

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

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Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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*A Monthly
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Keep Area
Residents
Informed of City
Projects and
Events*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 1	1:00 pm	Arcade Creek Park Preserve
.....		Grand Opening Ceremony
Monday, November 3	6:00 pm	REACH Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 3	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission
Wednesday, November 12	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, November 13	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Thursday, November 27	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting - CANCELLED
Thursday, November 27	HOLIDAY	Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed
Friday, November 28	HOLIDAY	Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed
Monday, December 1	6:00 pm	REACH Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 1	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission
Thursday, December 4	6:30 pm	18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

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

City Hall Phone Directory

City Hall Offices	725-2448
Community Center	727-5400
Building Division	727-4760
Business Licenses	727-4907
Garbage/Recycling	725-9060
General Services	727-4770
Job Line	727-4900
TDD	725-6185
Animal 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 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Drive). Visit 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



This time of year we all start gearing up for the holidays; the pace quickens and the 'to-do' list lengthens - our already busy lives get even busier. It is easy, during these next hectic couple of months, to become distracted - thus vulnerable - to would-be thieves. Amidst all the hustle and bustle, it is important to remain careful and vigilant around the issue of safety – both personally, and with regard to our property and homes.

Your police department's priority is, and always has been, safeguarding the exceptional quality of life we are fortunate to enjoy in our city. That is why, in light of heightened activity in our community during the holiday season, enforcement efforts become more strategically focused. While the protection and safety of our residents, business owners, and those coming in and out of our city is always our main focus, that priority is magnified at the holidays due to the intensity of the season. Additional resources are allocated, and security in and around more heavily trafficked areas (especially the malls) is increased.

As well, we greatly value and rely upon the collaborative relationship we share with our citizens. Knowing we cannot be everywhere, all the time, you are our eyes and ears – and, working together, we have accomplished a great deal. I can proudly say that our success is due in large part to the active partnership we share with an engaged, involved community. Knowing we have the full support of our City Manager and Council also affords us optimum opportunity to do what we do best: protect and serve. Know we will be out alongside you as you go about your holiday errands and, as always (to coin Homeland Security's campaign slogan): "If you see something, say something." Please never hesitate to call the Citrus Heights Police Department if you feel something is amiss - chances are, your intuition is probably correct and we count on it.

Just a Good Reminder.....

Citrus Heights has had a spike in residential burglaries (21 residential burglaries to be exact) throughout one of our beats that encompasses Neighborhood Areas 1,2,3, and 6. Unfortunately, the majority of the method of entry into the victim homes was through an unlocked door. Attached is a flyer to share with your groups to increase awareness about securing your homes. Please remind your friends and neighbors to lock up their houses before leaving for work, errands or vacation. Most residential burglaries happen during the week during normal business hours. Let's make it difficult, inconvenient, and not worth the risk for the burglars out there to get into your homes!

Stay safe and lock up!



Community Events

Arcade Creek Park Preserve Grand Opening



The Sunrise Recreation and Park District held a Grand Opening for the Arcade Creek Park Preserve on Saturday, November 1. The site is located on the west side of Sunrise Boulevard, between Sun Hill Drive and Tall River Drive and extends to Sayonara Drive. The neighborhood park/conservation area is a 10 acre Nature Oasis within the City of Citrus Heights featuring looping walking trails, nature themed play pockets, picnic grounds, creek bank restorations to portions of arcade creek, nature interpretation stations, gym quality outdoor fitness equipment, and the areas first public zip line. The park site connects neighborhoods by providing continuous bicycle and pedestrian linkages between Sayonara Drive, Sunrise Boulevard and Bonham Circle, enhancing the City's transportation network.



18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

We are gearing up for our 18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4, 2014. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the ceremony in the City Hall parking lot. Following the ceremony, we will move the festivities to the Community Center with hot cocoa, cookies, and pictures with Santa, train rides, music and planned activities for kids such as cookie decorating. Various entertainment performances including an Irish dance performance by O'Sullivan Academy of Irish Dance.



