

# CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CAMDEN CRIER

Annual Update & Dues Request

Summer 2024

**You live in Camden?**  
**Time to support the Camden Neighborhood Association!**

## 2024 Remaining Events

### Movie Night

August 23rd

Cooperston Greenbelt

### Music by the Lake

September 7th

Camden Lake

### Fall Festival

October 26th

Mix Park

### Pictures with Santa & Holiday Faire

December 8th

Cooperston Greenbelt

### Wagon Rides

December 15th

Cooperston Greenbelt

### Outdoor Holiday Decoration Contest

Voting December 23rd

Registration: 12/1-12/21

## 2025 Proposed Events

### Spring Faire

March

### Day of Service/ Creek Cleanups

April

### Community Garage Sale

1st Saturday in June

### Independence Day Parade

July

### Movie Nights

Summer evenings

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

Whether you own your home or rent, Camden remains one of Elk Grove's most desirable neighborhoods. Why? Besides the well planned parks and trails (thanks mostly to the late Glen Underwood), the Camden Neighborhood Association continues to provide residents with incredible events and civic leadership all year long.

If you live in Camden Park or Camden Passage, you benefit from one of the longest standing, all-volunteer, neighborhood associations in Elk Grove. We've said this before, but specifically, the CNA strengthens neighborhood bonds by bringing the community together through our many seasonal events. When a neighborhood bonds and maintains a touchstone such as our association, it thrives! Thriving neighborhoods become more attractive and desirable places to live.

Your help goes like this – please take a minute to join or renew your association membership. We make it easy by going to our webpage with your credit card, or by returning your annual dues with the cut-out form and envelope inside this newsletter. <http://cnaelkgrove.com/cna-membership.html> We hope through getting to know us and the events we host that you'll see how everyone in Camden benefits from your participation. We also welcome volunteers!

Please join us at the next neighborhood event on August 23 in the Greenbelt off Beaverbrook Court/ Cooperston for Movies on the Greenbelt hosted by the House Sisters, and resident Leanne Slaton, Realtor.

Sincerely and with warm regards,  
Your Camden Neighborhood Association Board

## Your 2024-2025 CNA Board / Acknowledgement of Gratitude

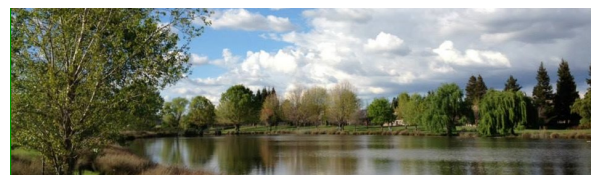
**President– Sharon Anderson**  
**Vice President– Judy Ragland**  
**Treasurer– Margo Piotrowski**  
**Secretary– Vacant**  
**Board Member– Sharon Pinkney**  
**Board Member– Deb Hess**  
**Board Member– Laurel Speier**  
**Board Member– Eric Speier**  
**Board Member– Tra Nguyen**  
**Board Member– Roxi Williams**

**Member at Large– Paula & Richard d'Albenas**  
**Member at Large– Craig & Lori Buntin**  
**Member at Large– Slawek Piotrowski**  
**Member at Large– Becky Ketcik**  
**Member at Large– Cheryl Cartwright**  
**Member at Large– Leanne Slaton**

We wish to thank Sharron Bradley for her years serving on the Board. Having previously served as co-President years ago and more recently as Secretary, we appreciate your time and dedication to the CNA. We also thank Tausha Gray for stepping up at our many events and joining the Board. Tausha also sponsored several events and activities and we couldn't have done

this without you and your time. Thank you!

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.



