

# CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CAMDEN CRIER

Annual Update & Dues Request

Summer 2022

## TREASURES, TREES & TRASH!

### Our Treasured Events

2021 saw us come out of our shells and back to regular life! What a treasure to see everyone at our first annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade! Big thanks to our neighbor Roxi and family who hustled up a last-minute treasure of an event for us. We appreciate the post-parade ice cream sponsored by Tausha Gray, CNA Board member and local realtor.

We even brought back our movies on the Greenbelt last year thanks to Craig Buntin and Associates Realty (and Lori!). Such fun sitting together in the park and watching movies outdoors with popcorn and free shaved ice courtesy of the Buntins.

And Music by the Lake. What a night! We hope you enjoyed the music, dancing, food trucks, bounce slide, vendors and hospitality table. Your Board members had a blast and we remain grateful for the donations of raffle prizes as well as the grant and services provided by the city. Mark your calendar for September 17 this year when we hit the park by the lake and go again!

Our Harvest festival saw a record turnout (was it the free hotdogs?). And who can forget our Pictures with Santa with the train rides? The craft faire was a pretty cool addition; we will keep it going this year. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate for holiday wagon rides, BUT our holiday decorating contest certainly brightened everyone's spirit! Such a treasured neighborhood we live in! Great people and an awesome vibe. Let's keep that up.

You may have noticed that we've changed up our Easter event a bit.

The egg hunt has morphed into an Easter Bunny basket delivery! And we've kept the vendor faire and bounce slide part of the event at Mix Park with loads of candy on hand to give away. Still a very lovely time to be treasured.

Having just held our annual Community Garage Sale, we enjoyed seeing everyone outside of their homes. Our Board Prez drove around and tried to visit as many sales as possible without being a pest (LOL). Those Beignets from our neighbor on Goldy Glen hit the spot by the way.

For more info on our fun, upcoming events for the remainder of the year check out the list in the newsletter.

### Trees

Did you know that the Sacramento Tree Foundation can help you add or replace your trees for free? Ever notice that we seem to be losing our residential tree canopy in Camden? While many beautiful trees exist in our parks and greenbelts, other trees on private property have died or been removed. Want to restore shade along your streets and yards again? Shade from trees keeps the soil moist cool, and tree watering is actually encouraged as a result. For more information about tree care, visit [www.sactree.org](http://www.sactree.org)

### Trash

By now you've received the news about our shift in how we handle our organic (compostable) waste. And actually, it's fairly straightforward. Anything derived from plants or animals (except poop) goes in the yard waste bin. That bin will get collected weekly now, just like the garbage can. For

more information about the change, please visit [https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city\\_hall/departments\\_divisions/garbage\\_recycling/residential/residential\\_organic\\_recycling](https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/garbage_recycling/residential/residential_organic_recycling)

Another aspect of trash can cause blight in our neighborhood. Did you know that trash cans need to be stored in a certain way, out of sight either in a side yard or screened from view? Also, trash buildup in front yards, driveways, or visible from the street might be reason for a code enforcement citation. Typically, Camdenites are pretty great neighbors who value a nice front yard. Let's all do our part and keep Camden awesome and beautiful. ❤️

### Going Forward

We love new ideas and initiative. With eight events, monthly meetings, newsletters, financial management, social media, website maintenance, signs, and annual community meeting, our board members welcome new planners and organizers who can step up like Roxi (and team) to oversee events. In the meantime, we wish to take a moment to acknowledge those who continue to keep the Camden spirit alive. We live in a great community where the pride shows. Thank you for keeping your Camden Passage or Camden Park property beautiful. Need a refresher on how to maintain your property and abide by the CC&R's and the City's Codes? See back page of the newsletter. Please do continue to stay safe and healthy and stay connected via NextDoor or through our Facebook page, we enjoy receiving messages from our neighbors.

Sincerely yours,  
The CNA Board

## MUSIC BY THE LAKE 9/17/22 - Dust off your dancing shoes!

Our premier CNA sponsored event, **Music by the Lake** takes place this year on September 17th! If you haven't attended this event before, dust off your dancing shoes and come on over. We dance the night away to the Cover Me Badd live band, have lots of prizes to raffle, food trucks, a huge slide for the kids and local vendors selling their wares. It's a great evening at the beautiful setting of our Camden Lake. If you own or work at a local business, we are always looking for raffle prizes and event sponsors! Contact us at [info@CNAElkGrove.com](mailto:info@CNAElkGrove.com). 2021's event was a blast! Tons of neighbors in attendance, great music and a full moon to close out the night.