The City of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights Police Department in partnership with Citrus Heights Service Clubs, Businesses, Community Members, and Schools proudly present the



6th Annual Holiday Referral Program



This program is designed to help families residing in the City of Citrus Heights & have experienced a hardship over the last year.

We are looking for participants to adopt families, and/or donate gift/food items new clothing, baby items and new un-wrapped toys

For questions regarding this program, please email holidayreferral@citrusheights.net.

Information will be posted on the Police Department website (www.citrusheightspd.net)

as it comes available

A Full Food Basket Donation includes (we need 50 of these):

Holiday Dinner Items

(Families with 4-6 people)

- * Turkey or Ham
- * Cranberry Sauce
- * Vegetable (green beans, corn, etc..)
- * Yams
- * Stuffing
- * Potatoes (instant or bag)
- * Gravy
- * Dinner Rolls
- * Dessert
- * Hot Chocolate

Other items: Non-perishable items, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter & jelly, fruit snacks

Adopt a Category New Items ONLY

(Goal-increments of 25- 100 each)

- * Food box items
- * School supplies and backpacks
- * Bike Helmets
- * Infant Items (diapers, formula, clothes, wipes, toys)
- * Jackets
- * Toiletries (TP, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors, soap, lotion, etc.)
- * Drink items (juice boxes, juice, tea, etc.)
- * Gift Cards (gasoline, grocery, retail, etc.)
- * Socks and undergarments
- * Stocking stuffers and stockings

Please call or email us to let us know if you are adopting a category so we can track our progress.

Community Events

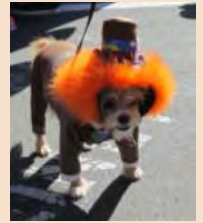
6th Annual Antelope Crossing Spooktacular



On October 18, 2014, the Antelope Crossing Business Association (ACBA) and the City of Citrus Heights hosted the 6th Annual Antelope Crossing Spooktacular at the Antelope Crossing commercial and retail plazas located at Antelope Road and Interstate 80.

Among other fun activities, the 2014 Spooktacular featured a **Free Family Fun Zone** including bounce houses; an obstacle course; an Adventure Dome; Midway carnival games; Citrus Heights Police K9 demonstration and a Raley's Pumpkin Patch. The annual Children's Costume Contest began at 3:00pm on the main stage, with fabulous prizes for multiple age groups. A few of this year's prizes included a 10-speed bicycle, free pizza, and gift certificates.

Sponsored by El Dorado Saving's Bank, the Entertainment Stage featured live entertainment throughout the event. A few of the acts included Jonathan's Amazing Magic Show; Music Partner's Academy; and the Extreme Martial Arts Lion Dance. Vendor, craft, and informational booths were also open throughout the day for attendees to peruse.



HOWL - O - WEEN Pet Fair and Canine Costume Contest

The Citrus Heights Community Marching Band hosted their 3rd Annual "Howl-O-Ween" Pet Fair and Costume Contest, on Saturday, October 25th, 11:00am at Rusch Park. All funds raised from this fun event will directly benefit the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band, a FREE all ages show band that performs 20 times year round in the Greater Sacramento area.

The "Big Deal" of their event is always the Canine Costume Contest. The Funniest, Scariest, or Most Original pups and owners showed up! There was lots of fun FREE activities including a demonstration by the Citrus Heights Police K9 Squad, Doggie Play Zone, craft contests and vendors from around the region, informative pet seminars, and exciting entertainment including Star Wars characters, DJ Dennis "Bad Dog" Keating and "Good Day Sacramento" was there for a live broadcast.



Save Your Sewer this Holiday Season



It's hard to believe the holidays are, once again, right around the corner. And we all know what that means: many large, delicious meals. Did you know the majority of slow-draining and clogged sewer pipes in residential areas are a result of improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG)? Learn how to Stop the Clog at home this holiday season and prevent costly sewer backups or overflows by knowing the common sources.

