

# CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

# REACH OUT

Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Monday, December 2 ..... 6:00 pm..... REACH Monthly Meeting
- Monday, December 2 ..... 7:00 pm..... History and Arts Commission Meeting
- Thursday, December 5 ..... 6:30 pm..... Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Wednesday, December 11 ..... 7:00 pm..... Planning Commission Meeting
- Thursday, December 12 ..... 7:00 pm..... City Council Meeting
- Tuesday, December 17 ..... 3:00 pm..... Citrus Heights Oversight Board Meeting
- Monday, December 23 ..... City Hall CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 24 ..... HOLIDAY – City Hall CLOSED Christmas Eve Day
- Wednesday, December 25 ..... HOLIDAY – City Hall CLOSED Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 26 ..... 7:00 pm..... City Council Meeting (Cancelled)
- Monday, December 30 ..... City Hall CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 31 ..... City Hall CLOSED New Year's Eve
- Wednesday, January 1 ..... City Hall CLOSED New Year's Day

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 from Cell Phone	726-3015
Animal Control	725-PETS	Emergency Services	dial 9-1-1
Planning Division	727-4740		
Pothole Reporting	727-4770		

**R.E.A.C.H** represents the interests of the community and its citizens and encourages participation in neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our city. **R.E.A.C.H** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Trellis Hall (6237 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

As the year 2013 draws to a close, it is always advantageous to look back 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 this past year.



Some highlights of 2013 include: the installation of license plate readers on our patrol cars to aid in the recovery of stolen vehicles; the department being gifted an armored vehicle from the U.S. military which will prove beneficial in crisis situations (in fact, within one month of the MRAP (mine resistant, ambush protected) 'tank' arriving in Citrus Heights, it was used to assist Roseville PD during a critical incident.

As well this year, the department acquired nine new BMW motorcycles (to replace the more cumbersome Harley Davidsons), conducted many successful DUI checkpoints (continuing our effort to reduce DUI related incidents in our city), was successful in passing an ordinance regarding the indoor/outdoor cultivation of medical marijuana, closed three illegal internet gambling cafes, and reduced crime overall by 10%. We purchased and trained a new police dog, and added two detectives and an officer to address AB 109: the early release of prisoners into our communities.

To further combat the ill effects of AB 109, and in addition to our continued participation in regional drug and gang task forces, we are in the process of implementing another task force. This regional collaboration will consist of three 'mini task forces' operating within the county to better monitor early-release offenders. Each mini task force will consist of three entities; Citrus Heights PD is partnering with Sac County Probation and Folsom PD to oversee our area.

As always, our work with the youth in our community through the Citrus Heights Police Activities League (CHPAL) is a top priority. In an industrious effort to raise much-needed funds for the program, we have recently undertaken a significant project: organizing the raffling off of up to three of our original Harley Davidson motorcycles. Raffle tickets are on sale now and the winner(s) will be announced live at our first-ever CHPAL Banquet on May 16, 2014. The evening is sure to be a memorable one; tickets for the banquet are also available now (but going quickly!); for more information on both the raffle and banquet, visit [www.citrusheightspalraffle.com](http://www.citrusheightspalraffle.com).

A couple of areas we intend to focus on in the coming year, among others, include a concerted effort to reduce/eliminate blighted properties in our city as well as a directed, strategic plan to address panhandling and our homeless population.

The accomplishments in 2013 were many, but once again our most significant is the on-going safety and well-being of our employees, citizens, and all those coming in and out of our city every day. 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 New Year.



# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

## *Celebrate Christmas with the City of Citrus Heights*

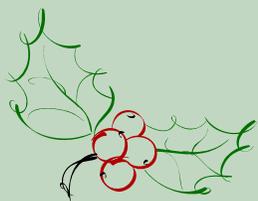
The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 5, 2013. This marks the 17<sup>th</sup> year of this Citrus Heights tradition, and promises to be a celebration to remember. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is a FREE event for all to enjoy! The Tree Lighting will take place in the City Hall Parking Lot with music performed by the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band, special holiday messages from the Mayor, Council members and Police Chief.