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### 2022 Remaining Events

#### July 4th Bike Parade

July 4th  
Start Camden Lake  
End Mix Park

#### Movie Night

July 23rd Greenbelt

#### Music by the Lake

September 17 Camden Lake

#### Fall Festival

October 29th Mix Park

#### Pictures with Santa & Holiday Faire

December 4th  
Cooperston Greenbelt

#### Wagon Rides

December 11th  
Cooperston Greenbelt

#### Outdoor Holiday Decoration Contest

Voting December 21st  
Registration: 12/1-12/19

### 2023 Proposed Events

#### Spring Faire

March or April

#### Day of Service/ Creek Cleanups

May 20th

#### Community Garage Sale

June 3rd

#### Movie Nights

Summer evenings

For the most updated info  
on events, follow us on  
Facebook



**Membership Donation Funds  
Projected Budget  
July 2022– June 2023**

Activity/Item	Budget
Music by the Lake	\$5,700
Fall Festival/Craft Faire	\$800
Holiday Decoration Contest	\$2000
Pictures w/ Santa	\$600
Wagon Rides	\$1000
Spring Festival/ Easter Baskets	\$700
Annual Garage Sale	\$50
July 4th Parade	\$500
Insurance	\$2550
PO Box Rental (annual)	\$182
Postmaster Permit Fee	\$510
Copies, Envelopes, Postage	\$1200

**Total Projected Need \$15,792**

**COPS Projected Budget  
July 2022– June 2023**

Month	Proposed Hours*	Proposed Budget
July 2022	20	\$1740
August 2022	20	\$1740
Sept 2022	20	\$1740
Oct 2022	20	\$1740
Nov 2022	40	\$3480
Dec 2022	40	\$3480
Jan 2023	20	\$1740
Feb 2023	20	\$1740
March 2023	20	\$1740
April 2023	20	\$1740
May 2023	20	\$1740
June 2023	20	\$1740

**Total Projected Need \$24,360**

**CNA Membership:**

In order to maintain these events/items,

**WE NEED AT LEAST**

**306 CNA members (at \$50)**

**for this 2022-2023 year!**

The CNA is open to all 900+ households (homeowners and renters alike) in the Camden Passage/Camden Park locations. Please consider joining us to keep the festivities and special events going. These are some of the things that make our neighborhood so wonderful to be a part of.

**COPS (Camden Officer Patrol Service)**

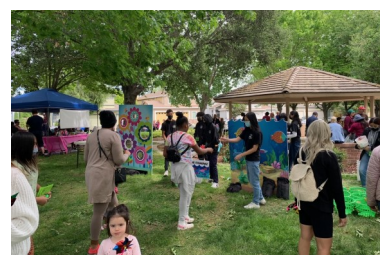
**Participation:** COPS is a program of focused patrols through our Camden Passage/Park neighborhoods. The off-duty police officers monitor car and foot traffic of those that don't live in the neighborhood. They know who doesn't live in our neighborhoods because the same officers patrol our grounds every month. The more participants we have the more patrol hours we can fund each month. In an effort to maintain the few hours each month noted above, we need at least **102 consistently paying COPS members**. Having off-duty police patrol our neighborhood has allowed us to have one of the safest communities in Elk Grove. Since the Safety Committee adjusts hours of monthly coverage depending on revenues, the more members we have, the more hours of protection we can invest in. Please consider joining COPS so that we may continue to keep our neighborhood safe.

**CAMDEN EVENTS ARE LEGENDARY!**

Not only is our annual Music by the Lake event amazing, the other events sponsored by the CNA are also legendary with FREE attendance! If you are new to Camden or haven't attended our events, below are just a few pictures from the 2021-22 CNA year of events!