Test your knowledge about FOG with the following facts:

- Common sources of FOG include meat, fatty food scraps, lard, salad dressings, marinades, dairy products, butter or margarine, and shortening.
- Grease doesn't dissolve in hot water or in a garbage disposal.
- Even if FOG makes it down the kitchen drain, it will still stick to pipes after it cools.

Clog prevention is easy! Instead of putting FOG down your kitchen sink, follow these three easy steps for proper disposal:

- **Can it-** Once cooled, pour leftover oils and grease into a sturdy container, like an empty coffee can or glass jar.
- **Scrape it-** Before washing, scrape out fats, oils, and grease residuals from pots, pans, and dishes.
- **Trash it-** Put fatty and greasy food scraps in the garbage, not down the drain.

For more tips about proper FOG disposal, visit stoptheclog.com and "like" SASD on Facebook at facebook.com/sacsewer.

And remember, if you have sewer problems, day or night, call us at (916) 875-6730. We'll help you figure out the next step. We're available 24 hours a day, seven days a week – even on holidays!



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



Citrus Heights Input Needed for Unmet Transit Needs Hearings

Whether you ride daily, occasionally or haven't tried transit yet, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments is looking for feedback on our area's bus, dial-a-ride, paratransit and light rail transit services. SACOG accepts transit needs related comments from any area in the counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba.

What are your thoughts on local transit service? Would you like to use it for more trips, but don't because of issues like where it goes, the schedule or cost? Are there places you really need to go but cannot currently? Please give us your thoughts by attending an Unmet Transit Needs meeting or by relaying your comments to SACOG.

The California State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires the Unmet Transit Needs Process be conducted annually by Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. SACOG is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the counties of Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter and Yolo. SACOG staff conducts the Unmet Transit Needs process annually for these four counties.

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that SACOG make a determination whether there are "unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet" in the jurisdictions throughout the four counties. The Unmet Transit Needs meetings were scheduled primarily during the month of October, with a final hearing to occur in January at the SACOG Board Meeting. Please make sure to express your thoughts about transit in as part of this process. If you were unable to attend one of the October hearings, please take a few minutes to submit your comments by email at transit_needs@sacog.org; or by phone at (916) 321-9551. Residents can go online for more information or to submit input online at www.sacog.org/transit/comments/cfm.



SACOG's MTP/SCS Workshops

Take the online workshop (it takes about 10 minutes), let SACOG and the region know YOUR priorities related to where regional transportation dollars should be focused in the next 20 years and enter to win a FREE IPAD Mini!



Residents unable to attend any of the family-friendly workshops located throughout the region are encouraged to go to www.sacog.org and participate in the online workshop <http://sacog.org/mtpscs/online-workshop/>. Participants at the in-person or online workshops are eligible to win an iPad Mini.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) is a long-range (at least 20-year) regional plan for transportation projects, such as bikeway, road, sidewalk, and transit projects. In order to provide people with a variety of efficient transportation options, an MTP/SCS considers where jobs, housing and services are located both today and in the future. The plan also includes a financial forecast that shows that the transportation projects in the plan can reasonably be funded over the course of 20 years. The major outcomes of the MTP/SCS include improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) must maintain and update the MTP/SCS at least every four years. All transportation projects that receive state or federal funding must be included in the plan, and therefore SACOG works closely with its 22 member cities and six member counties when updating the MTP/SCS. In addition to working with member jurisdictions, SACOG staff examines projections for growth in population, housing and jobs. Staff also gathers input from a wide variety of stakeholders and the general public.

Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference.

THANKSGIVING TIPS for Pet Parents

Dogster.com cautions pet parents that the Thanksgiving holiday can be full of perils, from overfeeding our pets to accidentally poisoning them. Did you know raw turkey, raw bread dough, alcohol, onions, garlic and sage can make your pets sick?

PetMD.com advises that while some foods might be okay, such as cooked turkey and mashed potatoes (no bones, skin or fat), gravy and dairy products like sour cream and cheese can make pets ill. Artificial Sweeteners can also make your pet sick. Raisins, grapes and chocolate are a big no-no but cranberry sauce & green beans can be a big YES!