Following the Tree Lighting Ceremony the festive celebration will continue in the beautiful Citrus Heights Community Center across the street from City Hall. There will be FREE hot cocoa, cookies and cookie decorating. Most importantly, bring your camera! Santa will be on hand to take pictures and listen to all of those Christmas wish lists.

Donation bins will be on hand for new unwrapped toys.

Spend the holidays with the City of Citrus Heights on December 5, 2013 beginning at 6:30pm in the City Hall Parking Lot located at 7117 Greenback Lane.

For more information visit [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net) under What's New/Upcoming Events or call 916-727-5400.



# Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference.

## 5th Annual Holiday Referral Program



**NOVEMBER 4TH - DECEMBER 15TH, 2013**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

The City of Citrus Heights Fifth Annual Holiday Referral Program is officially under way. The Citrus Heights Police Department and the 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, adopting a family, volunteering, or all of the above.

We will begin accepting donations from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. Donations can be dropped off at the Citrus Heights Police Department located at 6315 Fountain Square Drive between the hours of 8:00A.M. - 5:00P.M., Monday through Friday, or Saturdays between 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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 ~

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## Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Directors

Citrus Heights encourages residents to become involved in their local community. You can make a difference by serving in an advisory capacity on one of the City's commissions or boards. The City is accepting applications to fill a position on the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Directors.

The mission of the District is "To provide safe, effective and economical mosquito and vector control for Sacramento and Yolo counties". The goal of the District is to protect health and welfare from diseases transmitted by mosquitoes such as West Nile virus, Western Equine Encephalitis, canine heartworm, malaria and others. The District 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 or by the County Board of Supervisors. Board meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Elk Grove.

Download an application at [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net) or obtain one from the City of Citrus Heights, 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA. 95621. For more information please contact the City Clerk's Office at (916) 725-2448 or [cityclerk@citrusheights.net](mailto:cityclerk@citrusheights.net).

**DEADLINE: Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.**



# Citrus Heights Police Activities League (CHPAL) Banquet



On May 16, 2014, the Citrus Heights Police Activities League (CHPAL) will host its first annual banquet to raise funds for the charitable program now serving over 500 local children, encouraging positive interaction between police personnel and the youth in our community. For more information about the CHPAL program, visit [www.citrusheightspal.com](http://www.citrusheightspal.com).

The event will take place from 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Center and tickets are \$50 each (or \$500 for a table of ten). The fun-packed evening will feature door prizes, live and silent auctions, dinner, no-host bar, and entertainment.

Much is being planned for this very special event but the finale promises to be nothing short of spectacular: *the raffling off of three of Citrus Heights Police Department's original Harley Davidson Road King Motorcycles!* Purchase your tickets before they sell out! Banquet tickets can be purchased by cash, check, or credit card in person at the Citrus Heights Police Department (6315 Fountain Square Drive). Tickets can also be purchased by phone with a credit card by calling (916) 727-4820.

Enter for your chance to win one of three original Citrus Heights Police Department Harleys beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, for \$50 each! Buy your tickets early and in addition to the grand prize drawing you will automatically be entered for a chance to win three early bird prizes: I-PAD Mini, flat screen TV, and a \$500 Citrus Heights shopping spree!

For more information about the CHPAL Raffle and Banquet, visit [www.citrusheightspalraffle.com](http://www.citrusheightspalraffle.com) or email [info@citrusheightspal.com](mailto:info@citrusheightspal.com).



## Building and Safety Division

**NEW CODE CHANGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014**

Every three years the California Building Standards Commission publishes the California Building Standards Codes. These building regulations have the same force as law and take effect 180 days after publication, or January 1, 2014.

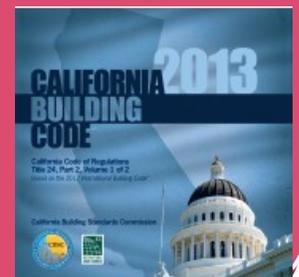
The new codes consist of the 2013 editions of the California; Administrative, Fire, Building, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy and Green Building codes.

