

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

REACH OUT

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



Monday, August 4	6:00 pm	R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting
Monday, August 4	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission
Tuesday, August 5	5:30 pm	National Night Out 2014
Wednesday, August 13	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 14.....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
Saturday, August 16.....	4:00 pm	Hot August Bites - Rusch Park
Wednesday, August 27	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 28.....	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting-CANCELLED
Monday, September 1		Labor Day HOLIDAY - City Hall Closed
Monday, September 1	6:00 pm	R.E.A.C.H Monthly Meeting-CANCELLED
Monday, September 8.....	7:00 pm	History and Arts Commission

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

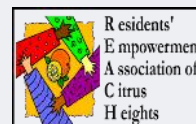
City Hall Phone Directory

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.





Safety Tips for Your Children



Parents:

- Talk to your children about strangers and the importance of knowing who will be picking them up after school.
- If your children are walking, try to have them walk with a friend and pick a safe route with high visibility.
- When picking your children up from school, stop and park in designated areas. Please respect neighbors who live near the campus.
- Make sure your child's school has the most updated emergency contact information for you.
- If your child is walking or biking to and from school, please talk to them about the importance of being aware of what is going on around them.
- Write down the make, model, and serial numbers to valued property your child takes with them to school (ie. iPod, cell phone, or bicycle). Store this information in a safe place in your home. This information will be useful in recovering your child's property if stolen or lost.

Bicycle Laws:

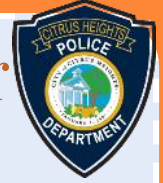
- Explain bicycle laws to your children.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding bicycle.
- If your children do not have access to a bicycle lane or you have a safety concern about them riding in the bike lane, it is legal for bicyclists to ride on the sidewalk in the City of Citrus Heights. Keep in mind that bicyclists must still ride in the same direction with traffic and pedestrians walking on the sidewalk have the right of way.

Kids:

- Try to avoid walking or biking anywhere alone.
- Remember, **everyone** under the age of 18 must wear a helmet if you are riding a bicycle, skateboarding, skating, or riding a scooter.
- When riding a bicycle, ride in the same direction as traffic in the bicycle lane.
- Do not talk to strangers.
- Never take a short cut through an area or neighborhood you are unfamiliar with.
- Never take a short cut through an area or neighborhood your parents have not told you to take.
- Don't ever listen to your iPod too loud-you need to hear what is going on around you.
- Try not to text and walk at the same time. Texting while walking is dangerous and keeps you from paying attention.



Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference.



Become a Police Department or City Volunteer

City of Citrus Heights and Police Department volunteers provide a value-added level of support to our community. While we are staffed to provide appropriate city, policing and other community services, there is always more to do! Volunteers work with staff to allow us to enhance services while working with staff members on many diverse projects and activities. This is based on an individual's knowledge, skills, abilities and interests.

It is important for our volunteers to select work that is enjoyable and rewarding to them.

Examples of opportunities include:

- Participating in community meetings to learn about citizen concerns;
- Volunteer at the Community Center;
- Volunteer in Human Resources, Finance or General Services;
- Volunteer at the Police Department in Patrol, Investigations or Support Services;
- Assist with special events;
- Follow up with victims of certain types of crime and provide them with referrals to other agencies;
- Participate in citizen patrol programs;
- Data entry, scanning and filing;
- Provide an array of other clerical and document support to department staff; and
- Support the law enforcement agency's use of technology

City Volunteers should be able to commit to one year, work 12 hours a week and pass a background check.

As you can see from the list above, all of our staff require a great deal of support in many other areas of departmental operations. Volunteers provide that support and by doing so enhance the value and effectiveness of their city and local law enforcement agency.

PLEASE JOIN US!

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer with the City of Citrus Heights and/or the Police Department, please call (916) 727-5500.



Community Events

Join us at a Great New Event - Hot August Bites

Join us for this exciting new event on Saturday, August 16th from 4pm-7pm at Rusch Park. There will be a variety of food trucks from Sacto Mofo and live music from the Tone Monkeys. The event is sponsored by the City of Citrus Heights, Sunrise Recreation and Park District, 101.9 The Wolf and Hot 103.5. For more information please visit sunriseparks.com or call 725-1585.



