

# Camden Crier – Annual Dues Edition REPRINT!

~~May 2015~~ JUNE 2015 – help save the CNA, newsletter and dues recirculated, only 18 people enrolled  
Annual Dues increased to \$50 yearly per household to cover skyrocketing insurance costs

## Dear Camden Neighbor,

We already sent this newsletter via Craig Buntin's May 2015 flyer to save postage, but only 18 households paid annual dues. The CNA Board opted to send this again via hand delivery. We plead with our residents to join the association and keep it afloat. Please support the quality of life in Camden!!

We've enjoyed many fun times together such as Camden's premier event, Music by the Lake! And don't forget the bunny good time gathering eggs at our Easter Egg Hunt – with special prizes for CNA members donated by resident and local Realtor, Craig Buntin. Take a look at our Facebook page for pictures taken at our events. Lots of smiling faces. *And we want to keep having these wonderful, community events!* [www.facebook.com/CamdenNeighborhoodAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/CamdenNeighborhoodAssociation)

### **But, we are STILL at a crossroads on solving budgetary issues.**

With paid memberships dwindling for the Camden Neighborhood Association, now's your chance to become a member (or renew) and help out. Your yearly \$50 voluntary contribution will help defray our annual insurance costs that have skyrocketed, AND will allow the CNA to pay for our community events. Dues can be donated easily online through our Square account <https://squareup.com/market/camden-neighborhood-asso>, or we can bill you if you send an email request to [CNAtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:CNAtreasurer@gmail.com). (We prefer the online method at Square since it reduces postage and volunteer's hours).

**Why do we do all these events and need funding?** Primarily to keep Camden a desirable neighborhood....and to bring us together as neighbors and friends. They say that strong neighborhoods thrive, and we're the City's model of strength and desirability. You get way more than your money's worth by keeping the Association afloat – we stand as unavoidable voice when it comes time to be heard by the City, the Parks department and other service providers.

**So, are you with us?** If you haven't joined or donated, please think about both memberships, the Camden Neighborhood Association and the Camden Safety Committee's COPS program. If you already paid for 2015-16, Rock On!!!!

Drop us a line at [info@cnaelkgrove.com](mailto:info@cnaelkgrove.com)

Sharon Anderson

### **CNA Board President**

P.S. By the way, your board members are all volunteers and work tirelessly to host events, tackle difficult issues and serve on special committees. Come help!!

**“Camden Park and Camden Passage - where neighbors become friends.”**

## 2015 Activities:

### June 6 – Saturday

Neighborhood Garage Sale  
From 8 am; you supply stuff  
CNA does advertising!

### June 15 – Monday

CNA Annual General  
Membership Meeting – Mix  
Park Gazebo, 6 pm

### July 25 – Saturday (NEW)

Camden Movie Night  
in the Greenbelt

### August 15 – Saturday

Music by the Lake, 6 pm  
Free Concert, Food Trucks,  
Fun, Crafts and Games

### Sept. 12 – Saturday (New)

Camden Movie Night  
in the Greenbelt

### October 24 – Saturday

Fall Halloween Festival and  
Crafts 1PM

### December 13 – Saturday

Pictures with Santa and  
Winter Crafts 2PM –  
**NEW** - Carriage Rides!

CNA Board Meetings are held  
monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
[www.CNAElkGrove.com](http://www.CNAElkGrove.com)

## What neighborhood issues did the CNA Board hear about most frequently?

**We received calls and concerns related to our CC&R's and quality of life.** Neighbors were concerned with activities at some homes in our neighborhood and asked for guidance, such as, when to notify the police or Code Enforcement with concerns.

Neighbors were also concerned with quality of life regarding upkeep and maintenance of residences in Camden.