Other holiday foods such as dishes of candies and nuts can also be dangerous to pets. Holiday favorites like walnuts, pecans, pistachios, or macadamia nuts can create upset stomachs and some can trigger neurological symptoms, creating the need for expensive emergency pet care.

<http://www.dogster.com/dog-food/thanksgiving-safety-tips-for-dog-owners>

<http://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/seasonal/top-ten-tips-for-feeding-pets-thanksgiving-leftovers>

<http://www.petinsurance.com/healthzone/pet-articles/pet-health-toxins/Nut-Dangers-to-Dogs.aspx> (VPI Pet Insurance)



Did you know the Sacramento SPCA, Happy Tails, the Sacramento County Animal Care & Regulation, and the Sacramento City Front Street Shelters combined found homes for 435 animals the weekend of October 17—19, 2014? Fancy that! Way to go, Community Partners!!



A \$15.00 or \$30.00 licensing investment can save you tons of money!

- Free Return to Owner if a lost pet is wearing a license tag or microchipped! **Save \$35.00!**
- First impound free for licensed pets! **Save \$40.00!**
- Shelter boarding fees, **Save up to \$10.00-25.00 a day**
- No citations for dog at large or licensing! **Save \$50.00!**
- No fines for unlicensed or unvaccinated animals!
Save \$50.00 - \$150.00!

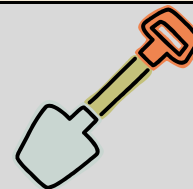
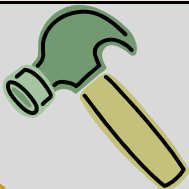
Citrus Heights Animal Services (916) 725-7387



Construction Projects



Project	Status
Mariposa Avenue Safe Route to School Phase 3 Project	The Mariposa Avenue Safe Routes to School — Phase 3 project will install new curb, gutter, sidewalk, incidental drainage improvements and street lights along the east side of Mariposa Avenue from Northridge Drive to Eastgate Avenue. The project will also infill some missing sidewalk segments on Farmgate Way from Mariposa Avenue to Our Way. The finished project will result in continuous sidewalk on both sides of Mariposa from Greenback Lane to Skycrest Elementary School and along Farmgate Way from Birdcage Street to Mariposa Avenue. In early September the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans authorized the City to begin design and environmental review for the project. Staff expects to issue a Request for Proposals for Design Services in October with the goal of hiring a consultant and beginning design in December 2014.
Canyon Oaks Drainage Improvement Project/Baird Way Drainage Improvement Project	Design has been kicked off for these two projects, which will go to construction in spring 2015.
Area 5 Traffic Safety, Accessibility and Walkability Phase 1B Project	The project was substantially complete on October 11th. The contractor is currently addressing a punch list of clean-up/correction items, which should be finished by late-October.
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersection Safety Improvement Project	A pre-construction conference is scheduled for October 21st and construction is expected to begin 2 to 3 weeks after that meeting. The project is expected to wrap up in April 2015, weather permitting.
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Improvements - Phase 3 (Antelope Road to north City Limits - west side only)	The design team is working on fine tuning the plans and specifications in anticipation of advertising for bids in late November 2014. Construction is slated to start in spring 2015.
SRCC Creek Cleaning	Crews performed weed and litter abatement activities from public right-of-way and watered City trees at the following locations: Henning at Zeeland, Old Auburn at Wintergreen, Wintergreen and Old Auburn between Fair Oaks and Orelle Creek. Specifically, SRCC members removed 56 cubic yards and 3 bags of trash. In addition, SRCC staff cleaned 2,500 lineal feet of Cripple Creek from Van Maren Lane east to Auburn Boulevard.
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Improvements - Phase 2A (Sayonara Drive to Locher Way - west side only)	The Sunrise Boulevard Complete Streets Improvements-Phase 2A project will install new curb, gutter, separated sidewalk, incidental drainage improvements and street lights along the west side of Sunrise Boulevard between Locher Way and Sayonara Drive. The work will also include application of a micro-seal and new pavement striping and markings on the southbound lanes of Sunrise Boulevard. In early September the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans authorized the City begin design and environmental review for the project. Staff expects to issue a Request for Proposals for Design Services in October with the goal of hiring a consultant and beginning design in December 2014.
2014 Residential Street Resurfacing Program	Contractor, Central Valley Engineering and Asphalt (CVE), began work September 29th on Misty Creek Dr. All work should be complete by late November.
Areas 8, 9 & 10 Drainage Master Plan Study	The project consultant (West Yost Associates), is currently in the process of investigating three significant drainage issues raised at the public meeting on July 31st to develop comprehensive solutions. Following the additional analysis, City staff will present the final Areas 8, 9, and 10 Drainage Master Plan Study to Council in November.
Parkoaks Creek Bank Restoration Project	Staff submitted a grant application for \$578,000 to the Natural Resources Agency to mitigate the erosion on the bank of Brooktree Creek where it intersects with Parkoaks Drive. The Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the environmental review of the project which is included in the City's CIP for construction in summer 2015.
Storm Drain System Yearly Cleaning	Staff has initiated a work order for Coastline to clean storm drains in Neighborhood Areas 6, 7, 8 and 9 this year.
Twin Oaks and Mariposa Diversion Pipe (Area 6&7 Master Plan Implementation)	Staff presented the final design plans to residents adjacent to the project site on September 25th. Staff received positive comments from meeting participants and will begin to prepare BID documents to proceed with construction in November (weather permitting).