The Tone Monkeys



Sunday Funday

Save the date! Please join us for the 18th Annual Citrus Heights Sunday Funday event on September 28th from 11am-3pm at Rusch Park. The Tot and Kid Fun Zones will be complete with inflatables, rides and a new Zip Line attraction! There will be live music from 101.9 The Wolf and Hot 103.5. The event is sponsored by the City of Citrus Heights, Sunrise Recreation and Park District, Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, Radio Disney, 101.9 The Wolf, Hot 103.5 and Cintas.

Please visit www.citrusheights.net or call 916-727-5400 for more information.



Great Tips from a Great City - It's Summer Time

Do you want to lower your SMUD bills? Did you know that during our hot Sacramento summers, cooling puts a heavy demand on power supplies and increase your SMUD Bill? Here are some tips to stay cool and save money this summer:

- Plant a FREE Tree on the sunny side of your home. SMUD's Shade Tree program offers free shade trees for customers whose homes have an eastern, western or southern exposure that heats up during the summer.
- Set the thermostat at 78 degrees or higher. You'll gain savings of about 5 to 10 percent on the operating cost of an air conditioner for every two degrees of cooling you're willing to give up.
- Change the filter regularly. An air conditioning unit with dirty filters can use 5 to 10 percent more energy.
- Use fans instead of the central air conditioning unit whenever possible. Individual fans cost about 90 percent less to operate.
- Lay off appliances during hot afternoons and evenings. Many appliances create heat and moisture, making the air conditioner work harder. Limit use of ranges and stoves, dishwashers, dryers, washing machines, and other heat-producing equipment to early morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Prepare cold meals such as salads and sandwiches. Cook hot meals only late in the evening, when it's cooler.
- If you have a refrigerator or freezer in your garage that isn't full, consider getting rid of it. These appliances tend to be older and hog energy.

SacramentoGO - Outreach Program

Do you want light rail services expanded, bus services improved, potholes fixed, traffic signals synchronized, or new bridges or roadways built?

Through its SacramentoGO outreach program, the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) – which manages the current Sacramento County Measure A half-cent sales tax for transportation – is looking for public input to help determine future countywide transportation priorities.

Through the current Measure A sales tax, you already have helped deliver critical improvements to the region's transportation system, including Sacramento Regional Transit light rail extensions, bus and car-pool lanes on I-80 and Highway 50, Paratransit service expansions, Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma crossings, and much more.

Tell the STA which improvements you'd like to see funded in the future by visiting the SacramentoGO website (www.sacramentogo.org). While you're at it, follow SacramentoGO on Twitter at www.twitter.com/sactrans and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sactrans.



Citrus Heights Green Parking Lot Demonstration & Monitoring Project

Construction of a new Green Parking Lot is currently underway at the Citrus Heights Police Department (6315 Fountain Square Drive). Crews have graded the north site and installed curbs, gutters, and drainage infrastructure. Over the next two weeks, contractors will pave portions of the lot; install temporary irrigation; and plant native drought-tolerant plants.

The purpose of the Green Parking Lot Project is to retrofit an existing storage area and parking lot with low-impact development (LID) features such as pervious pavement and bioswales. In addition, the City will monitor water-quality before, during, and after implementation of the LID features as part of the Green Parking Lot Project. The City expects construction to be complete by mid-September.

Funded in part by Proposition 84, the project is an innovative approach to stormwater management. The City brought stormwater services in-house in 2010 and has been working to improve the city's drainage infrastructure to protect a valuable resource – water. For more information about this project, contact Stephanie Cotter at scotter@citrusheights.net or (916) 727-4770.



Apps for Safety

Welcome to 2014! In this day and age, we have a vast amount of technology that aids us in our daily activities. We have cars that run on electricity, and homes equipped with thermostats and appliances that can be manipulated by computer or smart phone while we are miles away.

Smart phones are becoming more ubiquitous with the latest census data showing 145 million people in the United States using a smart phone, and that number is projected to be 270 million by 2020. I have previously written about how dialing 9-1-1 from a cell phone differs from a landline phone, but even more changes are on the horizon.

