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Message from the President

Every time I drive into our Camden neighborhood, I feel thankful for the opportunity to live in such a nice area of Elk Grove. Walking along Camden Lake with the ducks, geese and other water fowl is a special privilege. I also consider it a privilege to serve as the Camden Neighborhood Association President. It has been a great time thus far as we have danced in the park to the sounds of "Salsa", sold our treasures at the annual Garage Sale, given prizes for the most creative pumpkin carving, taken pictures with Santa, and welcomed the Easter Bunny to Camden for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our motto for Camden is "where neighbors become friends". These activities really help that to happen as we gather in our beautiful parks to have fun and celebrate the season, rain or shine.

I want you to know that we have dedicated neighbors who serve on the CNA Board. In addition to planning events, they advocate for us with the City of Elk Grove, work with planning departments to get paths built, clean up creeks and greenbelts, run the Safety Committee and the C.O.P.S. program and so much more. Thank them if you get a chance, they deserve it. And to that special handful of quiet servants who pick up trash around the neighborhood and report maintenance issues.... we notice, and you are appreciated.

Finally, as we approach our Annual Membership Drive, I hope you will consider renewing or joining us for the first time as we continue to host these fun events. Membership is only \$40.00 per year and allows us to continue to host our events. Insurance, rental fees, bands, food, and advertising are all expensive items that are necessary for us to do the best job possible. Please send your check today and help Camden remain the extraordinary neighborhood that it is.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please join today, you'll be glad you did.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members if you have questions, or want to get involved with Camden Neighborhood Association. Board meetings are open to all.

Sincerely,
Tom Orrock
CNA President



Beautiful Blooms at the Camden Roundabout—Springtime!

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Special points of interest:

- Join Camden Neighborhood Association today!
- Participate in Camden events—have fun!
- Take steps to prevent crime in Camden
- Join the C.O.P.s program
- C.N.A. Board Responds to Concerns



COPS: Camden Officer Patrol Service—We need YOU!



CNA members, Dick and Hideko, talk with EGPD officers at a Camden National Night Out BBQ.

Strength in Numbers.

Less than one fifth of our neighbors are financially supporting the COPS program which benefits all residents. The COPS program funds off-duty Elk Grove police patrol of our neighborhood. We really need your help to make it even more effective and add more patrol hours.

We request patrol service for varying times; however, we're limited in the number of hours due to current participation. Anyone can join the COPS program regardless of whether you're a member of the CNA. EGPD helps remind neighbors of safety issues, and can contact suspicious people or respond to crime.

The following shows a sample of the past quarter's incidents:

- 1-05-12 Springhurst and Goldy Glen, Subject was riding an ATV on the roadway with passenger.
- 1-06-12 Suspicious vehicle, advised NR (Non-resident) to leave the area.
- 1-10-12 Advised neighbor about a boat parked on the street. Checked on vacant house. Stopped a 15-yr old R (Resident) walking in neighborhood during school hours.
- 1-13-12 Spoke with R about needing helmet and light on bike.
- 1-14-12 Responded to call of shots fired/fireworks on Springhurst. All clear. Truck doors left open on vehicle, N. Camden.
- 1-28-12 Three subjects contacted on Springhurst walking with a baseball bat at 10:15pm.
- 2-10-12 Stopped a R in a silver Volvo about speed on N. Camden.
- 2-16-12 Checked out a suspicious vehicle on Camden Lake Wy. Non-Resident (NR)
- 2-16-12 Bike stop, probation search.
- 2-24-12 Resident requested additional patrol due to recent thefts in the area. Call put out for additional units during graveyard shift.
- 2-24-12 NR stopped for running stop sign at Springhurst/W. Camden.
- 2-27-12 Responded to call regarding vandalism at railroad tracks.
- 3-2-12 NR in blue Volvo stopped for speed, Ashmore.
- 3-10-12 Responded to suspicious person soliciting door to door, area checked clear.
- 3-10-12 Several juveniles contacted on Ashwell, advised to stay out of the roadway.
- 3-22-12 Approached NR fisherman. Patrolled Creek, nothing found.
- 3-24-12 Two subjects seen walking on Camden Lake after curfew (9:09P). Resident reported hearing explosion, both 13 years old. Subjects had no explosives.

Signing up for the COPS is easy—see the insert for Membership and/or the COPS program, or visit the website at www.CNAElkGrove.com!

Our Luscious Parks and Meandering Trails

Many of us moved to Camden because of the standard of living and the numerous trails, peaceful lakes and



lush parks & greenbelts.

But taking care of these assets

falls to all of us. It's not "someone else's job" to pick up after our pets and our litter.

Being stewards of these amenities will benefit all of us and protect our homes' values by preventing decay of

our beautiful neighborhood.

Please do report maintenance or vandalism issues to the CSD Parks Maintenance Hotline at (916) 405-5688.