Citrus Heights Community Center

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. The Community Center's volunteers work in the facility during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

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.



Sylvan Community Center

The Center is busy and fully booked.

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.



COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!



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

Get involved and make a positive impact in your neighborhood!

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

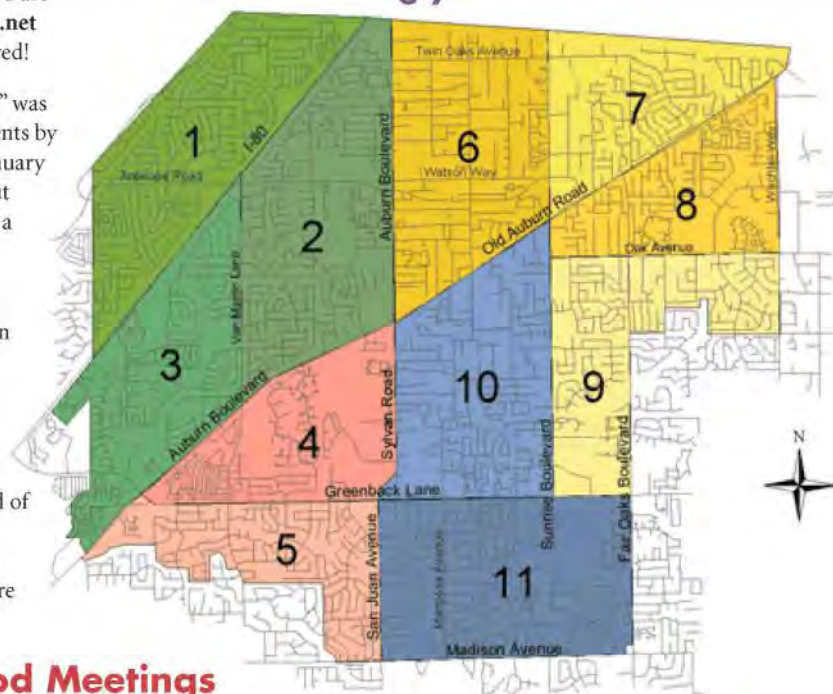
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more information about how to get involved!

Did you know that the creation of the "Neighborhoods" was voted by the public as one of the Top 10 Accomplishments by the City of Citrus Heights since its incorporation in January 1997? You owe it to yourself and your family to find out why so many think the Neighborhood Associations are a wonderful benefit for residents of Citrus Heights!

