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CHASEN Neighborhood Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2026

Welcome & Updates

Bill Shirley welcomed attendees and noted the strong turnout. His 75th birthday was also recognized, and first-time attendees were introduced.

CHASEN reported receiving **\$1,500 from the City (\$500 each for Areas 7, 8, and 9)**. Funds support community projects, the Day of Service, the Christmas Giving Tree, and assistance to residents in need.

Bill thanked residents, businesses, Republic Services, Grocery Outlet, Citrus Heights Marching Band, and others who helped with **National Night Out**.

CHASEN announced an upcoming **candidate-focused meeting**, to be held on the 2nd rather than the usual third Tuesday. Candidates for City Council and other local offices have been invited. CHASEN will provide discussion topics, while residents may submit questions. A separate candidates event is scheduled for **September 29, 5:30–7:00 p.m., at Royal Stage at the north end of Sunrise Mall**.

Citrus Heights Police Update

Sergeant Jake Stadleman and Detective Joe Spurlin provided an update covering CHASEN's areas. Lieutenant Gualco was unavailable due to training.

Compared with the previous reporting period, officers reported:

- **Total calls:** 6,372, down 400
- **Officer-initiated calls:** 1,977, up 27
- **Crimes against persons:** 76, up 2
- **Aggravated assaults:** 16, down 4
- **Sex crimes:** 10, up 5
- **Crimes against property:** 105, down 51
- **Shoplifting:** 40, down 26
- **Arson:** 2, down 12
- **Theft from motor vehicles:** 31, down 7
- **Stolen vehicles:** 13, down 3
- **Burglaries:** 16, down 3
- **Robberies:** 3, unchanged
- **Traffic collisions:** 183, down 4
- **Quality-of-life complaints:** 261, down 45

Police emphasized the importance of residents reporting suspicious or criminal activity. Online reporting is available for qualifying incidents.

City Council Update

Marijane Lopez-Taff provided a City Council update. She stated that the City had **not reduced its police budget and that the budget had increased**. She also discussed her participation with the Sacramento County Board concerning funding for the District Attorney's Office and reported that a proposed reduction, including funding for the misdemeanor unit, had been restored.

Recent City proclamations included:

- National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week
- Prostate Cancer Awareness
- Firefighter Appreciation
- National Forensic Science Week

Other topics included the League of California Cities convention, local-control issues, and the City's Police Explorers program.

The City contracts with **Metro Fire** for fire services rather than operating its own independent fire department. The meeting included a report that fire calls were down approximately 40% year over year, with beautification efforts, police partnerships, and homeless-encampment work cited as contributing factors.

Republic Services Update

Meghan Smith-Fajardo, Sustainability Adviser with Republic Services, provided an update on waste and recycling services.

The City has elected to **continue with Republic Services rather than put waste services out to bid**. A new contract, expected to continue service for approximately 10 years, was still being negotiated. Specific changes were not yet available. Meghan agreed to return to a future meeting after the contract is finalized.

Residents were reminded that **free compost** is available at C-Bar-C Park, Miller's Ace Hardware, Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, and seasonally at City Hall through September. Mulch may also be available at Sylvan Ranch Community Garden.

Citrus Heights Water District Update

Ben Strange and Megan Selling provided an update on water rates, infrastructure, conservation programs, and billing.

The District stated that there will be **no water-rate increase for the remainder of 2026 or during 2027**. It reported investing at least **\$2 million annually in infrastructure**.

A recent Greenback Lane project replaced approximately **1,500 feet of aging 12-inch water main** in coordination with the City. Two well projects are also planned, with one expected later in the year and the Highland project anticipated in late 2027. Approximately **\$6.6 million in grant funding** was reported for the well projects.

The wells will use **aquifer storage and recovery**, allowing water to be stored during wet years and recovered during dry years to improve reliability and redundancy.

Available conservation programs include rebates for pressure-reducing valves, low-flush toilets, high-efficiency clothes washers, landscape irrigation efficiency reviews, smart irrigation controllers, and shade trees. Water Smart workshops are also available. A **composting workshop is scheduled for September 26**, and the District maintains a demonstration garden at Silver Ranch Community Garden.

Billing System Transition

The District is replacing its approximately 30-year-old billing system with new utility billing and accounting software. Residents will continue receiving paper statements.

Payment options include in-person payment, mail, bank bill pay, telephone, and online Express Bill Pay. Residents using bank bill pay will need to update their **new account number and remittance address**. Staff are available to assist with the transition, including during an **open office Thursdays from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.** A payment kiosk and existing drop box remain available.

Residents also raised questions about rebates for automatic water shutoff valves required by some insurance companies. The District acknowledged the suggestion for a possible rebate.

A question about potential water demand from AI data centers was raised; District representatives said they were not aware of any such sites or plans and indicated that land-use planning would be a City/County matter.

Upcoming Events & Closing

Upcoming events mentioned included:

- **September 26:** Water District composting workshop
- **September 29, 5:30–7:00 p.m.:** Candidates event at Royal Stage, north end of Sunrise Mall
- **October 13, 7:00 PM** - CHASEN Monthly Meeting - Candidates Night
- **October 17:** CHIP-IN community event with food and giveaways

The meeting concluded with a raffle.

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Bruins Legal Doc Prep	Narenj Mediterranean Grocery	Tony’s Liquor & Deli
Corey’s Cards & Games	Primo’s Auto Insurance	Walmart
Country Waffle	Starbucks Cooperwood Square	Tom & Debbie Gomez
DeMattei Real Estate	Kathy Morris	Food Maxx
Half Price Books	John Barth, Orelle Creek Ct	Linmoore Fencing
Leatherby’s Family Creamery	Target	In & Go Market