The demand for texting 9-1-1 is growing and the four major US carriers (Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T, and Sprint) have all stated that they would have their technology in place by May of this year. However, just because the companies have the technology, does not mean that your local dispatch center is going to be equipped to receive those texts, as of this writing only one county in Northern California has the technology to accept these calls, and they are in a testing phase. What can you do until then if you need help but genuinely cannot call 9-1-1?

There are several new Apps available for smartphones that are designed to keep you and your loved ones safe. Here are links to four of the many available, they are all free to download (some have monthly activation charges) and may just give you help during a time of need.



Guardly



Circle of 6



My Force



bSafe

Animal Services Division-Pets Need Crisis Care too

Most of us carry some kind of health insurance for our families by now, thanks to the government mandate, but sometimes we forget or neglect to plan ahead for our furry family members. Our pets can benefit from preventive health care, and companion animals suffer sudden illness or injury just as we can. Fortunately, there are some growing options for pet wellness and emergency care. To help a neighbor, a friend, or family member find veterinary financial assistance, the internet is a great place to start, with a wide selection of frequently updated information.

INSURANCE

Among the recent studies on how American families have increased spending on their pets, pet insurance, once a rarity, has become a regular expenditure. A recent review of pet insurance providers was done by www.TopConsumerReviews.com and can be useful in determining the types of coverage that can be purchased and the return on the dollar (or should I say collar). <http://www.topconsumerreviews.com/pet-insurance/>

FINANCING

Veterinarians have also felt the need to offer options to their clients and pet families when it comes to critical care. While the vet or his practice may not be able to financially carry debt for a client, they sometimes offer financing services through another company. Banks such as Wells Fargo and CareCredit now offer credit cards or loans to finance expensive veterinary procedures. Ask your vet if they offer this option or if they would consider offering it in the future.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Understanding there are some households where pet care may not be financially possible, some non-profit agencies have programs for free or low cost vaccines and spay-neuter programs, and they may also have individual grants or payment awards for life-saving veterinary care. Some grants are breed or illness based (cancer, diabetes, hip dysplasia, etc.), or urgency based (hit by car/accident, house fire, etc.) and others are based upon the individual's ability to pay (low income, seniors on fixed income, etc.). The Chester Foundation, RedRover Relief, the ASPCA and Humane Society can be great resources for unexpected and emergency vet expenses.



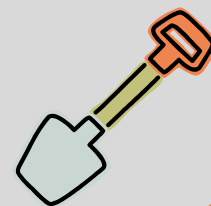
***NEW* Lost & Found HOTLINE ~ Citrus Heights Animal Services**
 916-727-4850 Afterhours and Weekends
 Help our On-Call Animal Services Officers reunite owners & pets!!