To point out some of the most significant changes;

Chapter 11B of the California Building Code has extensive changes to maintain consistency with the new Federal 2010 ADA Standards which became effective on March 15, 2012. The California Standards will have the format and organization of the 2010 ADA Standards but with the addition of the California amendments to maintain the enhanced levels of accessibility provided by the existing California accessibility regulations. The Division of the State Architect's (DSA) office has recently posted the Final Approved express Terms version of the California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 11B accessibility standards at the following link: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/programs/progAccess/access2013.aspx>.

2013 California Green Building Standards Code has significant changes and new regulations, you can view a summary of the changes to the Residential and Nonresidential Mandatory Measures at the following link: <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Home/CALGreen.aspx>.

For additional information, please visit our Building Division, located in City Hall, 6237 Fountain Square Drive. We have multiple informational handouts regarding the new code changes.



# Great Tips from a Great City ~ Monthly Crime Prevention

With the holiday season right around the corner, we start looking forward to spending time with our families or taking vacations. Criminals look forward to the added opportunities they will find to commit crime. It's easy to let crime prevention fall by the wayside while preparing for the holidays, but it is important to know that crimes generally increase during this time of year. Please take some extra crime prevention measures to lower your risk of becoming a victim this holiday season. Below are some tips for vehicle, residential, and personal safety.

## Vehicle Safety

- ◆ Always lock and secure all windows and doors when leaving your vehicle
- ◆ Do not leave items of value or personal identification documents in your vehicle (ie. GPS, laptops, cameras, cell phones, tools, purses, briefcases, cd's, title to vehicle, bank statements, social security cards, pay stubs, etc.)
- ◆ Do not store newly purchased items in your vehicle while you are still out shopping
- ◆ Park in well-lit areas during night
- ◆ Use anti-theft devices
- ◆ Always remove your garage door opener after arriving to your home
- ◆ NEVER leave your keys in your car or car running even if you are just warming your vehicle up in the driveway

## Residential Safety

- ◆ When going on vacation, always let a trusted neighbor or your neighborhood watch know when you are leaving and are expected to return
- ◆ Ask neighbors to park in your driveway, collect your mail, and newspaper while you're away for several days to make it look like someone is home
- ◆ Keep written records of all serial numbers on valuable property
- ◆ Use outside lighting and if possible, install motion light sensors
- ◆ Photograph all unserialized property
- ◆ Install dead bolt locks on all exterior doors
- ◆ Equip sliding glass doors with secondary locks
- ◆ Install locks on all windows
- ◆ Invest in a home security system
- ◆ Trim all shrubbery to keep a clear field of vision on the exterior of your home
- ◆ Participate in emailing photos of your serialized items to [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net)



## Personal Safety

- ◆ When walking by yourself, always be alert to your surroundings especially if it is dark
- ◆ Do not give out personal information via mail, phone or internet unless you have initiated the contact or are familiar with whom you are speaking with
- ◆ If you carry a purse, hold it securely between your arm and your body
- ◆ Avoid isolated bus stops
- ◆ Have your car keys already in your hands when walking to your vehicle
- ◆ If you think someone is following you, go to a public place
- ◆ In the case of a robbery, hand over the property the criminal is asking for-your valuables are not worth your life!

## Prevent Holiday Package Theft

- ◆ Request delivery of package(s) via signature so as to ensure the package will not be left on the porch.
- ◆ Track your package online so you have a better idea of when it is scheduled to arrive.
- ◆ If a package was left on your door step, and if possible, have a neighbor, friend, or family member go to your home and pick up the package.
- ◆ If you know you will not be home in advance then have the package delivered to your work (if possible) or to a neighbor, friend, or family member who will be home.
- ◆ If you have a P.O. Box at a local mailbox services store, UPS Store, etc., then have your package delivered directly to the store.
- ◆ Effective lighting is always a goods deterrent. Install a light/motion light on your porch/doorstep in the event your package is delivered in the late afternoon to evening hours.
- ◆ If you have a home security video surveillance systems make sure it is operational and recording activity.



# Tips for Driving in the Rain



The rainy season is right around the corner. The **Citrus Heights Police Department** wants motorist to be prepared to drive during wet conditions. Please read the following driving tips regarding driving in wet weather.