**2022 Spring Carnival**  
Giant Slide, Carnival Games & Prizes  
... ALL FREE because of  
CNA memberships



**2021 Pictures with Santa**  
Cookie Decorating & Hot  
Cocoa... ALL FREE



**2021 July 4th Bike Parade**

YOUR CNA MEMBERSHIP allows us to host these amazing family friendly events. We need at least 306 households, out of the 900+ households in Camden, to join this year (July 2022-June 2023) to fund the upcoming events. Its only \$50 per household! As a CNA member you also receive perks like free raffle entries at events that have raffles (which is most events)!



Are you a frequent neighborhood walker? We encourage you to pick up **one piece of litter** each way on your walk. That small contribution helps immensely in keeping Camden pristine. Especially by the lakes and the bridge.

**Property Maintenance– Camden Pride!**

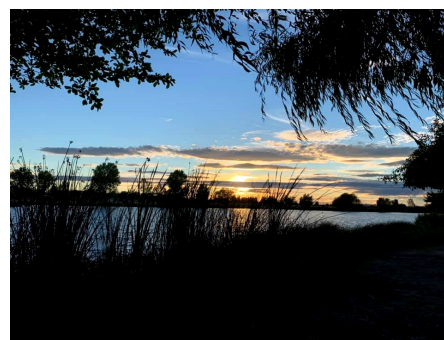
We always hope our entire community realizes the value of a beautiful neighborhood. Many have moved to Camden because of the big trees and lovely landscaping of our yards. Some reminders from the CC&Rs require:

- All properties to be well maintained with no garbage, garbage cans, debris or accumulations of junk items on the front driveways or courtyards, or visible from the street
- Auto repair service is not allowed in residential neighborhoods. Storage of inoperable vehicles and accumulation of vehicles is not allowed on driveways or streets.
- RV and Boat Parking - The City of Elk Grove has ordinances that prohibit recreational vehicles, trailers, and large duty (greater than 4 tons gross vehicle weight) commercial truck parking on driveways or in front yards of residential lots. There are exceptions such as if the RV or boat is screened from view and located at least 20 feet back from the sidewalk, or through the 2006 grandfathered clause. There are also codes regarding leaving any vehicle parked in the same spot on public streets for more than 72 hours.

If you need help with understanding blight or should you wish to report a concern within our community or our City, please contact Code Enforcement at (916) 687-3023 or use the SeeClickFix App for the City of Elk Grove.

Complete link to Code Enforcement [https://elkgrovecity.org/city\\_hall/departments\\_divisions/code\\_enforcement](https://elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/code_enforcement)

Camden CCRs <http://cnaelkgrove.com/ccrs.html>



**2022-2023 CNA Board**

- President– Sharon Anderson
- Vice President– Judy Ragland
- Treasurer– Margo Piotrowski
- Secretary– Sharron Bradley
- Board Member– Sharon Pinkney
- Board Member– Deb Hess
- Board Member– Paula d'Albenas
- Board Member– Tausha Gray
- Board Member– Vacant**
- Member at Large– Laurel Speier
- Member at Large– Richard Teran
- Member at Large– Slawek Piotrowski
- Member at Large–Becky Ketcik

**We are looking to fill one board member position.** The board meets once a month and is on tap to help organize/oversee events. We are all volunteers. Some work full time, some part-time, some own their own businesses. We enjoy each other's company and we all strive to promote the beauty and safety of our beloved neighborhoods.

**Movie Night on the Greenbelt - July 23rd**

Bring the kids, a blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy a movie with neighbors on the Cooperston Greenbelt. The festivities start around dusk (7:45pm) and end at the movie's conclusion. This movie night features Clifford The Big Red Dog. Snacks will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by **Craig Buntin of Buntin & Associates Real Estate Team** - Your Camden Neighbor and Realtor **916-897-7856 / teambuntin.com**



**Camden Neighborhood Association**  
**July 2022 – June 2023 Annual Dues Donation Invoice**  
**\$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. **PLEASE COMPLETE FORM** and send with your payment.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Elk Grove, CA 95624

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CNA dues help fund several events for the neighborhood. Examples include Spring and Fall Festivals, BBQ's, Easter Egg Hunt, Pictures with Santa, Music by the Lake.

\_\_\_\_ 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. (You may also pay yearly or monthly) Questions? Email us at [info@CNAelkgrove.com](mailto:info@CNAelkgrove.com)

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