Construction Projects



Project	Status
Sylvan Road/Stock Ranch Road Intersection Improvements Project	Staff is finalizing the environmental review and acquisition of one small parcel for the project, both expected to be complete by late July. The project team anticipates advertising for construction bids in August.
Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)	Lanes are open, but construction of ADA ramps and signal head programming is still being accomplished.
Area 5 Traffic Safety, Accessibility and Walkability Phase 1B Project	Work is progressing and Central Valley Engineering and Asphalt (CVE) completed the second and third locations in mid-July. Central Valley Engineering and Asphalt (CVE) expects to complete the project in late August.
Sunrise/Sungarden Intersection Safety Improvement Project	Staff anticipates receiving Federal authorization to construct by early August and will advertise for construction bids immediately.
Sunrise Blvd Complete Streets Improvements - Phase 3 (Antelope Road to north City Limits - west side only)	The right-of-way acquisition team has obtained signatures from nine of the twelve property owners and is working to get the final signatures. Staff expects to submit a Request for Authorization (RFA) to Construct to Caltrans in July with approval of the RFA anticipated in September. Construction is slated to start in Spring 2015.
Antelope Road Improvements	Traffic patterns are being monitored with the opening of the new Casino, nothing of significance has changed. The new lane alignments are now being utilized with a great improvement of traffic flow.
Sunrise Blvd Bus Stop Improvements Project, Phase 2	Construction on the bus stop at Location #2 (Sunrise Blvd & Uplands Way) continues. The concrete bus pad and turn-out is completed and the contractor is currently working on the retaining walls behind the new sidewalk.
2014 Residential Street Resurfacing Program	Staff advertised for bids on July 16th and anticipates a construction start in late August.
On-Call Tree Maintenance and Removal Services	Proposals were received on June 18th, and on July 10th, the City Council awarded a contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc. for on call tree maintenance and removal services for the term of 2014 to 2019. Staff will be coordinating the new contracts and works schedules within the coming weeks.
SRCC Creek Cleaning	Crews removed 8 yards of debris during the past two weeks on Old Auburn, Mariposa, Highland, Zeeland and Donald Drive.
Landscape Maintenance Services	An RFP was released on June 19th for annual maintenance services for all City landscaping areas, medians and districts. The mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on June 26th, and bids were due to the City Clerk on July 9th. Staff received two proposals for the City Wide Landscape Maintenance Services RFP. The low bidder was California Landscape and Associates. City Council awarded the 2014 to 2019 contract at the July 30th City Council Meeting.
City Hall Green Parking Lot	Concrete curbs and base rock will be placed in the new PD parking lot this week. The Keystone wall along the redwood trees is complete. Curbs in the new pervious paved lot are getting poured this week. Pavement of the new PD lot is schedule for next week. This project remains on schedule for a mid-September completion.
CalRecycle - Used Oil Block Grant	The annual regional education campaign is running from mid-June through August. The Regional Recycling Group, comprised of jurisdictions throughout northern California, pool recycle grant funds in order to fund the campaign, which has a website with the ads posted: http://www.recycleusedoil.com/ . The campaign features five TV spots focused on (1) the oil change interval no longer being 3000 miles and advising that the owner's manual be checked to see what frequency is really needed. The intent is to reduce the amount of oil in the environment; and (2) reminding people who change their own oil to recycle the oil and the filter. There are also radio ads that are broadcast throughout the campaign as well as a focus group that will be held in August. A final summary of the campaign will be available in September.





Citrus Heights Community Center

As of July 15, 2014, the center is at 4,347 events booked.

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.

There is now a new preferred catering list for 2014/2015 with a variety of cuisine selections.

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.



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'
Empowerment
Association of
Citrus
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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.

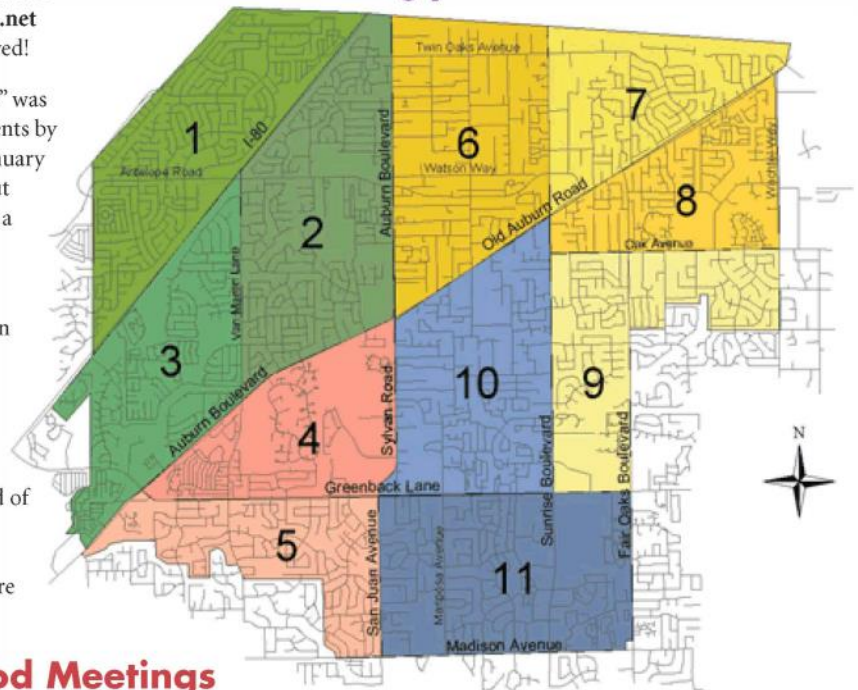
Anyone who lives, rents, or owns property or a business in Citrus Heights can get involved! Citrus Heights is divided into 11 Neighborhoods, and each Neighborhood is represented by a Neighborhood Association (Areas 7 & 8 are combined). Visit the City's website www.citrusheights.net and find out more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