1. **Exercise extreme caution after a long dry spell.** During a dry period, engine oil and grease build up on the road over time. When mixed with water from a new rainfall, the road becomes extremely slick. Continued rainfall will eventually wash away the oil, but the first few hours can be the most dangerous.

2. **Allow for more travel time.** You should plan to drive at a slower pace than normal when the roads are wet. Keep in mind that traffic is likely to be moving slower as well. There's also the possibility that your preplanned route may be flooded or jammed. Whatever the case, rushing equals higher risk.



3. **Drive slowly and carefully, especially on turns.** Steer and brake with a light touch. When you need to stop or slow, do not brake hard or lock the wheels and risk a skid. If you do find yourself in a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas, and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go.

4. **Avoid hydroplaning** by keeping your tires inflated correctly. Maintain good tire tread. Don't put off replacing worn tires. Slow down when roads are wet, and stay away from puddles. If you find yourself hydroplaning, do not brake hard or turn suddenly. This could throw your car into a skid. Ease your foot off the gas until the car slows. If you need to brake, do it gently.



5. **Turn on your headlights**, even when there's a light sprinkle. It helps you see the road, and more importantly, it helps other motorists see you. However, don't blast your high beams in the rain or fog — it'll obscure your view further, as the light will reflect back at you off the water droplets in the air.

6. **Watch out for pedestrians.** An ordinarily observant pedestrian may become distracted by fiddling with an umbrella or a rain slicker.

Now that you know how to drive in the rain, take some precautionary measures to ensure that your vehicle is prepared to get you through a downpour.



1. **Stay on top of your car's condition.** Its brakes, tire pressures, tire tread depth and defroster operation should be checked regularly so that you'll be ready to deal with heavy rain when the time comes.

2. **Make sure that your wipers are in good condition and functioning properly.** If the blades are brittle or damaged, replace them before you're caught in a downpour. Some wipers are definitely better than others, so ask your retailer for recommendations.

# Please Travel Safely



# Citrus Heights Community Center

As of November 13, 2013, the center is at 3,322 events booked. We are currently in the process of replanting our two patios as well as some interior cleanup. January of 2014 will represent four years of operation.

The Community Center is seeking qualified volunteers to work at the front counter; answering phones; data entry; providing tours to potential clients; light cleaning; and/or event set-up. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please call (916) 727-5400 or send an email to [msaario@citrusheights.net](mailto:msaario@citrusheights.net). The Community Center's volunteers work in the facility during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Staff released an RFP to develop a new expanded preferred caterers list. Staff anticipates having an updated, approved list of vendors by January 2014. Staff will present the new list to City Council in December.

There are several options of available spaces at affordable prices for your next gathering – whatever it may be. Come see us today. 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. November marked the first year of operation. During a study session at the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Council meeting, staff will present a review of the facility, its overall uses, as well as general expenses and revenues for the first year.

The Sylvan Community Center facility 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).



