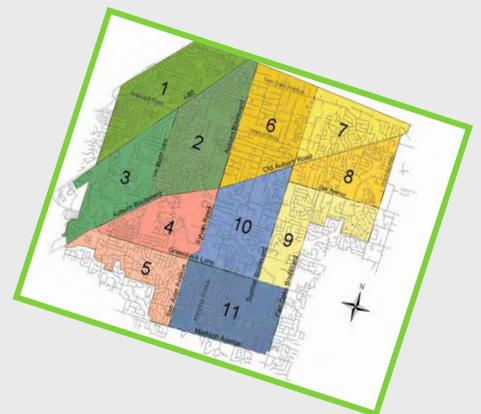
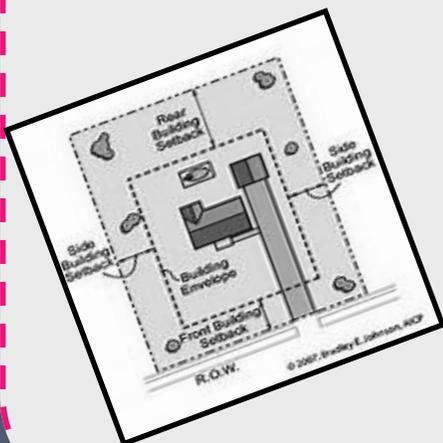


## Planning Division

The Planning Division coordinates the City's review of residential and commercial development projects. The Planning Division evaluates the project 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.
- 7882 Lichen Drive – Quick Quack Car Wash; an application has been received to construct a drive-thru car wash on a vacant parcel.
- 7845 Maple Ave – Parcel Map; an application has been received to divide a single parcel into three residential lots.
- 7534 Old Auburn Road – Bearpaw Village; review for the development of a 43-unit townhome project.
- 7056 Sunrise Blvd – 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.

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.



# Construction Projects



Project	Description	Status
<p><b>Baird Way Drainage Improvements</b></p>	<p>Installation of new drainage inlets and pipes to increase capacity and eliminate recurring nuisance ponding</p>	<p>Construction expected to commence in Spring 2017</p>
<p><b>Storm Drain System Yearly Cleaning</b></p>	<p>Cleaning of the storm drain system to prevent street flooding</p>	<p>The regular storm drain cleaning program for this year is complete, however the contractor remains available to assist clearing storm drains that get clogged during storm events.</p>
<p><b>2017 Accessibility and Drainage Improvements</b> <i>(various streets)</i></p>	<p>Constructing/reconstructing accessible curb ramps; reconstructing failed sections of existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk; reconstructing and relocating drainage inlets; removal and replacement of deteriorated storm drain pipe; restoring and/or relocating traffic striping, legends, and markers.</p>	<p>The project is currently out to bid and staff anticipates awarding the construction contract in April 2017. Construction should begin in early May and take about two (2) months to complete.</p>



## Citrus Heights Community Center



Community Center bookings are currently at 7,012; staff continue to book new events daily. Staff are working with the Volunteer Program to specifically staff the Senior Center Monday through Friday. These folks will be responsible for answering questions as well as maintaining the room and providing information to the general public regarding services available locally and regionally for seniors. Additionally, we are pushing forward with fully staffing the front counter at the Community Center with volunteers to answer questions, provide tours, and do basic office admin work. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Community Center staff.

**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).



# What Happens after You Flush?

Have you ever wondered what happens to the water you use after it goes down the drain? To find out, join us on a fascinating and educational tour of Sacramento's regional [wastewater](#) treatment plant. Regional San conducts FREE group tours on specific dates (mornings and afternoons) each year. You'll also learn how our new Plant upgrade – known as the [EchoWater Project](#) – will help us meet new, strict environmental regulations.

Reservations are required, as space is limited, with preference given to Regional San customers.

**\*\*\* Please note: Attendees must be 16 or older \*\*\***

Tours consist of indoor/outdoor walking and some stair climbing. Light refreshments are provided.

## 2017 Group Tour Dates

Thursday, April 6, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 6, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 3, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 5, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Note: Specialty, technical, or special request tours may be accommodated upon request throughout the year with appropriate advance notice. Please call (916) 876-6120 for assistance.*



**What Happens After You Flush?**

Join us for a FREE "behind the scenes" tour of the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Elk Grove. Learn how we manage natural resources, operational needs and environmental regulations to provide exceptional and reliable service to homes, schools and businesses.

Check our website for dates, times and to sign up:  
[regionalsan.com/tour-treatment-plant](http://regionalsan.com/tour-treatment-plant)  
 or call (916) 876-6120

Space is limited. Preference given to Regional San customers. Guests must be 16 years or older. Expect outdoor walking and some stairs during tour.

**REGIONALSAN**  
 TAKING THE WASTE OUT OF WATER

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# Animal Services



## Spay & Neuter Vouchers are Available Now!

Did you know Citrus Heights Animal Services (CHAS) was able to fix over 2200 cats during 2014-2015 with the help of a PetSmart Charities grant?

