

# CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

# REACH OUT

Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights

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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 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
Wednesday, December 10 ..... 7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 11..... 7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 24 ..... HOLIDAY	Christmas - City Hall Closed
Thursday, December 25..... HOLIDAY	Christmas - City Hall Closed
Thursday, December 25..... 7:00 pm	City Council Meeting - CANCELLED
Friday, December 26 ..... HOLIDAY	Christmas - City Hall Closed
Wednesday, December 31 ..... HOLIDAY	New Years Eve - City Hall Closed
Thursday, January 1 ..... HOLIDAY	New Years Day - City Hall Closed
Friday, January 2 ..... HOLIDAY	New Years Holiday - City Hall Closed

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

## City Hall Phone Directory

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 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

During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is easy to forget to practice good crime prevention techniques. We encourage everyone to take extra crime prevention measures to lower the risk of becoming a victim of theft. Some tips to remember:



- \* Park in well-lit areas
- \* Lock and secure all windows and doors when leaving your vehicle
- \* Pay attention to your surroundings
- \* Do not leave items of value in plain sight (gifts, GPS, phones, purses, computers, etc.)
- \* NEVER leave your keys in an unattended vehicle, even for a moment
- \* Remove loose change from cup holders
- \* Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- \* Don't overload yourself with packages when walking to your vehicle
- \* Have your keys ready before you get to your car
- \* Report suspicious people or vehicles to CHPD- if it doesn't look or feel right, it probably isn't

Additionally, we encourage all our residents to take advantage of Citrus Heights Police Department's crime prevention program: [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net). This program was implemented in an effort to aid in the recovery of stolen items. Simply photograph valuable belongings such as televisions and computers (including serial numbers) and email the photos to [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net) for safekeeping. The photos and corresponding serial numbers are entered into a system utilized by law enforcement agencies nationwide. When stolen items are recovered, anywhere in the country, law enforcement can query the system and locate the owner via the serial number. Too often however, owners have no record of serial numbers which makes it almost impossible to return property to its rightful owner. Photographs of jewelry can also be sent to [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net), thus aiding in the identification of stolen jewelry.

As well, if you will be traveling during the holiday season, make sure your home is secure:

- \* Lock every door and window, including the door to your garage
- \* Secure sliding doors and pet doors
- \* If you have a home security system, activate it
- \* Lock up your ladders, tools, and lawn furniture
- \* Put valuables in a safe or safety deposit box
- \* Remove any keys you have 'hidden' e.g. under the doormat, in the yard, etc.
- \* Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your house and to collect any newspapers, flyers, or mail that might arrive while you are away; make sure they have your contact information
- \* Park a car in your driveway
- \* Consider putting lights, TVs, or radios on intermittent timers
- \* Trim any overgrown shrubbery around perimeter of the house
- \* Consider installing motion-sensing lights
- \* Avoid posting travel plans on social media

As always, if you see something that doesn't 'feel' right, call us; chances are you are correct. On behalf of the men and women of the Citrus Heights Police Department, we wish you a happy, healthy, *safe* holiday season!

# Community Events

## 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.



## 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. The long anticipated park and conservation area is truly a jewel in the community now open to nature enthusiasts and residents both young and old, providing spectacular views of Arcade Creek amidst an oak woodland and the natural habitats they provide to wildlife. The Park District and its partners, including the State Department of Parks and Recreation, really did a fantastic job in making this project a reality for the community.





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](mailto:holidayreferral@citrusheights.net). Information will be posted on the Police Department website ([www.citrusheightspd.net](http://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.

# Tips for Driving in the Rain



The rainy season is right around the corner. The **Citrus Heights Police Department** wants motorists 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



## 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](http://stoptheclog.com) and "like" SASD on Facebook at [facebook.com/sacsewer](https://www.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!