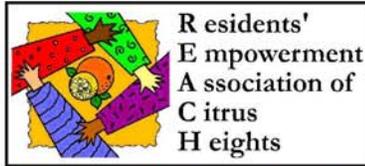
# Road Construction Projects



Project	Status
SRCC Creek Cleaning	SRCC crews cleared beaver dams, tree limbs, litter and weeds on Cripple Creek near Auburn Blvd and Sunrise at Oak. Total length of creek cleared during this period was 29,700ft.
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Improvements - Phase 3 (Antelope Road to north City Limits - west side only)	In early November, the right-of-way acquisition team mailed notices to the owners of eleven (11) parcels to schedule field inspections for the appraisal process. The appraisal process should wrap up in January 2014 and formal offers for right-of-way and easements made shortly after that. The design team has updated the base project plan incorporating a number of revisions resulting from input received at several stakeholder meetings in late spring and summer. The updated design will be circulated for review in November.
Area 5 Traffic Safety, Accessibility and Walkability Phase 1A Project	C&C Construction began work on July 15th and completed their work as of November 1st. C&C is waiting for delivery of a replacement traffic signal part so they can finish their punch list corrections. Staff expects to seek Final Acceptance from the City Council in December.
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersection Safety Improvement Project	The design team is currently waiting for Caltrans to complete its review and approval of the various State and Federal environmental documents. The consultant delivered 95% plans to the City in early November and Staff is currently reviewing this set. Staff plans to submit a Request for Authorization (RFA) to construct to Caltrans in late December 2013. Caltrans authorization to construct is anticipated by February 2014, after which staff will advertise for bids (March 2014).
Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant (Northwest Neighborhood Connection (I80 Overcrossing))	Project is funded. Staff will advertise project in Fall 2014.
2013 Residential Street Resurfacing Program	As of November 14th, Central Valley Engineering & Asphalt has completed all of the planned concrete repairs and resurfacing on the 12 streets included in this year's project. The final striping and project clean up should be complete before Thanksgiving. Staff expects to seek Final Acceptance from the City Council in January.
Linden Avenue Drainage Improvements Project—Area 6 & 7 Master Plan Implementation	The Auburn Blvd trench has a final paved surface, and work on the median islands is getting completed. The storm drain along Linden Ave is more than 50% complete. If the weather cooperates, construction will be completed by the end of November.
Glenn Ave and Patton Ave Drainage Improvements Project—Area 6 & 7 Master Plan Implementation	The contract work is complete on Glenn, Patton and Loleta. Two additions to the project on Patton and Loleta still need to be completed.
2013 Arterial Street Resurfacing Program	Teichert Construction has completed approximately 98% of the contract work on Birdcage Street and Greenback Lane. Final cleanup of a number of minor punch list items should be finished in mid-November. Staff expects to seek Final Acceptance from the City Council in January.
Watson Way Drainage Improvements Project	This project is complete. It will go to City Council for acceptance in January.
Safe Routes To School: Antelope Road Sidewalk Infill Project	The Project will construct infill sidewalk at several locations along the north side of Antelope Road resulting in a continuous sidewalk between I-80 and Auburn Boulevard. Bennett Engineering Services has completed the field survey and is currently working on 30% design and the required environmental documents for submittal to Caltrans in early spring 2014.
Stock Ranch Nature Preserve	Tree planting took place on November 23rd. The remaining signage as well as the bridge view through work will be completed the week of November 25th. The project should be completed by December 1st.



# 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.

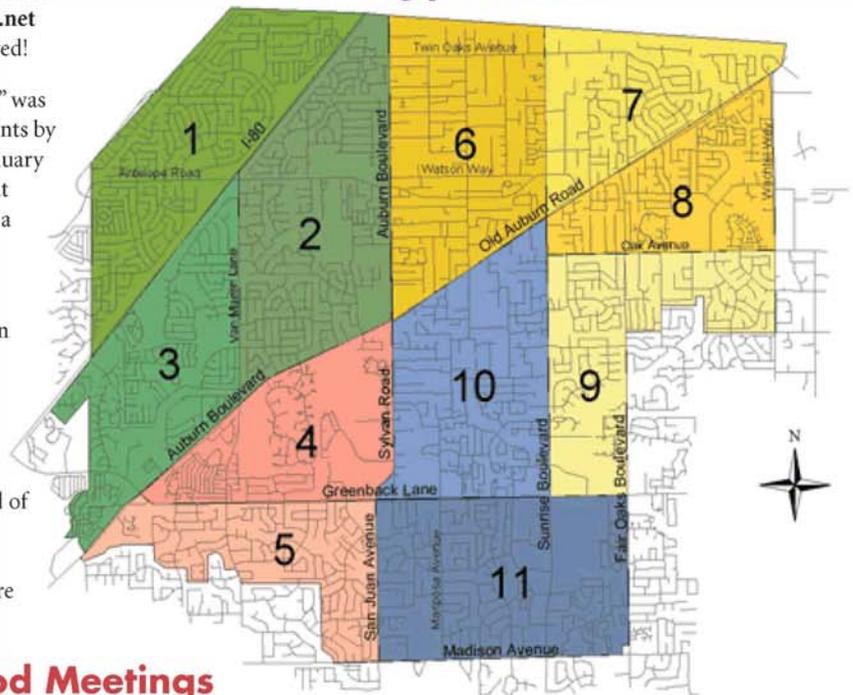
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net) 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 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #2 - Rusch Park	Ascension Lutheran Church (7607 Garden Gate)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Trellis Hall (6237 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	Big Oak Mobile Home Park (8300 Old Auburn Rd.)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Sun Oak Baptist 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



# Citrus Heights Police Department MyProperty@CitrusHeights.net Free Program

What top 5 or 10 items would someone want to steal from your home.  
Jewelry? Laptop? Gaming system? Tablet? Tools? Electronics?

