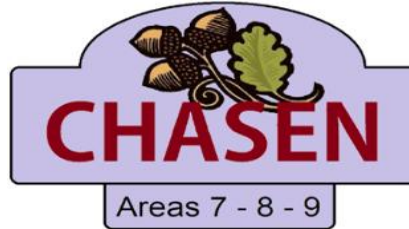




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Citrus Heights Area Seven-Eight-Nine
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Tuesday, October 21, at 7 PM

1. **Welcome and Introductions** Dave Seim
 Welcome all and recognize first time attendees
2. **Minutes:** 9/16/2025 – distributed via email Dave Seim
3. **Treasurer Report:**

Business Checking Available	\$ 2,139.87
Business Savings Available	<u>\$ 707.19</u>
Total:	\$ 2,847.06
4. **Guest Speakers:**

Lt Wes Herman IMPACT- Police/Crime report for Citrus Heights

He began by explaining there were two email items he did not have an answer to but he would follow up: 1) the equipment stored at the corner of Wintergreen and Old Auburn Blvd, and 2) the motor bikes on the walking paths. Also, he will follow up on the storage of cars at that same corner.

Updates on crime stats: property theft is still up. These increased numbers are likely due to PD actively encouraging retailers to always report a theft. Prop 36 was enacted that is helping to prosecute retail thefts. The car readers at stop lights have been extremely helpful in catching fleeing criminals, not only for theft but also for assault, etc.

Arson is on the increase, mostly due to warming fires set by the unhoused.

Stolen vehicles: so far this year, there have been 105 vehicles stolen. In 2024, for this same time period, that number was 211. A 50% reduction!

PAL will be hosting their Trunk or Treat event coming up. It will start at 5:00

Mary Jane Lopez-Taft City Council News

Prop 36 was overwhelmingly approved by State voters. At a recent meeting, Josh Hoover gave an interesting statistic on this matter. It was requested this proposition be funded at \$400 million. It was funded at only half that, \$200 million. She encouraged everyone to lobby Senator Roger Niello and Assemblyman Josh Hoover for increasing the funding because crime is a number one issue.

Your City Council was at a Cal Cities conference earlier this month. This gathering is with fellow elected officials in the State to hear best practices and ideas for improving our communities and making our cities better.

September 24 Council Meeting: Item 7 – Parking Violations Fines proposed amendments. This amendment basically aligned our fees. Item 9 – Flash Vote results. If you receive flash votes, please reply to give your voice to Council members.

Upcoming meeting: Item 16 – Review Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Item 17 – Designation of the Citrus Heights Art District. Art Beat will be held this year at Rusch Park. November 6 is the State of the City event. Come hear the roundup of all we’ve done in the city and everything we’re planning for the future

Megan Smith-Fajardo Republic Services

She is the Sustainability Advisor. She handed out a survey and is looking to gather community feedback. Citrus Heights has a contract with Republic Services through January 2027. The City Council will be meeting in November or December to determine whether to extend the contract. She is asking for your input on the services they provide as well as your ideas for improvement.

5. Program Presentation:

Larry Fritz The event of April 23, 1973, the Roseville Railyard Explosion

Larry began his presentation with a brief introduction of his life in Citrus Heights, first as a young man and then later in life when he bought his home behind Mt. Vernon Memorial Cemetery. He went on with a brief history of Fire Station 6, the first fire station built in Antelope (right near the railyards). There were many boxcars sitting on the rails with many, many bombs loaded in them bound for soldiers’ use in Vietnam. They never fully understood why the bombs exploded, but the theory is that a fire started due to sparks from the wheel brakes catching the wooden floor on fire under one of the boxcars. He gave a slide presentation on what Citrus Heights looked like, in terms of size, back in 1973. Citrus Heights, and especially Antelope, was small and rural at that time. But the bombs did a lot of damage. He showed what things looked like after the explosions. For two and a half hours, bombs were exploding. 18 boxcars were demolished, as was Fire Station 6. And explosions continued as some bombs were ripped open, scattering their explosive materiel all over. Lastly, he shared an artifact, a piece of metal, all twisted and torn, impossible to identify what it was before the explosion. This was a very interesting and informative presentation.

6. Announcements:

Woodside Schools Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, 10/24, from 6:00-7:30.

- 7. Next Month:** November 18, we will have a team member from Citrus Heights Economic Development Department. Our guest(s) will be discussing how to address the problems with commercial vacant properties within the city of Citrus Heights. They are seeking our input on proposed new regulations.

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