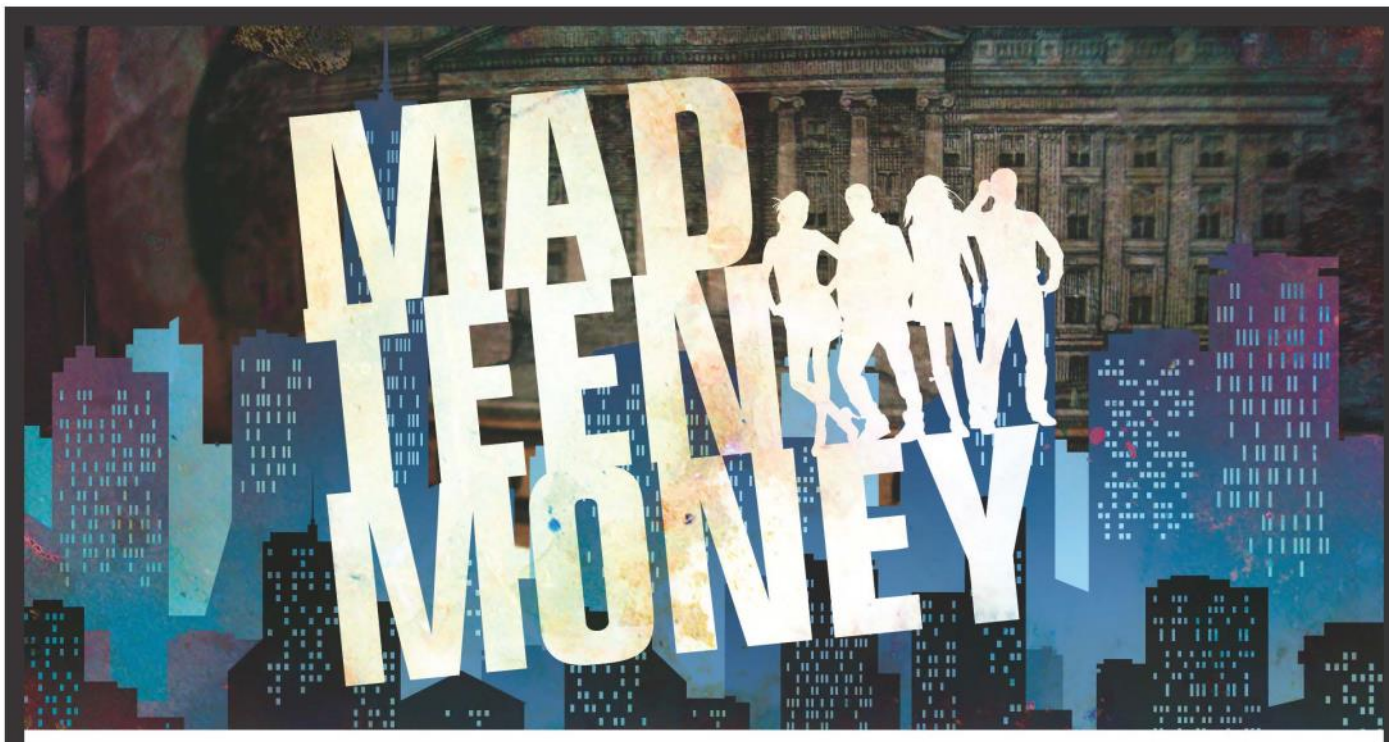
Check the map for the Neighborhood Group covering your area:



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



Economics classes you can use!

Learn to manage your finances and avoid scams

These practical seminars will focus on the actual situations and decisions teens will face, both as young adults and as they grow older, start families and buy homes.

Registration required for each event.