The area groups usually meet once a month to solve neighborhood issues such as traffic or crime, to work on various projects, to host City information sessions, to network, have fun and much more.

All of the Neighborhoods are part of REACH (Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights). REACH is a coalition that consists of a Board of Directors composed of a representative from each neighborhood. REACH meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Drive - behind the General Services Building).

Check the map for the Neighborhood Group covering your area:



Citrus Heights Neighborhood Meetings

You're invited to attend a meeting in your neighborhood! All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Area #1 - Northwest	Sierra Meadows Mobile Estates (7600 Daly Ave.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #2 - Rusch Park	Ascension Lutheran Church (7607 Garden Gate)	3 rd Thursday
Area #3 - CHANT	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	2 nd Tuesday
Area #4 - Arcade Creek	Trellis Hall (6237 Fountain Square Dr.)	1 st Tuesday
Area #5 - Park Oaks	Advent Lutheran Church (5901 San Juan Ave.)	3 rd Thursday
Area #6 - Sunrise Ranch	Twin Oaks Ave Baptist Church (7690 Twin Oaks)	4 th Tuesday
Areas #7/8 - CHASE	Woodside School (8248 Villa Oak Dr.)	3 rd Tuesday
Area #9 - Sunrise Oaks	Christ Fellowship Church (7227 Canelo Hills)	1 st Wednesday
Area #10 - Sylvan Old Auburn	Sylvan Community Center (7521 Community Rd.)	4 th Monday
Area #11 - Birdcage Heights	Skycrest School (5641 Mariposa Ave.)	3 rd Wednesday

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Celebration *Arcade Creek Park Preserve*



Saturday, November 1, 2014

1:00 pm

6377 Bonham Circle - Citrus Heights, CA

Join Sunrise Recreation and Park District for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at the new Arcade Creek Park Preserve. Walk along the restored creek, over the two new bridges and zip on the areas first free public zip line.

There will be fun nature activities for all ages.



Arcade Creek Park Preserve
6377 Bonham Circle
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
(916) 725-1585
www.sunriseparks.com



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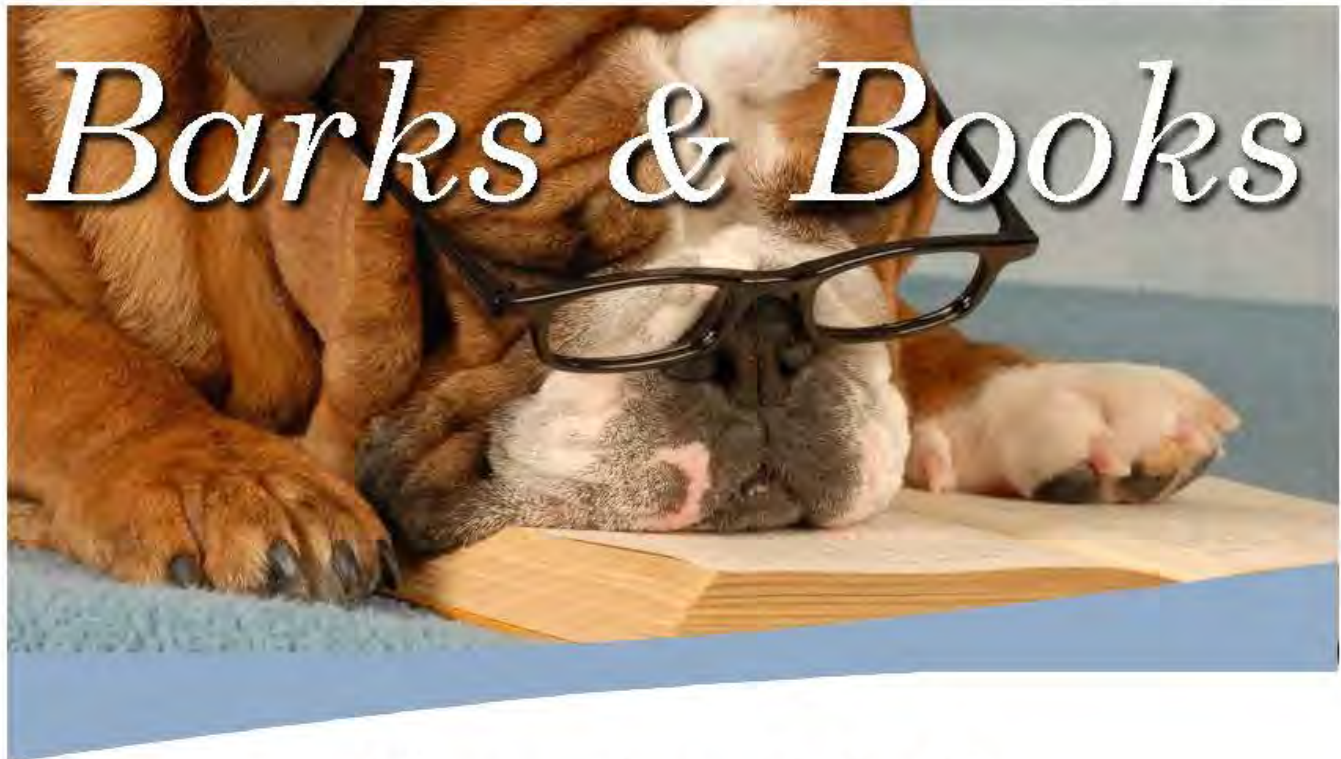