Here are 3 easy steps you can follow to take a proactive step toward helping get your lost or stolen property back after becoming a victim of burglary:



- Take a photo of the item and a photo of the serial number on the item.



- Open a new email, address to MyProperty@CitrusHeights.net, place your name and driver license or identification number in the subject line. Attach the photos of your property.

Send

To... myproperty@citrusheights.net

CC...

Bcc...

Subject: Smith Z123456

Attached: Serial-number.jpg (226 KB); HP Laptop.jpg (14 KB)

- Hit Send!



The Citrus Heights Police Department is offering to store your serial numbers for you for free. Serial numbers are important to provide the police department when your items become lost or stolen so they can be entered into a system. Whenever the serial numbers are run in this system, they will come back as lost or stolen and your chances of recovering your lost or stolen items will be much greater. The police can also arrest the person in possession of your stolen property when the system message comes back as listing that serialized item as stolen. If you do become a victim of burglary and you have participated in this program, make sure to tell the officer that you participated and emailed your serialized property to [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net).

**Please report all suspicious people and vehicles to the Citrus Heights Police Department.**

**If need to report a crime, please contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at 916-727-5500.**

**If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or dial our 7 digit emergency only line 916-726-3015.**



# Are you Storm Ready?

[www.chstormwater.org](http://www.chstormwater.org)

General Services  
(916) 727-4770  
24 HOURS

## City Drainage Maintenance and Operations



The General Services Department is in charge of the maintenance and operations of the drainage system in the City. The department contracts with Coastline Water Resources for maintenance and operations of the system, and with the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps for the vegetation management along creeks, ditches and channels.

## Sacramento Area Recent Flooding History

Sacramento's risk of flooding is the greatest of any major metropolitan area in the country. Historically, the Sacramento region has experienced flooding due to heavy rains and from the many rivers and creeks. The three rivers that run through our area are the Cosumnes, Sacramento, and American Rivers. In 1995, heavy rains hit the Sacramento region causing widespread localized flooding, in particular in the Arcade (w/Cripple Creek tributary), Florin, Union House, and Dry Creeks. Two years later, a series of tropical storms hit northern California, causing the Cosumnes River to break through its levees in 24 places. Heavy rains in early 2006 caused many local drainage concerns and filled the Sacramento River. In December 2012, three storms in less than one week dropped approximately 4.74 inches of rain on the Sacramento region.

## City of Citrus Heights Floodplain Maps

Based on a geographical information system (GIS) analysis, over 850 parcels with habitable structures in Citrus Heights are within a flood hazard zone. In 2012, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopted new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to better reflect the flood hazard based on GIS data. Visit [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) to view the FIRM for your property address. Lenders may require all property owners with parcels touching the flood hazard zone to carry flood insurance.

Through a GIS analysis, the City determined that in 80 percent of the parcels within a flood hazard zone area, the habitable structure is actually located outside of the flood hazard zone. In order to reduce the insurance premium amount for property owners, the City is in the process of completing the FEMA Letter of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and Elevation Certificates for habitable structures within the Base Flood Elevation Project. The project could potentially save Citrus Heights property owners \$1 million per year (based on an average savings of \$1600/year). Upon completion in late 2013, the final determinations will be mailed to property owners and tenants. In addition, they will be made available on [www.chstormwater.org](http://www.chstormwater.org) for the public to view and print.

## Are You in a Flood Zone?

To determine if you live in a flood zone:

- Call the City of Citrus Heights General Services Department at (916)727-4770. Be sure to provide your parcel number, address, and contact information.
- Come to our public counter, located at 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., to meet with engineering staff and review the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and other local flood hazard information.

