

#### 2019 Events

## Camden Work Day

April 13th 8am part of Citywide Creek Clean Úp event-Camden Lake

### **Easter Egg Hunt**/ **Spring Craft Sale** April 20th Ipm

Mix Park

#### Neighborhood **Garage Sale** June 1st 8am

Movie Nights-TBD Cooperston Green Belt

#### **Annual Community Meeting & CNA Board Elections** June 18th 6pm

Mix Park

Music by the Lake August 24th 6pm Camden Lake

Fall Festival October 19th Ipm Mix Park

Santa Pictures December 8th 2pm **Carriage Rides Reservations Only** 5pm **Cooperston Green Belt** 

# **CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** CAMDEN CRIE Winter/Spring 2019

**Mid-Year Update** 

What a YEAR in 2018!

The all-volunteer Board accomplished an amazing feat by getting our full non-profit status reinstated retroactive to when it lapsed in 2009! This means that all donations (for which no personal gain is received) to our 501 (c)4 organization will be tax deductible and we will gladly provide a receipt for sponsor donations. We continuously encourage our neighbors and local businesses to help sponsor our events by donating raffle gifts, experiences, or financial offset for activities. We'd love to hear

A Few Reminders...

Over the past few months, we've been made aware of neighborhood concerns, so it's time for everyone to review the CC&Rs and City Codes. We've listed a few highlights that pertain to the most frequent questions and concerns. While we care about our community, we encourage you to be diplomatic and reach out to your neighbors first before contacting authorities. You might just end up finding common ground. Copies of the various CC&Rs are on the website at www.cnaelkgrove.com/ news-and-information.html

**RV 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

from potential sponsors! Your involvement, whether as a participant, volunteer at events, or a sponsor, helps keep Camden awesome!!

#### Full non-profit Status reinstated!



# Membership Drive

#### Coming up later this Spring – Keep an eye out for the Annual Summer Newsletter

If you've yet to join the Camden Neighborhood Association, it's easy. Just go to our website at www.cnaelkgrove.com and sign up! The dues are \$50 annually, and if you join now (new members), your membership will carry you through the next cycle. Dues run from July – June (dues request sent out in May newsletter), but your new member dues will cover you until June 2020. Your dues cover the costs for the CNA's amazing events. All dues are used right here in Camden.

driveways or in front yards of residential lots. There are also codes regarding leaving any vehicle parked in the same spot on public streets for more than 72 hours.

Fencing: The City of Elk Grove has ordinances requiring fencing to be maintained in front yards and along side yards next to streets. Setbacks are required and we suggest checking out that information on the City's website or in our CCRs.

Landscaping: For example, the CCRs section 2.07 in Camden Passage West call for "landscaping shall be maintained thereafter as well as or better than the average residence in the overall subdivision". Basically, Camden lots should be well maintained.

#### **Trash and Refuse Dispos-**

al: For example, the CCR section 2.18 requires "no portion of the property shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in covered, fly proof, sanitary containers which shall be kept where they are not visible from the street..."

Care of Lots: CCRs Section 2.20 discusses the care of lots. "No weeds, underbrush, or unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow on any lot...No refuse pile or unsightly object shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain on any lot." The City of Elk Grove also exercises authority on weed growth and garbage piles on front parts of lots.

#### 2018 Year in Review

Your CNA kicked off 2018 with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Crafts: Easter egg hunts bring out gobs of neighbors and friends! We hid (or tossed and scattered) and found eggs, played music, enjoyed prizes, and the Golden Egg winners left happy! It was our best attendance yet. But 2019 promises to be more intimate! Stay tuned, and we need your help. Please volunteer to be an egg tosser and hunt monitor. Send an email to info@cnaelkgrove.com

<u>Camden Work Day and Creek Cleanup</u>: Amazing how much trash accumulates in our lakes and creeks! But the crew of 40+ volunteers did an incredible job pulling out rubbish and odd items from Camden Lakes, Laguna Creek and the wildland areas around our community. We hope to repeat and grow this volunteer event, so please come out on April 13 to do it all again! Bring your friends!

Annual Garage Sale – First Saturday of June: Who doesn't love a sweet community yard sale? We had steady traffic through Camden Passage and Camden Park, but hope to have more lookee-loos and buyers this year. Your CNA will advertise more broadly and will also post signs along our main streets, Elk Grove Florin and Sheldon.

Annual Community Meeting and CNA Board Elections – June: This ever-informative community meeting is a must for those interested in meeting the locals and your dedicated volunteers. Come out, get the latest updates from CNA and ask questions of your parks folks, your city officials, the EGPD and of course local elected representatives. Tell us what you'd like to hear about during this meeting and we will do our best to make it happen! Drop suggestions at info@cnaelkgrove.com

<u>Wine Down (Wind Down) By the Lake</u>: This event, although new last year, brought out a handful of playful adults and families. We shared wine, cheese, gourmet snacks and whatever conversation was the topic of the day. We kept an eye out for the Camden Gator, but figured with the attendance dwindling for the event, we will retire it.

Movies on the GreenBelt: Big thanks to Craig Buntin Real Estate Team for sponsoring and hosting our movies again last year! Such a blast to play Frisbee, eat shave ice, and relax with neighbors in the park. We love our movie nights! Join us again this year.

<u>Music By The Lake</u>: Wow! Just wow! We have confirmed that Camden can groove with the best! Even chair dancing counts! What a night of fun, music, crafts, and food. The band Cover Me Badd certainly kept us grooving through the night. And what's not to like about the view. We are so blessed to have our sponsors and members supporting this event and all our events! The raffle drawing turned out really well with such splendid prizes. If you're interested in joining the list of sponsors this year, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line at info@cnaelkgrove.com

Halloween Fall Festival and Crafts: Get your grilled dog while it's hot! That was the theme along with the bounce slide that kept us busy for a lovely afternoon. We played new games together and had awesome crafts. Our volunteers keep coming up with great ideas for making fun happen in our community. Join us this year! We do this for the enjoyment of all our residents in Camden!

<u>Pictures with Santa & Carriage Rides</u>: This annual event is a neighborhood favorite! Along with cookie decorating and hot chocolate, we added a mini-train giving kids rides around the green belt. Next to sitting on Santa's lap for pictures, the train ride was everyone's favorite. Thanks to Buntin and Associates Real Estate Team for sponsoring the train and the carriage rides. Carriage rides will be reservation only again this year. Watch for notifications mid-November.