New and Used

BOOK SALE

Supporting the Animals of the
Bradshaw Animal Shelter

Animals Available for Adoption!



Sunrise Mall

Near Sears

November 1-9, 2014

Monday – Saturday: 10am – 6pm

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm



6041 Sunrise Mall
Citrus Heights, CA 95610



Hosted by Sylvan Ranch Community Garden

Taught by UC Davis
Master Gardeners!

Learn to Compost
and Worm Compost!



Composting Q & A!

Free Composting Kit!

When: Saturday November 15th at 1pm
Where: Sylvan Community Garden
7450 Stock Ranch Road

To Register Please Call: (916) 727-4770





SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00 AM-Sylvan Oaks Friends of the Library Book Sale
2	3	4 6:00 PM-Tuesday Movie Madness! @ Sylvan Oaks	5 3:30 PM-Homework Zone @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	6	7 1:30 PM-Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie @ Sylvan Oaks 2:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	8
9	10	11 All Day-Holiday Closure	12 3:30 PM-Homework Zone @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	13	14 2:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	15
16	17	18	19 3:30 PM-Homework Zone @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	20	21 2:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	22
23	24	25 5:00 PM-Teen Advisory Board @ Sylvan Oaks	26 3:30 PM-Homework Zone @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	27	28 2:00 PM-CANCELED - Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-CANCELED - Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	29
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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.

Low-Interest Loans

The low-interest loan is structured as a second mortgage. The loan will have a rate of 3.00%, a term of 30 years with no required monthly payments. The total sum of the loan, with interest, will be due at the end of the 30-year term, upon sale or transfer of the property or if the borrower no longer occupies the home as their primary residence. The borrower must contribute a minimum of 1.00% of the purchase price. The actual amount of assistance is based on financial capacity.

Get Started Today!

If you would like to learn more about the program or begin the application process today, contact a NeighborWorks Sacramento representative today. The HUD-certified counselors can assist you with achieving your homeownership goals.

NeighborWorks Homeownership Center

www.nwsac.org

leonor@nwsac.org

(916) 452.5356 Ext. 1230

If you would like to contact a City representative regarding First-Time Homebuyer Program, call Nicole Piva at (916) 725-2448 or npiva@citrusheights.net



WWW.CITRUSHEIGHTS.NET



Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant ***must not*** have owned a home as a principal place of residence within the past (3) complete years.
- The property must be located within the city of Citrus Heights. The property may be a single-family dwelling or condominium unit. Multi-unit structures and mobilehomes are ***not*** eligible.
- The applicant must meet the low-income household requirements.
- Income Limits*** table in the column to the right. The current maximum income is calculated by applicant family size.