## PROPOSED DIGNITY HEALTH MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING AND CITY HALL PROJECT UPDATE

The City is currently in the environmental review stage of determining the feasibility of a proposed public-private partnership with Dignity Health and Capital Partners to construct a medical office building and new city hall. If approved, the project would include the construction of a medical office building on the current city hall site and the development of a new city hall on the vacant property on Fountain Square Drive just north of the Post Office.

On October 14, 2014, the City held a Scoping Meeting in the Council Chambers to review the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and receive comments regarding the scope of the EIR. The purpose of the NOP is to notify interested parties that the City will be preparing an EIR for this project. The City anticipates the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will be available for public review the second week of December.

The NOP and other environmental documents can be downloaded at <http://ca-citrusheights.civicplus.com/327/Environmental-Documents> as they become available. For additional information about the environmental analysis, contact Colleen McDuffee at (916) 727-4740.

# Animal Services

## Holiday Hazards & Weather Warnings

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

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

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

<http://baltimore-harford-md.doodycalls.com/?p=559>



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



# Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference.



CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Be On the Look Out!!!

### Property Theft During the Holidays



Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. During the holidays, it is easy to forget to practice good crime prevention techniques. The Citrus Heights Police Department would like to encourage you and your loved ones to please take extra crime prevention measures to lower the risk of becoming a victim of theft this holiday season.

Please remember :

- Lock and secure all windows and doors when leaving your vehicle
- Do not leave items of value in plain sight in your vehicle such as wrapped presents, GPS, laptops, newly purchased items, cameras, cell phones, tools, purses, briefcases, etc.
- Do not leave personal identification documents in your vehicle such as the title to your vehicle, bank statements, social security cards, pay stubs, mail, etc.
- Park in well lit areas during night
- Install motion lights in front of your residence
- Use anti-theft devices
- NEVER leave your keys in your car
- Write down or take pictures of your serial numbers. Store them in a safe place or email them to [myproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net) so you can provide them to the police in the event that those items are stolen
- If you don't want to keep track of multiple serial numbers, engrave your driver license number on any items of value—this way, you only need to know one number

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

If you need to report a crime not in progress, please contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at 916-727-5500 or file an online report at [www.citrusheightspd.net](http://www.citrusheightspd.net) .

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

*The Citrus Heights Police Department wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!*

# Construction Projects



Project	Status
Antelope Road Safe Route to School Project	The design consultant is retaining contractor to positively verify the lateral and vertical locations of several utilities to avoid conflicts during construction. This information will be used to modify the final plan prior to bidding.
Sylvan Road Accessibility & Safety Improvements Project	The design consultant is retaining contractor to positively verify the lateral and vertical locations of several utilities to avoid conflicts during construction. This information will be used to modify the final plan prior to bidding.
Area 5 Traffic Safety, Accessibility and Walkability Phase 1B Project	The contractor has completed correction of items on the punch list. Staff will be working to finalize all project paperwork in November and will seek Council's acceptance of the project in December.
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersection Safety Improvement Project	Teichert Construction began work during the first week of November and is making good progress on the first stage, which is to level and reconstruct the northbound and southbound left-turn pockets. The project is expected to wrap up in April 2015, weather permitting.
Antelope Road Improvements	The Antelope corridor has performed well with issues of traffic incidents on I-80. We are continuing to monitor effect of Casino on traffic.
SRCC Creek Cleaning	Crews cleaned 48cy of debris from the roadside and creeks in Arcade Creek near Park Drive, Cripple Creek at various locations, Olivine Ave, Mariposa, Antelope Road and Gardenvine. Additionally, 5 bags of trash were removed from Antelope Road near the storage yard.
Auburn Phase II (Rusch Park to the Northern City Limits)	Following interviews, staff selected Parsons Brinckerhoff and we are currently negotiating a contract with them. Caltrans must review the contract prior to execution. Staff expects to bring the contract to City Council in December.
2014 Residential Street Resurfacing Program	Central Valley Engineering and Asphalt (CVE), has completed all work on Misty Creek Dr. and West Whyte Ave. CVE is now focused on the smaller streets in the project and anticipates completing all work by early December.
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 January.
Parakoaks Creek Bank Restoration Project	Staff is proceeding with conceptual design of this project. Construction will begin in spring 2015.
Storm Drain System Yearly Cleaning	Coastline has started cleaning 168,000lf of storm drains in Neighborhood Areas 7, 8 and 9. This work is in progress and will be completed by December 15th.
Twin Oaks and Mariposa Diversion Pipe (Area 6&7 Master Plan Implementation)	Final plans and specifications for this project are complete. This project will advertise for bids in early December after Thanksgiving break and award in January. Construction will begin as weather permits after that.
Sunrise Blvd Bus Stop Improvements Project, Phase 2	Location #1 (Sunrise Blvd & Macy Plaza Drive): AT&T had difficulty removing and replacing the old substandard communications vault, and their completion was pushed out to November 21st. While the City's contractor has continued to work on other project components not impacted by the vault, work at the site will be suspended for the duration of the City's Holiday Moratorium (November 21st through January 5th). Prior to suspension of work, the Contractor will clean up the site and restore traffic to all southbound lanes on Sunrise Blvd. Work will resume in early January (weather permitting) and should take about 3-4 to complete.
Oak Tree Preservation Work	Work on Sunrise to remove cobble stones in the median around the bases of several Heritage Oak trees will continue until December. The cobbles are being relocated to Wintergreen and Old Auburn and will be integrated into the landscaping for the small landscaped area. This work is ongoing and should wrap up in the spring of 2015.





