

The Camden Crier

A Message from the President

To All Neighbors in Camden,

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter with all of the information you'll need to know as we move forward through another great summer.

Once again, the Camden Neighborhood Association has put together some really cool events and will continue to do so in the coming months. It has been great to see everyone gather together at the Easter Egg Hunt and Creek Cleanup. We're a strong, vibrant neighborhood when we get to know each other. That is why we look forward to our events.

Please consider clearing out your treasures for the **Camden Garage Sale on June 1st**. And we all look forward to the **Music by the Lake event on August 17th** where we hope that you'll invite your friends and family out for a picnic, live music, Food Trucks, and fun for the kids, which will take place by our beautiful Camden Lake. We also want to see you at our **Annual CNA Board Meeting on June 10th**. Please come by the **Robert Trigg Education Building at 6:00 pm** for our meeting and election, and then stay to hear the CSD and City of Elk Grove representatives speak about the plans for our lake.

A few years ago, I attended an emergency meeting of the CNA Board. The message was clear. If we didn't find new board members, the association would have to fold. So, along with Bill and Sherry Cullers, we took the reins and did our best to see it through. I am so happy to say that since then, some great things have happened. I give all the credit to the board members who got involved and took the CNA to the next level. Camden is a great neighborhood in part because our board is active and involved on many levels.

And so, this is a great time for me to step aside as President and allow someone else to serve. It has been very fulfilling to be a part of this great neighborhood association.

Now for my call to action..... **We need your help on the CNA Board!** We'd love for you to get involved so let me tell you what we need - Board Members, Event planners, and Committee members. We especially need help with the Safety Committee that manages the COPS program. If you would like to spend time with some fun people and make a difference in the neighborhood, please visit our website and send us a message.

Tom Orrock
CNA Board President

What did CNA accomplish this past year?

- Stabilized our board membership
- Conducted a successful COPS enrollment campaign to re-instate 40 hours
- Increased membership slightly and enjoyed a spike of attendance at events
- Resolved billing and invoicing issues
- Formalized Codes, Covenants and Restriction (CCR) issue reporting process

Please attend the June 10, General Membership meeting to see what's in store this year and where we can use a hand!

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*"Camden Park
and Camden
Passage - where
neighbors become
friends."*

Activities:

June 1 – Saturday

*The CNA Annual
Neighborhood Garage
Sale!*

June 10 – Monday

*Annual General
Membership Meeting
CNA – Robert Trigg
Education Center*

August 17 – Saturday

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

October 26 – Saturday

*Fall Halloween Festival
and Crafts*

December 7 – Saturday

*Pictures with Santa
and Winter Crafts*

*CNA Board Meetings are
held the 3rd Wednesday
of each month. See
website for more details.*

www.CNAElkGrove.com

Join the CNA and/or Camden Officer Patrol Service

If you are reading this, you have chosen to live in a wonderful and secure neighborhood.

Camden Park and Camden Passage are among a handful of communities in Elk Grove that can make that claim. Some of us, without the slightest hint of objectivity, think it is the best place to live in EG.

One reason our neighborhood is so secure is the COPS program, which provides extra patrols in Camden by off-duty Elk Grove Police officers. Not civilian volunteers or rental patrol, but honest-to-goodness, armed EGPD officers who arrest bad guys in and around Camden.

The program is administered by the Camden Neighborhood Association and funded by a stunningly low percentage of Camden residents who pay \$20 a month -- to use a tired cliché, less than the cost of a fancy coffee drink a week -- to make our neighborhood safer. And, of course, the patrols help protect ALL of us, paying members or not.

Because the number of members is so low, COPS feels like it is on life-support all the time. Last fall, the CNA board reluctantly cut back the patrols during yet another financial crisis.

Thanks to a semi-successful educational campaign and membership drive last fall, we were able to restore the service to about 40 hours a month. The hours and days of the patrols vary -- no sense letting the thugs see a pattern -- according to need and intelligence from the police.

Simple Truth: We need more \$20-a-month COPS members to preserve and perhaps expand the program.

Remember, COPS is separate from CNA membership, which costs just \$40 a year. Yes, PER YEAR! The CNA supports and puts on a variety of community activities -- including Music at the Lake, Pictures With Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival and the forthcoming Camden Garage Sale -- that many residents have come to enjoy. The volunteer board also acts as a watchdog for Camden-related issues at the city, county and other levels of government.