### NEED TREES? FREE TREES AVAILABLE!

We've said it before, but 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)

## Camden Neighborhood Association July 2024 – June 2025 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)

**Pay by check:** Mail this completed form and check to:  
P.O. Box 148

Elk Grove, CA 95759-0148

**Pay online:** Pay online securely with your credit card by scanning our QR code direct link to \$50 membership item.

**OR,** go to [CNAElkGrove.com](http://CNAElkGrove.com), CNA Membership tab, link at the bottom of the web page, click for the \$50 membership item



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR OR PLACING AN AD IN OUR MUSIC BY THE LAKE PROGRAM? SEND INQUIRY TO [INFO@CNAELKGROVE.COM](mailto:INFO@CNAELKGROVE.COM)**

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**CURRENT RESIDENT**

or

**JOIN THE  
CNA!**

**Membership Donation Funds  
Projected Budget  
July 2024– June 2025**

Activity/Item	Budget
Music by the Lake	\$7,000
Fall Festival/Craft Faire	\$970
Holiday Decoration Contest	\$1250
Pictures w/ Santa	\$400
Wagon Rides	\$2100
Spring Festival/ Easter Baskets	\$700
Annual Garage Sale	\$100
July 4th Parade	\$500
Insurance	\$2550
PO Box Rental (annual)	\$200
Postmaster Permit Fee	\$610
Copies, Envelopes, Postage	\$1,500
<b>Total Projected Need</b>	<b>\$17,880</b>

**COPS Projected Budget  
July 2024– June 2025**

Month	Proposed Hours	Proposed Budget
July 2022	20	\$1940
Aug 2022	20	\$1940
Sept 2022	20	\$1940
Oct 2022	20	\$1940
Nov 2022	40	\$3880
Dec 2022	40	\$3880
Jan 2023	20	\$1940
Feb 2023	20	\$1940
Mar 2023	20	\$1940
April 2023	20	\$1940
May 2023	20	\$1940
June 2023	20	\$1940
<b>Projected Need</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$27,160</b>

**Special Mentions & Sponsors!**

Besides the incredible support from the City of Elk Grove upon awarding an Event Sponsorship grant of \$2,000, and Republic Services for the provision of trash, recycling and organic waste carts at Music by the Lake, we also recognize the City police department for in-kind services during that event.

Further the Cosumnes Community Services District partners with us at all our events by providing extra trash receptacles and helping keep our parks clean and ready.

Additional businesses have offered discounts for services we've required– thank you to:

- Ryan Polli, Owner, Applehead Designs ([appleheaddesign.com](http://appleheaddesign.com)), created our new Camden logo for a huge \$650 discount.
- ChooChoo Express ([inflatethefun.com](http://inflatethefun.com)) for the trackless train discount of \$100 at our Pictures with Santa event.

**HUGE THANK YOU** to the following sponsors who have donated both funds and event sponsorships:

- The House Sisters ([thehousesisters.com](http://thehousesisters.com)) for all foods & drinks at the 2024 Independence Day Parade, Dumpster and Donuts, neighborhood wide Garage Sale advertising & map, 2023 & August 2024 Movies on the Greenbelt and new neighbor welcome letter printing
- Buntin and Associates Real Estate ([cragibuntin.com](http://cragibuntin.com)) June 2024 Movies on the Greenbelt
- Council Member, District 3, Kevin Spease - \$500 donation
- S2 Consulting- Sarah Sanderson ([s2lifecoaching.com](http://s2lifecoaching.com)) 2023 Music by the Lake sponsor & Camden Resident
- Lucas Public Affairs ([Lucaspublicaffairs.com](http://Lucaspublicaffairs.com)) 2023 Music by the Lake sponsor
- Silver Springs (now defunct HOA) - \$1900 donation

**YOU LIVE IN CAMDEN,  
time to keep it pretty and nice...**

One of the many positive features of Camden has always been our beautiful homes and landscape. Things to keep in mind because you can help the community thrive and remain desirable by checking on a few items listed below. 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 City's Codes and 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://www.elkgrovecity.org/departments-and-divisions/code-enforcement>

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

**YOUR \$50 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP HELPS THE  
CNA PUT ON THESE EVENTS!**

YOUR CNA MEMBERSHIP allows us to host these amazing family-friendly events. We need at least 358 households, out of the 900+ households in Camden, to join this year (July 2024-June 2025) to fund the upcoming events. At only \$50 per household CNA members also receive perks like free raffle entries at events that have raffles (which is most events) and free hot dogs and snacks when they are offered. Here's last year's recap.