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sylvancommunitycenter@citrusheights.net).



# COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!



**R**esidents'  
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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.

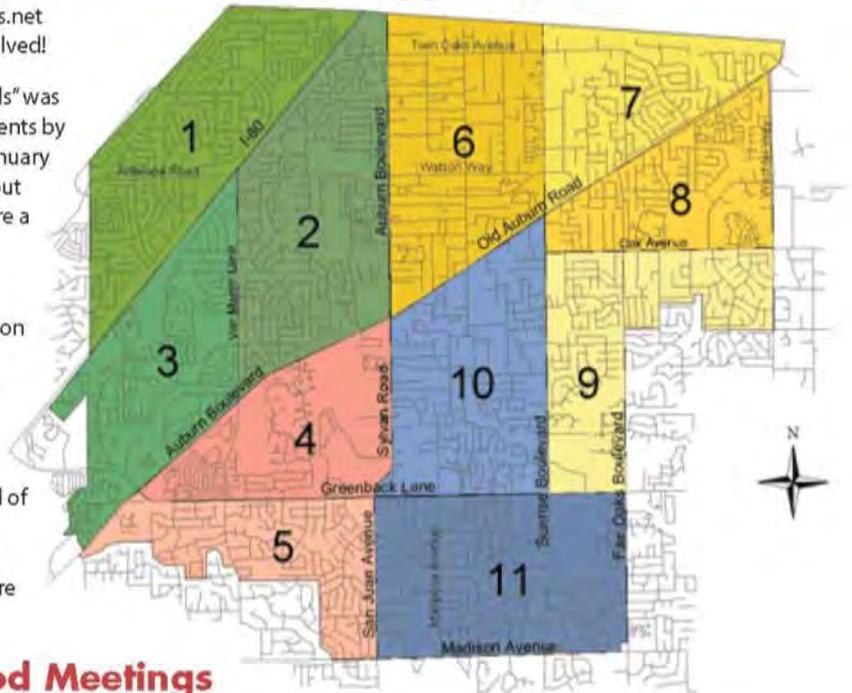
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website [www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net)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

# Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference.