Mad City Money ***June 19, Thursday, 3 p.m.***

Learn what you need to know about real-world spending. In this interactive budget simulation game, teens 12 and older will take on the role of adults—with jobs, families and debt—in futuristic Mad City.

Credit & Savings Workshop ***July 17, Thursday, 3 p.m.***

This interactive workshop will teach the basics of establishing credit and savings. Come learn:

- What is a credit score?
- What's the real cost of borrowing money?
- How do you build your credit responsibly?

ID Theft, Fraud, and Your Consumer Rights ***August 7, Thursday, 3 p.m.***

This free workshop will help teach you how to protect your identity and money from theft. Learn about:

- Your rights as a consumer.
- Common scams—so you don't become a victim.
- What you can do if someone steals your identity.



HOT AUGUST BITES

Saturday - August 16th
4 - 7pm

RUSCH PARK



7801 Auburn Blvd
Citrus Heights

Come join in
on the fun and
bring your
family out for
live music and
a variety of
food trucks.

Free

ENTERTAINMENT



and **MUSIC**



**With live music from
The Tone Monkey's**

This new special event is being offered through the City of Citrus Heights and the Sunrise Recreation and Park District.

For more information please visit sunriseparks.com or call 725-1585.





YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY!

DONATION DRIVE

We NEED Your Gently Used Clothing, Shoes & Household Items!

Help Us Raise Money for Sac Metro C.E.R.T!!!

Drop Off Your Donations from August 4th-17th @ 3 Convenient ReUselt Donation Stations:



CARMICHAEL:
6328 Fair Oaks Blvd.

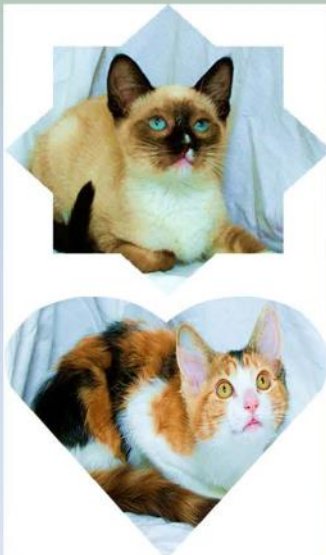
CITRUS HEIGHTS:
7770 Auburn Blvd.

SACRAMENTO:
5005 Stockton Blvd.



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*



RENTAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

RHA is a non-profit membership association which has served rental owners and managers for over 50 years. RHA is a local chapter of the California Apartment Association and offers a wide range of services including:

- Resident Screening
- Rental Forms, Publications, and Signs
- Property Management Advice
- Free Legal Advice Sessions
- Discounted Educational Programs and Conferences
- Government Representation

For more information about RHA, please visit www.RHA.org

WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?

Fair housing is a term that encompasses federal and state laws designed to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans purchasing or renting a home. The law protects tenants from illegal discrimination and harassment in housing based on the following protected classes:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Gender
- National Origin
- Familial Status
- Disability
- Age
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Ancestry
- Source of Income
- Gender Identity
- Personal Characteristic

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS



Attorney Gary Link

Attorney Gary Link is an experienced landlord/tenant attorney who has done more than 40,000 evictions in Northern California. He represents owners and agents only. Gary has served on the RHA Board of Directors, and is a frequent instructor of property management and fair housing courses.



Jane McGinnis

Jane McGinnis started in property management in 1985, following eleven years working on national advertising and marketing programs. Her property management experience includes single-family and multifamily residential, as well as retail and commercial management. Jane joined RHA in 2002 as the Director of Education.





Attorney Puneet Singh

Puneet Singh is the managing partner for the Northern California offices of Kimball, Tirey & St. John LLP and is engaged primarily in the practice of landlord-tenant law and litigation. Ms. Singh advises, counsels and represents owners, management companies and institutions in unlawful detainer actions and other landlord-tenant litigation and transactional matters.