Our 2023 **Music by the Lake** event drew close to 2000 people. On August 19<sup>th</sup> everyone from 1 to 100 years old danced the night away to the Cover Me Badd live band. We had many wonderful prizes to raffle, food trucks, a huge slide for the kids and local vendors selling their wares.

October 28<sup>th</sup> brought the **Halloween Fall Festival and Crafts**: Grilled Hot Dogs and carnival games– what could be better? When you add in trick-or-treat goodies, a bounce slide and craft vendors, you have a perfect neighborhood event for kids and adults alike! We do this for the enjoyment of all our residents in Camden!

**Pictures with Santa & Wagon Rides!** On Dec 3rd Camden was lucky to get a special visit by Santa and his elves during our event, making for the perfect family picture opportunity. Kids decorated cookies and drank hot chocolate gearing up for the holiday season. We even provided train rides during this festive event! Then Dec 10<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed an evening of horse drawn wagon rides! The wagon rides were a big hit offering large seating capacity allowing groups and families to ride and sing carols while touring the streets viewing holiday decorations! It was so popular we're bringing it back again this year. With your paid membership, CNA members get a priority reservation window and we guarantee the wagon rides will sell out his year.

Our **Outdoor Holiday Decoration Contest** had homes bringing beauty, fun, and a festive atmosphere to our incredible neighborhood. We had special prizes for them voted by CNA residents.

After a long, rainy winter our 2024 **Spring Faire** brought folks out to enjoy a sunny day. We had carnival games at this year's event and they were a hit with the kids. A scavenger map sent kids & parents to our local vendors to see their wares and collect candy and stickers. Two fabulous raffle baskets, one filled with items for kids and one geared towards parents, were won by lucky Camdenites.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> the **Easter Bunny** delivered adorable Baskets with candy-filled eggs adorned with a cuddly bunny and bow. They were only \$1 for members!

During April, we always band together for **Earth Day 2024** cleanup of our lakes, creeks and surrounding areas. Lately, our event received support from the all-volunteer Elk Grove Anti-Trash Group. This year saw hundreds of pounds of trash pulled from the lakes, parks, and trails. Good job!

We ended our fiscal year with the **Camden Annual Garage Sale** held the first Saturday in June. Hundreds of people from all over Sacramento and Elk Grove visited over 40 participating homes following an online map provided by fellow CNA member Leanne Slaton and Brittany Davis of The House Sisters Keller Williams Realty. It was a win-win as buyers got lots of bargains and Camdenites have less clutter and money to buy more stuff!

And as always, we held our **Annual Community Meeting and Board election** on June 10. We remain grateful for the time spent by local officials to attend our meeting and talk with us about issues that matter for quality of life.

We began the 2024 Summer season with **Movies on the Greenbelt**. Bringing the kids, a blanket, and lawn chairs, families enjoyed a movie with neighbors on the Cooperston Greenbelt. Join the fun August 23rd for the next Movie event.

**2024 Independence Day Bike Parade** celebrated the red, white, and blue as neighbors traveled Camden and ended at Mix Park for hot dogs and treats!



**CNA Membership:**  
In order to maintain these events/items,  
**WE NEED AT LEAST**  
**358 CNA members** for this 2024-2025 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 EGPD patrol through our Camden Passage/Park neighborhoods. The police officers provide extra patrol and can monitor car and foot traffic of the neighborhood and get to know who lives in our neighborhoods. 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 114 consistently paying COPS members. Our COPS program has led to Camden being one of the safest communities in Elk Grove. Please consider joining COPS so coverage can expand.

**VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED** - In response to former COPS participants on the effectiveness of the COPS program, we seek a volunteer to the Safety Committee that can compile patrol reports on a quarterly basis for distribution to COPS members as part of the perks of participation. If interested, contact us at [info@cnaelkgrove.com](mailto:info@cnaelkgrove.com)