## Flood Insurance

Did you know it could take 30-days before flood insurance takes effect? Flooding is not covered by standard property/homeowner's insurance.

If your property is located within a flood hazard area, we encourage you to buy flood insurance to protect yourself from flood losses. Contact your insurance agent for flood insurance information. Property owners can insure buildings and contents, and renters can insure their possessions. An elevation certificate (showing how high your floor is above the flood hazard) may be required when you purchase flood insurance and may help reduce its costs.

Remember, you do not have to live in a floodplain to qualify for flood insurance. According to FEMA, 30 percent of flood claims are not located within a flood hazard zone.

## Protecting Your Property

If you have experienced flooding problems, you may want to keep flood-fighting materials on hand, such as sandbags and plastic sheeting to protect your property and belongings. Often there are proactive steps taken before a flood that can help protect your property including knowing how to divert floodwater around your structures, and, in some cases, elevating your house above the flood hazard. Measures to protect a property from flood damage also include retrofitting, grading a yard, correcting local drainage problems, and such emergency measures as moving furniture and sandbagging.

Call or visit our office to set up an individual consultation for permanent property protection measures. We will schedule an engineering staff member to visit your property to assist with developing ideas on how to help protect your property from drainage problems and to offer advice on mitigation measures to protect your home or structure.

## Preparing Ahead of Time

- Take steps now to help your family prepare for an emergency by:
- Knowing the safest route from your home or business to high, safe ground.
  - Putting insurance policies and lists of personal property in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box.
  - Preparing a family disaster supply kit complete with a flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, first aid kit and manual, emergency food and water, non-electric can opener, essential medications, cash and credit cards, sturdy shoes, warm clothing and blankets. Be sure to check expiration dates on all emergency supplies.
  - Rake leaves in the front yard, street, and around drain inlets and

## SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION

The City provides sandbags as a convenience to its residents. If you frequently flood, you may want to stockpile a few bags in your backyard.

**6315 Fountain Square Dr.**  
(North of Police Service Center)

Open during regular business hours upon request.

The following sites are only opened during a major storm event.

**Westwood Park**  
810 Butternut Drive

**McDonald Field Park**  
NW corner of Antelope Rd & Old Auburn Rd

**C-Bar-C Park**  
8275 Oak Avenue



culverts. This will prevent blocked drain inlets and clogged drainage pipes that result in localized flooding.

### What to Do During a Storm

Because flood water can rise quickly, be prepared to evacuate before the water level reaches your property. During a storm:

- Move to higher ground if you can do so safely—DO NOT attempt to walk, drive or swim through moving water or flooded areas.
- Stay out of disaster areas unless authorities give you permission to enter.
- Do not remove manhole covers or drain inlets.
- Before evacuating, if you can safely do so, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve.
- If you are caught at home by rising water, move to the second floor or to the roof. Take your disaster supply kit with you.
- If you must travel, watch for floodwater, fallen debris, and power lines. Tune in to select radio stations to obtain storm preparedness tips! The Stormwater Utility will air public service announcements this winter season, alerting residents of winter storms and how to be prepared. Tune your radio to KFBK 1530, KSTE 650, Y92.5, and VI01.1. During a serious countywide flood emergency, there will be alerts on local radio and television stations.

### Drainage System Maintenance

The Stormwater Utility fee provides funds for systematic maintenance of the City's storm drain system and allows for repair and construction projects that directly target local flooding problems. Typical sources of drainage problems are frequently caused by debris blocking water flow. Keeping gutters and drain inlets clear of leaves and debris is one of the easiest things homeowners can do to help prevent localized flooding.

*Do you care about reducing pollution in the Sacramento and American Rivers and local creeks?*

*Remember— Water flows into our storm drains and out to our local creeks and rivers untreated. So only clean water should enter our storm drains.*

Do not dump or throw anything into drainage ditches, streams or storm drains. Dumping into our drainage system is a municipal code violation. Debris can accumulate and restrict the flow of stormwater which increases the potential for localized flooding. To report flood problems or illegal dumping into the drainage system, please call (916) 727-4770 (24 HRS/day).