Please consider joining one or both by completing the enclosed form, or sending us an email so we can bill you later -- info@cnaelkgrove.com . Keep Camden Strong!

Recent C.O.P.S Report Highlights

- 12-7-12 Various locations – advised residents of open garage doors
- 12-27-12 Allister Way, monitored for vehicles parking at park late at night. Conducted foot patrol.
- 1-19-13 Camden Lake Way - Advised non-resident male (on probation for burglary) to leave the neighborhood.
- 3-15-13 Camden. Family argument mediated.
- 3-16-13 West Camden. 4 advised of bike lights.
- 3-22-13 Springhurst, Traffic stop resulted in DUI arrest.
- 4-5-13 Ashwell. 3 juvenile residents advised of curfew and bike lights.
- 4-19-13 Resident concerned with trash left by fishermen. Will start checking fishing licenses.

June 10 – Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, 6 pm Robert Trigg Center

We have much to share at this year's General Meeting and would like to hear from you! You'll have the chance to renew (or start) your membership and elect the new Board. From our neighborhood desirability to our parks, we want to let you know the scoop. Also, the CCSD will conduct a workshop about the weir immediately after our meeting.

The City of Elk Grove seeks followers! Find out what's going on locally with the City of Elk Grove by signing up for Twitter, email or Facebook updates. Go to www.ElkGroveCity.org to find out the latest!

Recently the City conducted a Code Enforcement sweep by driving every street in Elk Grove. They looked for overgrown yards, down or leaning fences and other conditions that lead to blight or public/environmental health problems. You can also request service by sending an email to AskElkGrove@ElkGroveCity.org or by downloading the City's mobile app called Ask Elk Grove in iTunes or Android apps !

Treasurer's Note

The Board took over all bookkeeping duties, including the COPS billing process, in October 2012. I want to thank all the COPS members for being so patient - it has been quite a process to update the old system, and there have been a few glitches during the transfer.

My desire is to be more responsive to our members, and without costs associated with a paid bookkeeping service, we will conserve our funds so that the COPS Program can expand. To that end, I created a new email address cnatreasurer@gmail.com for billing communication which I monitor and respond to.

I want to thank you for your suggestions and comments.

Please complete the COPS portion of the enrollment/renewal form being sent out in the newsletter and become a COPS member. Whether you rent or own a home, you can join!

Thank you,
Sherry Cullers
CNA Treasurer

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Projected Budget and Funds Statement

Activity	Budgeted
Easter	\$200
Garage Sale	\$100
Music by the Lake	\$2000
Harvest Festival	\$200
Pictures with Santa	\$400
Insurance	\$3200
Postal Box	\$60
Postage	\$400
Signage	bundled in events
Total	\$6560

CNA Fund Balance - \$3253.51 as of May 2013

COPS Projected Fund Balance - \$7,082.96

Estimated payment to EGPD for 40 hrs/month
= \$2,000/month (\$6,000 per quarter)*

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

In other news, Camden resident, Tom Russell penned a rather touching article about our Camden Lakes. Here's a short excerpt:

There is a struggle now under way between nature and man. Our collective treasures, the lakes, are in trouble. The upper lake and creek upstream have been drained. With so many government entities wanting to control nature, we all seem to be losing sight of what has been created in the past quarter century here in our City.

To read the whole article, please log onto our website under the news and information section.

<http://www.cnaelkgrove.com/news-and-information.html>

SAVE OUR LAKES!!

Find out more during the Camden Neighborhood Association's General Meeting on June 10, at 6 pm, Trigg Education Building on Elk Grove Florin Road

Camden Weir Repair Options Presented at CNA Annual Meeting, June 10, 2013

by Fred Bremerman, CCSD Management Analyst

The Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) will present alternatives to repair or replace the leaking Camden weir on June 10 at the Camden Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. Measures to correct the leakage have been attempted in the past, but have not provided a long-term solution. West Yost Associates is preparing a report with engineering alternatives. The report will be available on or before June 3 at www.yourcsd.com.

The report will identify alternatives to meet these objectives:

- Eliminate the weir leaks
- Provide the ability to easily measure the flow rate through the weir
- Minimize weir repair or replacement costs
- Provide a sustainable solution that minimizes long-term maintenance costs

See you there! All residents are welcome, and the workshop will start after our CNA meeting.

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