CITRUS HEIGHTS

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YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 2025 – NOVEMBER 2025







The City of Citrus Heights is proud to present a month-by-month look back at our 2025 accomplishments! This Year in Review flyer features the milestones that shaped our community, showcasing public safety, infrastructure, community engagement, and economic growth achievements. Take a look at some of the highlights from the last year.

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JANUARY

- Launched the first-ever Neighborhood Area Awareness Month to highlight community identity and pride.
- Welcomed Girl Scout Troop 559 to City Hall for a government + civics learning tour (field trips to City Hall available!).
- Partnered with Republic Services on the annual youth calendar contest promoting environmental stewardship.
- Launched the Home Repair Grant Program supporting low-income mobile home households with health and safety repairs.

FEBRUARY

- Awarded three Distinguished Service Medals to Citrus Heights Police Department officers.
- Approved and operationalized the 2025–2027 Economic Development Work Plan, advancing business attraction, retention, marketing, and placemaking.
- Introduced Youth in Government programming to build future civic leadership.

MARCH

- Reinstated the CHPD Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Unit focused on addressing chronic community concerns.
- Supported the Resident Empowerment Association Potluck with 185+ participating community members.
- Recognized as a Tree City USA for the 7th consecutive year.
- City Council set 36 strategic objectives to advance goals during annual planning retreat.
- Partnered with Bradshaw Animal Shelter to offer free dog vaccines, microchipping, and wellness care.
- Issued FY 2024 audited reports with no findings and released the Popular Annual Financial Report to transparently communicate City finances to the community.

APRIL

- City Council reaffirmed the adopted Sunrise Tomorrow Plan by choosing not to incorporate an owner-initiated request to add auto-oriented uses.
- Rebranded the Community Center to the Citrus Heights Event Center and celebrated with a ribbon cutting.
- Launched the first Chip-In Hall of Fame Awards, honoring outstanding volunteers.
- Collected 115 lbs of unused medications during National Drug Takeback Day.
- Hosted the first Old Auburn/Wachtel Gateway Activation Project community workshop.
- Sponsored and supported the Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Challenge for regional high school students.

MAY

- Resurfaced Sunrise Boulevard from Madison to Greenback to improve safety and ride quality.
- Hosted the 4th Annual Tools of the Trade public works education event.
- Held a Chip-In Day cleanup in honor of Earth Day.
- Participated in the Big Day of Service, completing 14 local improvement projects.
- Launched the Love Local shop + dine campaign featuring Auburn Blvd businesses.
- Deployed goats for cost-effective natural vegetation and fire mitigation in open spaces, delighting neighbors who enjoyed visiting them.

JUNE

- Broke ground on the 26-home Habitat for Humanity project on Sayonara Drive.

- Kicked off the City Scoop summer event series with the first gathering at San Juan High.
- Hosted free compost pickup in partnership with Republic Services.
- Launched the Home Repair Loan Program to assist with health and safety repairs for qualifying households.
- Adopted a balanced two-year budget, including $4 million dedicated to street improvements.
- Completed Defined Contribution Audit with no findings.
- Hosted the Stars & Stripes Celebration, drawing more than 3,000 attendees.

JULY

- Used drones and targeted patrols to reduce illegal fireworks activity.
- Launched the Nonprofit Community Support Fund, making $133,000 in grants available.
- Released the Budget-in-Brief for accessible, transparent explanation of financial priorities.
- Kicked off the Gateway Activation Project, improving walking, biking, and driving corridors.
- Modernized Police Emergency Communications Center to enhance response coordination and public safety.
- Filed lawsuit against majority owner of Sunrise Mall Namdar Realty to require full correction of safety violations at Sunrise Mall and unpaid fines.

AUGUST

- Connected with neighbors at 13+ National Night Out events citywide.
- Continued Auburn Boulevard comprehensive street improvements including repaving and undergrounding utilities.
- Commissioned a pre-condemnation appraisal for Sunrise Mall as part of due diligence on future options.

SEPTEMBER

- Distributed $133,000 in Community Support Funding to local nonprofits.
- Completed the Dewey Drive/Van Maren Lane Enhancement Project including pavement resurfacing and pedestrian and roadway safety enhancements.
- Debuted “Citrus Nights”, a new evening community event.
- Launched Business of Distinction Awards to spotlight exemplary local businesses.

OCTOBER

- Held the Fall Chip-In Day volunteer clean-up.
- Received two PRSA regional awards recognizing strategic communications excellence.
- Launched the Open Data Portal to expand transparency and resident access to city data.
- Constructed 70 ADA curb ramps using more than $700,000 in CDBG funds.
- Designated the Citrus Heights Arts District along Auburn Boulevard.
- Hosted first Art in City Hall pop-up gallery in partnership with Citrus Heights Arts, celebrating local artists.
- Collected 132 lbs. of medication at Drug Takeback Day.

NOVEMBER (So Far!)

- Allocated $634,000 in CDBG funding to nonprofits and infrastructure.
- Hosted the 6th Annual State of the City Address.

METRIC ACHIEVEMENTS JANUARY 2025 – OCTOBER 2025

- **14** neighborhood safety improvements installed
- **48,470 FT.** of storm pipe and drainage structures cleaned
- **2,039 TREES** serviced and maintained
- **61.44 ACRES** of open space + **21,000 FT.** of creek corridors + **64,221 FT** of roadside ditches maintained
- **43.85 TONS** of trash removed citywide
- **1,111** abandoned shopping carts retrieved
- **977,095 SQ. FT.** of street resurfacing completed
- **800** business licenses processed
- **29** ADU permits issued
- **3,269** building permits issued
- **9,529** building inspections completed
- **4,451** plan reviews processed
- **10** major community events hosted
- **6** Block Party Trailer deployments throughout our community
- **2** citywide mailers distributed
- **584** social media posts shared
- **38** newsletters + newsflashes released
- **23** public meetings and **125** agenda items posted
- **1,750+** IT support requests resolved
- **280** computers replaced for better reliability
- **5,500+** invoices processed on time
- **71,771** calls for service answered
- **2,672** arrests conducted
- **3,770** traffic citations issued
- **11** chronic nuisance enforcement cases filed