If you see "joyriders" driving vehicles in the park, call the EGPD's dispatch at (916) 714-5115 immediately.

And go ahead, pick up that piece of litter or fishing line and throw it away properly!

Help keep our streets and parks clean and welcoming to all!

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Why Camden Stands Out—CC&Rs and the C.N.A.

Why won't someone do something about it?

That's a question we might ask when we see something askew with a property in our neighborhood. From overgrown lawns to trailers parked for weeks in front of homes, we wonder how to restore the quality we count on.



Working to preserve your "home sweet home", see your CC&R's for more information.

When we bought our homes, we knew that we made a smart choice because of the foresight of the builders. The builders established reasonable standards for our properties in the Camden area and now your C.N.A. will stand up for those standards.

CC&Rs work in concert with the City's Codes—an excerpted description follows:

"The City of Elk Grove is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and providing responsive services for our community. With this goal in mind, the Code Enforcement Division was developed to address concerns about unsafe, unhealthy or unsightly conditions in homes, neighborhoods and the entire community.

Code Enforcement Officers work in close association with the Elk Grove Police Department, Planning, Building and Public Works Departments and other local agencies to maintain high community standards and address violations of the Elk Grove Municipal, Zoning and Housing Ordinances. Through enforcement of these ordinances and with community awareness and involvement, Elk Grove will continue to be a place everyone feels proud to call home."

For information about the City's Code Enforcement, please see their website at

<http://www.elkgrovecity.org/code-enforcement/index.asp>

For more information about Camden's CC&Rs, or to let the C.N.A. Board know about an issue, please visit our website at

<http://www.CNAelkgrove.com>.

Camden stands out because of our Codes Covenants and Restrictions and the caring residents like you that support the policies. Your C.N.A. Board will work hard to preserve our quality of life, but we need your help. Feel free to contact us.

Camden Events Mean Fun for All! Join Your Neighbors

We've been busy having fun!

From the Easter Egg hunt and Pictures with Santa, to our fall



festival and Music in the Park, we certainly know how to get the neighborhood out of the house!

You can count on our annual Camden-wide garage sale on the first Saturday in June as well as Creek Week cleanup of Laguna Creek/Whitehouse Creek and Camden Lakes in April.

Also, look for our annual General Meeting on Monday, June 14, at a location to be determined.

To find out how all these events come together, please

join the C.N.A. Board at one of our monthly meetings where we plan events and tackle hot topics. We welcome new ideas and volunteers.

As you may have discovered, we post events and membership information on the C.N.A. website at www.cnaelkgrove.com

See you around the neighborhood!



Easter Egg Hunt in Mix Park

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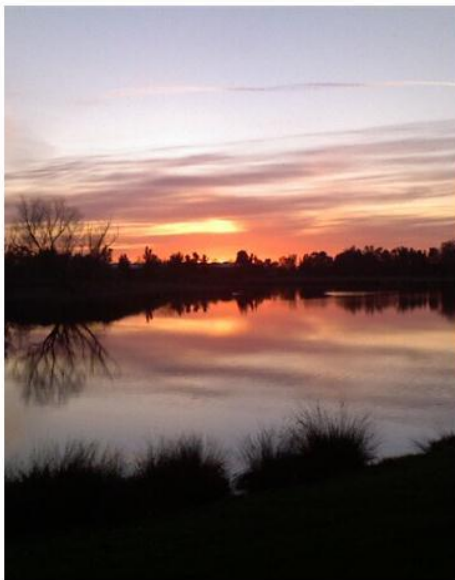


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Camden - Where Neighbors Become Friends.



Our beautiful Camden Lake—otherwise known as Laguna Creek Watershed.

Upcoming Events!

CAMDEN WORK DAY— Laguna and Whitehouse Creek Cleanup

Join Neighbors for the Annual Creek Week Event

When: April 21, 2012—Saturday, 9:00 a.m. sharp

Where: Meet on Camden Lake Way at the big grassy area near lake. Teams will be assigned locations at that time.

What: Bring gloves, wear boots, long sleeves, long pants, and plan to help clean our creeks!

Afterward, participants will be treated to a BBQ lunch at Miwok Park (Village Tree Drive). No pre-registration is required. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and gloves. All participants must sign a hold-harmless form. Anyone under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Call CSD at 916-684-7550 or Camden resident Sharon at 916-686-1338 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

When: June 2, 2012—Saturday, 8 a.m. start

Where: All homes in Camden Park and Passage included!

What: Your Association covers advertising costs, you provide the stuff!

MUSIC IN THE PARK

When: July (stay tuned for exact date)

Where: Allister Way park area

Who: Featuring a local band and YOU!

What: Vendors and picnics and FUN!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION

When: June 11, 2012—Monday, 6:30 pm

Where: EGUSD Robert L. Trigg Education Center, 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road

Who: All Members invited—new members encouraged to attend and join!

What: Election and Annual Report of Camden Neighborhood Association