Thanks to a new grant for 2017, PetSmart Charities and CHAS are continuing to help cat owners spay and neuter their cats! Vouchers will be issued for any **owned, stray, or feral** cat in the City of Citrus Heights! \*\*

CHAS has partnered with Sacramento Area Animal Coalition and River City Cat Rescue to distribute vouchers. Request a spay or neuter voucher by email [info@rivercitycatrescue.org](mailto:info@rivercitycatrescue.org) or online at [www.sacanimal.org](http://www.sacanimal.org).

For feral cat community concerns, contact CHAS at (916) 725-7387.



## Big Day of Giving Donations Help Citrus Heights Dog Owners Spay and Neuter Pets!

Sacramento Area Animal Coalition was the recipient of a generous donation just for Citrus Heights dog owners who receive public assistance or have an annual income of \$35,000 or less. \*\*

Priority will be given to Pit bulls & PB mixes, Chihuahuas & Chi-mixes! Visit [www.sacanimal.org](http://www.sacanimal.org) for more info!

\*\*While funding is available



## APRIL ANIMAL DAYS

- April is National Pet Month
- National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week April 9-15
- Nat'l Dog Bite Prevention Week April 9-15
- Easter Bunny-Day—April 16
- Veterans Stand Down Tuesday, April 18
- Pet-A-Palooza Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd Saturday, April 22
- National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day April 30

## Celebrate your Local Animal Services Officers!

Citrus Heights Animal Services is lucky to have a dedicated team with ASOs Hernandez & Shareef! Trapped cats, ducks in drains, greedy goats, dodging dogs, missing mutts, and emergency call outs are just a day in the life for this Dynamic Duo! Smile and Wave 'Hello' to show your appreciation during the week of April 9 through 15!



## Like it? Love it? Lost it? License it!

Licenses show your love! During National Pet Month, show your pet some love by licensing! Licenses show your pet is current on its rabies vaccine, belongs to someone and that you love them like crazy!

Citrus Heights Animal Services has licensed over 100 dogs in 30 days! What a great way to start off with our new licensing partner, PetData!

Keep your license up to date at [www.PetData.com](http://www.PetData.com)! Don't forget to send your pet's current rabies and proof of spay/neuter paperwork!

And if you really miss the personal touch, visit City Hall at 6360 Fountain Square Drive.



**Citrus Heights Animal Services** is proud to be a participant in many Community events such as the upcoming Veterans Stand Down at Holy Family, Pet-a-Palooza at Rusch Park, and the **City's 20th Anniversary Celebration in June!** Look for CHAS' booth to find information on microchipping, licensing and vaccinating your pets! *Questions or Concerns? Call 916-725-PETS (7387)*



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



## 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!*

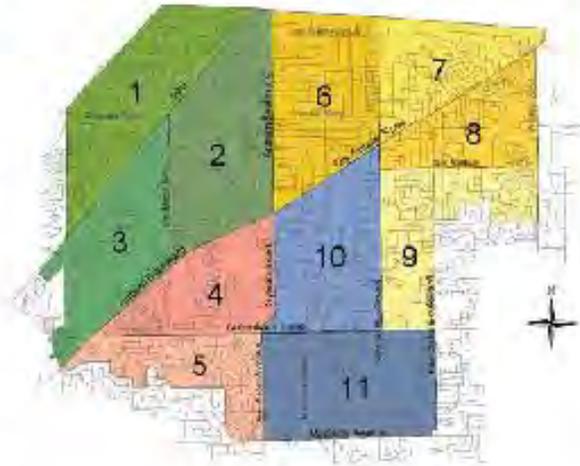
Whether you are new to Citrus Heights and still unpacking your moving boxes, or if you've lived here since cityhood was just a gleam in the eye of a few, we encourage you to check out your local Neighborhood Area (NA) group to see how those involved make such a difference in their respective communities. 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 (7521 Community)	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Area #11-Birdcage Heights	Skycrest Elementary School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

## Hidden Treasures

The fourth annual Hidden Treasures event took place at Sunrise Mall on March 4 -5 and 11-12. With over 1,100 guest in attendance, this year's Hidden Treasures was well attended.

Development Specialist Katherine Cooley was interviewed by Fox 40 News:

<http://fox40.com/2017/03/07/4th-annual-hidden-treasures-art-show/>

and Good Day Sacramento: <http://gooddaysacramento.cbslocal.com/video/category/spoken-word-good-day/3634714-citrus-heights-art-show/> where she highlighted the veterans' and student art receptions they had planned. The event featured local Citrus Heights' artists from a myriad of mediums such as painters, sculptors, photographers, writers, musicians, and more! All agreed it was a great opportunity to showcase the talented artists we have in our community! Events like this and more can be found on our website at:



## Ladies to the Rescue!

On March 8, KVIE premiered the History & Art Commission's *Ladies to the Rescue* documentary. Commissioner Larry Fritz has continued to work on this oral history project that captures the heroic tale of Citrus Heights' own Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies in White. If you would like to view the documentary you can follow the link provided by KVIE:

<http://vids.kvie.org/video/2365972510/>



## 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)



[WWW.CITRUSHEIGHTS.NET](http://WWW.CITRUSHEIGHTS.NET)



#### 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 2015

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

Last Revised: 5/16/15



SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Schedule of Events

Sylvan Oaks Library, 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights

Sunday & Monday: closed; Tuesday & 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

## April 2017

SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Closed	Closed	10 - 8	10 - 8	10 - 8	10 - 6	10 - 5
<p><b>Sylvan Oaks Library</b> 6700 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights</p>			<p><u>Tuesdays:</u> Job Coach 4 - 6 pm</p> <p><u>Wednesdays:</u> Tech Help 2 - 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursdays:</u> Job Coach 4 - 6 pm</p> <p><u>Saturdays:</u> Tech Help 2 - 3 pm</p>		<p>1 <b>Teen Volunteer Training : 11 am</b></p> <p><b>Friends of the Library BOOK SALE</b> 11 am - 3:30 pm</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			<p>Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am</p> <p>Science Club : Egg Science : 4 pm</p>	<p>Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am</p> <p>Anime Club : Origami/Kirigami : 4 pm</p>		<p>Book Club : 10 am : <i>Ghost Boy</i></p> <p>Second Saturday Art : Acrylic Painting : 2 pm <b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b></p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		<p>Wii Gaming for Kids : 3 - 5 pm</p>	<p>Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am</p> <p>Family Craft : Watercolor : 4 pm</p>	<p>Storytime Music &amp; Movement : 10:30 am</p> <p>Read to a Dog : 4 pm</p> <p>Film : <i>"Beyond a Miracle: Creating California's Empire of Agriculture"</i> : 6 pm</p>	<p>Coffee, Donuts, &amp; a Movie :  <i>"The Importance of Being Earnest"</i> 1:30 pm (1952, 96 min, MGM)</p>	<p>Sensory Storytime : 10:30 am</p> <p>Tea &amp; Coloring &amp; Crafts : 2 pm</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>Tues @ the Movies :  <i>"Deepwater Horizon"</i> 3 pm (2016, PG13, 97 min, Summit)</p>	<p>Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am</p> <p>Magician Perry Yan : 4 pm</p>	<p>Storytime Music &amp; Movement : 10:30 am</p>		<p>Autism-Friendly Family Move:  <i>"Moana"</i> 10 am (2016, PG, 113 min, Disney)</p> <p>Japanese Taiko Drumming : 2 pm</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<p>Teen Advisory Board : 4 pm</p>	<p>Mother Goose on the Loose : 10 am/11 am</p>	<p>Storytime Music &amp; Movement : 10:30 am</p>		<p>Learn How to Compost! : 10 - 11 am</p> <p>Author visit: <i>The Missing Kennedy</i> : 1 pm</p>
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Republic Services Invites you:

## Compost Workshop

Free for Citrus Heights Residents

### Compost Workshop

Learn how to turn waste into healthy nutrient-rich matter that can be added to your garden or yard.

Taught by a composting instructor, this informative class will show you how to build, maintain, harvest, and troubleshoot a compost pile.



Saturday  
April 8

9:30am

Vermiculture  
Composting

11:30am

Traditional  
Composting

6041 Sunrise Mall  
Farmers Market

RSVP to receive  
a free compost bin

Call: 916.475.4182



Republic Services Invites you:

# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

Free for Citrus Heights Residents

## What can you bring?

Household chemicals  
and cleaners

Fluorescent lamps/  
tubes

Automotive fluid

Vehicle batteries

Pesticides

Gasoline

Solvents

Paints

Acids



Saturday  
April 8  
8am-1pm

6041 Sunrise Mall  
Parking Lot behind Macy's  
Women's

Appointments are strongly  
encouraged, but not required.

Call: 916.638.9000 or 916.725.9060

## 2017 CHPD DRUG Take Back

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CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA – On Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Citrus Heights Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. (We apologize; we cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps. We will only be able to accept pills or patches at this event.)

Prior to attending this event citizens are asked to remove all prescription pills from their containers and place them in zip lock bags. It is acceptable to put multiple different prescriptions in the same bag. Patches may be removed from their boxes but must be left in the sealed factory envelope and placed in the zip lock bags with the pills. Dispose of all containers at home after removing or obscuring the labels. The zip lock bags can then be dropped in the specified containers at the Citrus Heights Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html) at [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).

Last October (2016), Americans turned in nearly 366 tons (731,269 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 7.1 million pounds—about 3,500 tons—of prescription drugs!

Get rid of old prescription drugs properly, safely and quickly at the CHPD Drug Take Back.

**Date:** April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** 6315 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

MR# 17-019

*Author: PIO Sgt. Jason Baldwin*  
CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Ron Lawrence, Chief of Police

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# **Spaghetti Feed & Wine Tasting**

**Veterans Community Center**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**5:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Only  
**\$ 15**

## **Armed Forces Day**

Live Music by Doug Ellington

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