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



## Planning Commission

Planning Commissioners make land use decisions consistent with the policies and plans formally adopted by the City Council; and weigh the professional input given in staff reports, environmental impact reports and consultant reports in making decisions. The Commission may also review proposed city ordinances; the annual Capital Improvement Plan; and other issues related to consistency with the General Plan. Must be a resident of the City of Citrus Heights and at least 18 years of age. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



## History and Arts Commission

History and Arts Commissioners recommend to the City Council the means to implement policies in the General Plan related to historic preservation by developing information and programs to increase awareness of, preservation of and use of historical landmarks, artifacts and other historic materials; develop programs which promote cultural art activities and programs throughout the community; and implement the policies with the General Plan to expand community-wide cultural arts events. Must be either residents of the City of Citrus Heights, descendants of residents of Citrus Heights or former residents and at least 18 years of age. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



## Construction Board of Appeals

The Construction Board of Appeals shall consist of five members with who are qualified by experience and training to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction. The members shall neither be officers nor employees of the city. Board Members hear the appeals of persons aggrieved by a decision of the City's Chief Building Official. Relative to the appeal, Board Members determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and provide reasonable interpretations of the Technical Codes. Must be a resident of the City of Citrus Heights and at least 18 years of age. Meetings are held as needed, and when an appeal is filed.

### How to Apply

1. 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.
2. File the Completed Application with the City Clerk's Office by Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
3. Applications will be copied and distributed to the City Council on December 19,



**City of Citrus Heights**

For more information please contact the City Clerk's Office at (916) 725-2448 or



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

December 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:15 AM-Toddler Storytime @ Sunrise Mall Story Stop	3 10:15 AM-Preschool Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 10:15 AM-Preschool Storytime @ Sunrise Mall Story Stop 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Homework Zone @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	4 11:00 AM-Family Storytime @ Sunrise Mall Story Stop! 12:00 PM-Russian Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks	5 2:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	6 11:00 AM-Sylvan Oaks Friends' Book Sale
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18th Annual

City of Citrus Heights

# Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday  
December 4, 2014  
6:30 pm



- FREE Refreshments
- FREE Cookie Decorating
- FREE Pictures with Santa
- FREE Train Rides

*Christmas Joy*



City Hall Parking Lot  
7117 Greenback Ln



Visit  
[www.citrusheights.net](http://www.citrusheights.net)  
for more information!



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

[leonor@nwsac.org](mailto: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](mailto:npiva@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



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



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 [mvpproperty@citrusheights.net](mailto:mvpproperty@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.**

**FOCUS**  
ON FIRE SAFETY

# Winter Holiday Fire Safety



*Half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.*

**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.**

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- 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.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and no more than 50 bulbs for screw-in light sets.



**FEMA**



**For more information:**  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/)



# PUT A ON **FREEZE** WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

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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/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and [www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)





**FREE SPAY OR NEUTER!**  
**Any Citrus Heights CAT!**  
*Owned, Stray or Feral!*

**FREE Spay/Neuter vouchers**  
**thanks to PetSmart Charities!**  
**Contact:**

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

Sacramento Area Animal Coalition  
[www.sacanimal.org](http://www.sacanimal.org)  
River City Cat Rescue  
[www.rivercitycatrescue.org](http://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

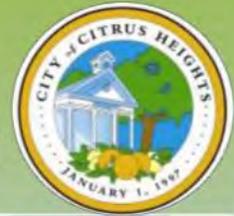
**WARNINGS—FEEDING CATS NEAR WILDLIFE**

- 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/>



# Adopt a City Kitty!\*

## Every Saturday & Sunday at PETCO Citrus Heights!



Meet your purrfect best friend  
ANY Saturday & Sunday  
10 am – 4 pm in **PetCo** Citrus Heights  
6067 Greenback Lane  
(corner of Auburn & Greenback)

Adopt a **locally** rescued kitten or cat!  
Cats and kittens are friendly,  
fixed and vaccinated!

Call Citrus Heights Animal Services  
for more information: 916-725-7387



**\*Adoption fees apply**

All our adoptees are:

*FelV/FIV tested \* Spayed or neutered \* Vaccinated \* Dewormed \* Flea treated \* Microchipped*