### Stormwater Quality Partnership Program

The City of Citrus Heights actively participates with Sacramento County and other cities within the county to protect our waterways. The Stormwater Quality Partnership Program (SSQP) was implemented to protect our waterways by reducing pollution to our creeks and streams. Toxic substances (such as paint, car fluids, pesticides, and fertilizers) can flow into nearby storm drains and into local creeks and rivers untreated—affecting the health of aquatic life. Pollutants that flow into storm drains get discharged to the closest waterways.

Floodplains can provide valued wildlife habitat, opportunities for farming, and are a natural component of the Sacramento area. Understanding and protecting the natural functions of

floodplains helps reduce flood damage and protects our resources. Poorly planned development in floodplains have led to stream bank erosion, loss of valuable property, increased risk of flooding to downstream properties, and degradation of water quality.

We don't always see the major effects of stormwater pollution because it's often invisible and a cumulative problem. Every pollutant, no matter how small, combines with others to harm aquatic life and affects overall water quality. Many everyday activities contribute to stormwater pollution. Much of the water we and other Californians drink comes from the American and Sacramento Rivers. Contamination can increase human health risk and can endanger the food chain.

### Water Quality Benefits

- Clean water in our rivers for drinking, wildlife, and recreation.
- Storm drainage facilities that are free of sediment and trash require less maintenance.
- Stream corridors are ribbons of green that provide a healthy habitat for wildlife and an attractive space in a neighborhood.

**In Your Lawn and Garden** – Improperly applied fertilizers and pesticides can wash off lawns and gardens and pollute creeks and rivers. Here's what you can do:

- Plant pest-resistant and well-adapted plant varieties, such as native plants.
- Know your pest problem – you can control pests with non-toxic alternatives.
- Cover dirt and mulch piles used during projects to prevent pollutants from blowing into the gutters.

**Around Your Home** – Home improvements and repairs can generate leftover chemicals and products. If these are disposed of improperly, they can harm the environment. Here's what you can do:

- Rinse latex paintbrushes in the sink, not in the gutter. If using oil-based paint, avoid using paint thinner for cleaning and use disposable brushes instead of reusable brushes that have to be rinsed off.
- Clean up outdoor spills with a broom, not a hose.
- Buy "non-toxic" cleaning products whenever possible.

**Caring for Your Car** – Washing your car in the driveway or allowing it to leak fluid sends harmful chemicals into the storm drain. Here's what you can do:

- Regularly check your vehicles for leaks and repair them.
- Take motor oil, antifreeze and other fluids to an automotive center or gas station with a recycling program or participate in a curbside motor oil pickup program.

**Picking Up After Your Pets** – Pet waste contains bacteria that can harm the environment and human health. Pet waste left on lawns, trails, and sidewalks washes into the storm drain system. This waste is untreated and flows directly into our local creeks and rivers. Here's what you can do:

- Dispose of pet waste in the trash, not in green waste or recycling containers
- Flush pet waste down the toilet.
- When walking your dog, carry a plastic bag and properly dispose of your pet waste.

For more information about the Citrus Heights Stormwater Program, visit [www.chstormwater.org](http://www.chstormwater.org).





# CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

## *First Annual Raffle and Banquet*



Enter to **WIN** an *original* CHPD Harley Road King **MOTORCYCLE!**

Silent Auction • Live Auction • Door Prizes • Dinner • No Host Bar • Entertainment

*Banquet: Friday, May 16, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.*

### Raffle Tickets

- ◆ Tickets are \$50 each
- ◆ Enter raffle as many times as you wish
- ◆ Raffle tickets are *not* tax-deductible

### Banquet Tickets

- ◆ Tickets drawn **LIVE** at the banquet!
- ◆ Tickets are \$50 each
- ◆ Table of 10 = \$500
- ◆ Banquet tickets are tax deductible;  
Tax ID # 80-0470129

### Purchase Tickets

- ◆ Call the hotline at (916) 727-4820
- ◆ In person at the Citrus Heights Police Department, 6315 Fountain Square Drive
- ◆ Send in via fax or email; visit [www.citrusheightspalraffle.com](http://www.citrusheightspalraffle.com) to download application and instructions

All proceeds benefit the  
Citrus Heights Police Activities League



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