City of Citrus Heights Housing Division
(916) 725-2448 or (916) 725-6185 (TTY)
www.chfairhousing.net


6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

FREE FAIR HOUSING TRAININGS



CHAMP
Citrus Heights & Multi-Housing Partnership



<p>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>HOUSING RESOURCES</p> <p>FOR LANDLORDS</p> <p>chfairhousing.net</p>		<p>OUR VISION AND FOCUS IS TO CREATE A SAFE AND THRIVING APARTMENT LIVING EXPERIENCE IN CITRUS HEIGHTS USING INNOVATION, EDUCATION, AND COLLABORATION.</p>
<p>FREE FAIR HOUSING TRAININGS</p> <p>The City of Citrus Heights is offering free training on fair housing for property owners and property management companies. This training is presented by the Rental Housing Association, a non-profit organization serving rental owners and managers in the Sacramento Valley region. If you own or manage rental property within the City of Citrus Heights, you are invited to participate. The first two classes will be paired with a CHAMP (Citrus Heights and Multi-Housing Partnership) meeting. These meetings are an opportunity for you to come and learn about the resources available to you as a member of CHAMP. The last two classes will be provided in the evening to allow for flexible schedules. Each class will be taught by a landlord/tenant attorney and an experienced property manager, with time for open Q&A. Class space is limited to just 30 per session, so act quickly.</p> <p>To register just email or phone: registration@rha.org (916) 920-1120 www.RHA.org</p>		<p>JOIN CHAMP TODAY</p> <p>The Citrus Heights Police Department realizes apartment living is unique and diverse. Due to the unique living environment, apartment complexes are their own community within a community and face distinct challenges. With this in mind, the Citrus Heights Police Department understood the need to create an innovative program geared toward apartment living.</p> <p>A combined effort of the Citrus Heights Police Department, property managers and property owners was necessary to generate innovative ideas to address the varied problems in apartment living. The Citrus Heights and Multi-housing Partnership (CHAMP) was created with the intent to use education and collaboration to create safe and thriving apartment living experiences.</p> <p>Designed with busy managers and owners in mind, CHAMP has no monthly meeting commitment. Networking, crime prevention, and exchanging information about crime trends are all available to CHAMP members. Members of CHAMP are liaisons with the Citrus Heights Police Department and are encouraged to educate their communities on crime prevention techniques.</p> <p>There is no cost to apartment communities that want to be a part of CHAMP. Our expectation is for CHAMP members to participate in the program to address the distinct challenges that face apartment communities and law enforcement.</p>
<p>CHAMP TRAININGS</p> <p>Connect with Your Police Department</p>	<p>EVENING TRAININGS</p> <p>Trainings for Every Schedule</p>	
<p>COMPLYING WITH FAIR HOUSING LAWS</p> <p><i>Wednesday, July 16, 2014</i> 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. City Hall Complex, Trellis Hall 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights Attorney Puneet Singh Partner, Law Offices of Kimball, Tirey & St. John</p>	<p>COMPLYING WITH FAIR HOUSING LAWS</p> <p><i>Tuesday, August 19, 2014</i> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. City Hall Complex, Trellis Hall 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights Attorney Gary Link Law Office of Gary Link</p>	
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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/>

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

River City Cat Rescue

www.rivercitycatrescue.org



**Humanity's true moral test, its
fundamental test ... consists of its
attitude towards those who are at
its mercy: animals.**

- Milan Kundera



July 1, 2014

Sacramento Metro Fire CERT is holding fundraising events during the weeks of August 4, 2014 through August 17, 2014. We have partnered with ReUselt to hold a donation drive for gently used items from your home. We are specifically looking for clothes, linens, dishes, toys, small appliances, jewelry, backpacks, sporting goods and hardware. These items will be recycled by the Boys and Girls Clubs to raise funds for their organizations. With your donations, you will be reducing the landfill use and helping our environment.

There are four locations for your donations and they are tax deductible. The donation site addresses are as follows:

Carmichael ReUselt – 6328 Fair Oaks Blvd.

Citrus Heights ReUselt – 7770 Auburn Blvd.

Citrus Heights City Hall Drop Box – 6237 Fountain Square Drive

Sacramento ReUselt – 5005 Stockton Blvd.

You can drive up to the ReUselt locations and they will unload for you. They are open Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm. The drop box site will be available from 8am to 11pm Monday, August 4 through Sunday, August 17, 2014.