**NEW SOCIAL TOOL!!! - We have a NextDoor portal for Camden Passage and Camden Park** – Next Door is a great way to communicate within our own neighborhood. Over 200 residents have signed up to be part of this social tool. Please consider using this tool by going to

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/nhsqphvxuenuckjwtrap>

## **Membership Enrollment form - new or renewing members – 2015/16**

pay online or send an email to [CNAtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:CNAtreasurer@gmail.com) to receive an invoice  
**ONLY \$50.00 Per YEAR for your household (owners and renters alike)!**

Please note: All information is held in confidence and used for CNA purposes only. **Dues run July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.**

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CO-MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Elk Grove, CA 95624  
HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ listed/unlisted (circle)  
Email ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Each year our association sponsors several events for the neighborhood. Examples would include Spring and Fall Festivals (BBQ's), Easter Egg Hunt, Pictures with Santa, Music by the Lake, and the annual Camden-wide Yard Sale.

**Would you be interested in helping to plan and participate in one or more of these events?** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to join the C.N.A. Board? We have up to 2 vacancies this year!** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ YES, I want C.O.P.S. patrolling Camden, and I would **ALSO** like to contribute \$20.00 per month to the Camden C.O.P.S. program. C.O.P.S. members are invoiced quarterly. All donations accepted! Questions? Email us at [info@CNAelkgrove.com](mailto:info@CNAelkgrove.com)

Mail this form and your check to:

P.O. Box 148

Elk Grove, CA 95759-0148

Note: if you plan to pay online or through your bank's electronic billpaying system, we would still like to receive this form from you.

**NEW!** Pay online securely with your credit card by following the links on <http://cnaelkgrove.com/cna-membership.html> webpage. Once on the "Square" payment page, click on the photo with the shopping cart logo on upper right to add the membership to your shopping cart. Then checkout and pay with your credit card. It's easy!!

### **Additional Request for 2015-2016 CNA Dues Contribution!!! SAVE THE CNA!!!!**

PLEASE KEEP THE CNA AFLOAT – QUALITY OF LIFE IN  
CAMDEN COUNTS ON YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.  
For 7/1/15-6/30/16

### **Projected Budget and Funds Statement**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Easter	\$250
Garage Sale	\$100
Movie in the Greenbelt (2)	\$100 (supplies)
Music by the Lake	\$2800
Harvest Festival	\$300
Pictures with Santa	\$400
Insurance	\$4300
Postal Box	\$60
Postage/Mailing	\$800
<u>Signage</u>	<u>bundled in event</u>
Total	\$9110 (need 200 members minimum)

CNA Fund Balance - \$529 as of May 2015

COPS Projected Fund Balance - \$9,353.11 as of April

Estimated payment to EGPD for 20 hrs/month  
= \$1,440/month (\$4,320 per quarter)\*

\*The Safety Committee adjusts hours of monthly coverage depending on revenues.

----You can see help is needed to keep activities going!----

### **Safety and the COPS program**

And now for the final topic, **our safety and security.**  
As you know, we also have a Safety Committee that administers the COPS program. While a handful of generous, caring residents cover the costs for an inadequate amount of patrol hours, many other neighbors have a cavalier attitude that "someone else will pay for patrol and I will benefit".

We are nearing the end of the road for that program. Rates for Elk Grove Police off-duty patrol have increased, and paid members have decreased. Our funds have been depleted so much that we can only pay for a measly 20 hours of patrol per month. That's absolutely next to nothing. That's 5 shifts at 4 hrs each. That's not fair for those who pay and others who don't (yet expect patrol to come at no cost to them).

But you can solve this dilemma if you have yet to join the COPS program! There's hope that we can reach a membership goal of 500 paid members! This will allow us to cover the costs of nearly 140 random (unpredictable to criminals) hours of off-duty police patrol per month!

We will soon have an easy way to pay for COPS program online, but in the meantime, please send an email to [info@cnaelkgrove.com](mailto:info@cnaelkgrove.com) to be added to the program. You can also fill out the form on our website by following this link <http://www.cnaelkgrove.com/cops.html>

Paid members will soon be surveyed about options to continue patrol whether through EGPD (current method) or Private Patrol (non-law enforcement service).

Stay tuned!