Low-Income Limits

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$38,550
2	\$44,050
3	\$49,550
4	\$55,050
5	\$59,550
6	\$63,900
7	\$68,300
8	\$72,700

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2014



Citrus Heights Police Department

Did You Know? Residential Burglaries



Did You Know?

- ⇒ Almost half of residential burglaries occur when property owners leave a door/window/garage door unsecured.
- ⇒ Many burglaries are prevented and/or solved due to neighbors watching out for other neighbor's homes.
- ⇒ Jewelry, laptops, and other electronic items are common targets
- ⇒ Burglaries typically occur during the weekday, while you and your family are away from home.



What role can you play to lower your risk of becoming a victim of this crime?

- ⇒ Lock doors and windows, including garage doors even during the summer months. Use secondary locks to secure windows in unattended rooms.
- ⇒ Look into improving the security hardware of your home to fortify entry points. Sliding glass doors should have dowels and vertical locks to prevent their removal from tracks and forced entry.
- ⇒ Trim dense bushes and low hanging trees that reduce the visibility of your property, especially those areas that block entryways and windows.
- ⇒ Get to know your neighbors and ask them to call the police if they see anything suspicious.
- ⇒ Take photos of serialized items, along with a close up photo of the serial number. Send the photos along with your driver's license number to mvproperty@citrusheights.net so we can store them in case you become a victim.



If you come home and think someone may have broken into your residence, do not go inside. Immediately call 9-1-1 so police officers can check if the house is safe for you to enter.



The City of Citrus Heights and the Citrus Heights Police Department in partnership with Citrus Heights Service Clubs, Businesses, Community Members, and Schools proudly present the



6th Annual Holiday Referral Program



This program is designed to help families who reside in the City of Citrus Heights and have had a recent hardship over the last year.

We are looking for participants to adopt families, donate gifts, food boxes, gift cards, and new unwrapped toys.

For questions regarding this program, please email holidayreferral@citrusheights.net or call 916-727-5565.

Please note that this is a referral only program.

The Citrus Heights Police Department will be accepting applications from Monday, November 3-Friday, November 21, 2014.

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

www.nfpa.org/education

PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Connect
no more
than



3

strands of
mini light
sets.

Connect
no more
than

50



bulbs for screw-in
light sets.

2 out
of

5

home decoration
fires are started
by candles.



Keep candles at least

12

inches
away from
anything that
burns.



Although live Christmas
tree fires are not common,
when they do occur, they
are dangerous.
On average,

1 of every **40**

reported home **Christmas
tree fires resulted in
death.**



A heat source too close to the
Christmas tree causes

1 in
every

6 of
the
fires.

Make
sure your
tree is at
least



3

feet away from heat
sources like fireplaces, radiators,
space heaters, candles or heat vents.



Get rid of your
tree after
Christmas or
when it is dry.

For more information on how to
prevent winter fires, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and
www.nfpa.org/winter/



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Citrus Heights Animal Services
916-725-7387 (PETS)

Sacramento Area Animal Coalition
www.sacanimal.org
River City Cat Rescue
www.rivercitycatrescue.org

TIPS—FEEDING CATS AROUND WILDLIFE

- Remove feeding dishes before dark
- Vaccinate whenever possible.
- Feeding will attract ALL neighborhood outdoor cats & wildlife looking for a free meal—know your population.
- Interested in Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) pilot program? Call Citrus Heights Animal Services 916-725-7387

WARNINGS—FEEDING CATS NEAR WILDLIFE

- Cats' exposure to Rabies by wildlife increases.
- Attracts wildlife—raccoons, skunks, rodents & coyotes.
- Habituates wildlife to feeding on left over food
- Provides coyotes with prey.
- See **Keep Me Wild** at US Dept. Fish & Wildlife.
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/>



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