CEAR has also partnered with Metro Fire CERT to hold an E-Waste drive on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 9am to 1pm at 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA. Time to get rid of those old tv's, monitors, cell phones, computer towers, printers and copiers.

Metro Fire CERT wishes to thank you for your continued support of our program and hopes that with these successful fundraisers we will be able to continue to serve our communities. Please feel free to share this information with all of your employees, friends, families and acquaintances.

Sacramento Metro Fire CERT – 10545 Armstrong Ave., Suite 200; Mather, CA 95655 (916) 859-3776



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.

August 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11:00 AM-Sylvan Oaks Friends' Book Sale 11:00 AM-Teen Volunteer Training @ Sylvan Oaks
3	4	5 11:00 AM-Toddler Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 6:00 PM-Tuesday Movie Madness! @ Sylvan Oaks	6 10:30 AM-"Paws to Sing" with The Poodlums @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-It's our Grand Finale with Tony Borders' Puppets @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	7 11:00 AM-Russian Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-ID Theft, Fraud, and Consumer Rights @ Sylvan Oaks 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	8 1:30 PM-Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie @ Sylvan Oaks	9 10:00 AM-Sylvan Oaks Book Club
10	11	12 11:00 AM-Toddler Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 3:00 PM-Kids Can Cook @ Sylvan Oaks 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	13 10:15 AM-Preschool Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	14 2:30 PM-Read to a Dog! 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	15	16 10:30 AM-Sensory Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks
17	18	19 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	20 10:30 AM-Music and More with Alan Candee @ Sylvan Oaks 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	21 11:00 AM-Russian Storytime @ Sylvan Oaks 4:00 PM-Teen Craft: Duct Tape Fun @ Sylvan Oaks 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	22 1:00 PM-Sit & Stitch @ Sylvan Oaks	23 10:00 AM-Autism-Friendly Family Flicks! @ Sylvan Oaks
24	25	26 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	27 3:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks 4:30 PM-Job Coach @ Sylvan Oaks	28 3:30 PM-LEGO Mania @ Sylvan Oaks 6:00 PM-Citizenship Test Classes	29	30
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18th Annual
Citrus Heights

Sunday FunDay

September 28th, 11am-3pm
RUSCH PARK 7801 Auburn Blvd.
 corner of Antelope Rd & Auburn Bl

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Family Entertainment!

Inflatables and Rides	Music with 101.9 The Wolf & Hot 103.5
Pony Rides	Rock Climbing Wall & Zip Line
Business and Craft Booths	Tot and Kid Fun Zones

Food Vendors
 (food available for purchase)

Call 727-5400 or visit www.citrusheights.net for more info

Sunday Funday is sponsored by the City of Citrus Heights, the Sunrise Recreation & Park District, the Citrus Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, and several local businesses





DOGGONE, IT'S SUMMER!

Please keep your pets safe this summer.

Dogs don't sweat like humans and can suffer HEATSTROKE far more easily.

Exercise your dog early or late in the day. All dogs, especially flat faced breeds can overheat quickly.



Check the temperature of the ground or sand because if it's too hot to touch, then it's TOO HOT for their PAWS.



Provide fresh water daily. Clam shell pools and doggy ice treats/kongs/home alone toys are great fun, keeps them cool and provides mental enrichment.



Leave dogs in a shady area, bearing in mind the movement of the sun as the day passes.



Never walk your dog when the temperature is over 30C (85F), their paws burn on hot pavement and hot sand.



Never leave your dog in a parked car on a warm day. Even on a cool day, the temperature in the car is much hotter than outside and can lead to brain damage or death!!



SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE

Muddy pink gums (instead of bright pink), heavy panting with occasional frothing at the mouth, disorientation, increased heart rate.

What To Do: Remove the pet from the heat source if possible. Increase ventilation (fan) and apply cool water or a cool towel compress. Do not apply ice, this causes the blood vessels to constrict and takes the dog longer to cool down. Reapply the cool towels frequently. Offer water to your pet, but don't force it.

Get your pet to the veterinarian quickly.

Dogs are not a disposable/fashion/status/breeding/profit-making accessory but a 10-15 year commitment, that will love you forever.

