

# CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CAMDEN CRIER

Mid-Year Update

Winter/Spring 2021

## Looking forward to 2021!

### Looking forward to 2021 with 2020 in the rear view, who's with me?

Given our year of putting everything on hold in 2020, ushering in 2021 feels like a bit of relief. While we navigate how to safely hold events like our Easter Event and Music by the Lake, we continue to work closely with our city leaders to make sure we move forward smartly. We do believe our neighborhood garage sale will proceed and we look forward to populating the rest of our event calendar with confirmed dates as the year moves along. We've listed our tentative calendar in the left banner.

While all of our CNA events remain free and open to all, we truly seek your support if you've yet to enroll for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, check it out, meet your neighbors and have some fun! We're still running a "pandemic special" with membership enrollment for \$25 per household for the CNA year ending June 2021

Normally we take a minute to

recap our many, fun events from the past year, so here goes with our limited recap! Thursday night food trucks have been a great way to stay close to home, safely order and pick up food (nice varieties), and see neighbors from a distance. We started in August, and we get great joy seeing our usual Camdenites with a few food-truck-foodies driving in and grabbing food to go.

And who could forget the fun we had with our inaugural Holiday Decorating Contest? Did you know that we tallied over 250 voters, and fifteen contestants? Our Board VP was the brainchild behind the contest, and we think she did a fabulous job with graphics, advertising, and coordinating the moving parts. Kudos, Judy! And the homes were beautiful. Hoping for a great turnout this coming December. Keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Looking forward to more fun in '21!

### Your CNA Board of volunteers

## What does CNA do?

Founded in 1993 by dedicated Camdenites, the CNA Board works to maintain the quality of life in Camden Passage and Camden Park neighborhoods, and is supported by residents who provide annual dues and elect an all-volunteer board. The CNA hosts several events each year organized by your elected board members. Events that bring us together as a community and help us get to know our neighbors. Camden neighborhoods lead the way in desirable places to live in Elk Grove. We always need more volunteers, let us know if you can participate/organize activities and events or on the Board! Did you know in an average year, less than 200 dues-paying households keep the CNA bumping along, but over 900 households benefit? We can do better than that, and the CNA welcomes new members anytime during the year. #pleasejoinsoon #CamdenRockswithourhelp

For more detailed information, check out the website at [www.cnaelkgrove.com](http://www.cnaelkgrove.com)

### What does the CNA do for me, and why should I contribute dues?

- We bring attention to things that need fixing
- We run point with government agencies
- We set the example for aesthetics at our residences
- We bring vendors to our fun events
- We keep many of our community events free and neighborly (and fun!)
- We offer special bonuses at our events for dues-paying members

## 2020 Holiday Decorating Contest

ADAPT was a consistent theme in 2020 and we did just that when we had to cancel our CNA sponsored events due to Covid but wanted to continue the neighborhood fun. We looked for a way to celebrate the holidays and stay safe with social distancing, the Holiday Decorating Contest was born. It was great to see residents get in the spirit and participate as contestants in the fun categories. We hope 2021 will bring even more entries and votes!



**CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATIONS!**  
To our 1st Place Winners!  
December 2020

**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**

**1st PLACE**

**The Raymond Family**  
Category: 1 Best Animation  
Entry Location #9

**The Sandison Family**  
Category: 2 Best Inflatables!  
Entry Location #13

**The Thompson Family**  
Category: 3 Most Traditional  
Entry Location #4

**The Bartels Family**  
Category: 4 EverGREEN  
Entry Location #2

**The Oliveria Family**  
Category: 5 Oriswald Award  
Entry Location #3  
(Presented by CNA President Sharon Anderson)



**CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATIONS!**  
To our 2nd & 3rd Place Winners!  
December 2020

**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST**

**2nd PLACE**

**The Arellano Family**  
Category: 2 Best Inflatables  
Entry Location #14

**The Cummings Family**  
Category: 3 Most Traditional  
Entry Location #7

**The Taylor Family**  
Category: 5 Oriswald Award  
Entry Location #1

**3rd PLACE**

**The Ferrito Family**  
Category: 3 Most Traditional  
Entry Location #11

**The Macias Family**  
Category: 5 Oriswald Award  
Entry Location #12  
(Presented by CNA President Sharon Anderson)



### 2021 Events

\*Tentative Dates- date confirmation will depend on Covid restrictions

#### Grab-N-Go Dinner Food Trucks

Every THURSDAY  
4-7pm/5-8pm after DST  
Ashmore Way & West Camden

#### Special Delivery from Easter Bunny

Basket delivery evening of 4/3  
Sign Up Deadline 3/27

#### Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 5th 8am

#### Annual Community Meeting & CNA Board Elections

June 14th 6pm - Mix Park

\* (potentially via Zoom)

#### Music by the Lake

\* June 19th OR August 28th  
6pm Camden Lake

#### Fall Festival

\* October 23rd  
1pm Mix Park

#### Santa Pictures

\* December 12th 2pm  
&

#### Wagon Rides

\* December 12th 5pm  
(reservations required)  
Cooperston Greenbelt

#### Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest

Voting-December 17-19

#### Elk Grove Anti-Trash Community Cleanups

ELK GROVE AREA  
Every Saturday 10am

See Facebook group of same name for details/locations

# Neighborhood Curb Appeal – We can do this together!

There's reason why Camden keeps coming up as one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Elk Grove. We can all do our part to keep it that way; however, we continue to hear concerns from residents about neighbors who might not be aware of Camden's CC&Rs and the City's Codes. For a little refresher, check out copies of the various CC&Rs on the website at [www.cnaelkgrove.com/news-and-information.html](http://www.cnaelkgrove.com/news-and-information.html)

## **Hot Topics affecting curb appeal:**

- RVs, oversize rigs, trailers, and inoperable or derelict vehicles parked on driveways and on public streets
- Weedy unkempt landscaping, broken or missing fencing, poor care of lots, and homes needing TLC or fresh paint
- Trash and unsightly debris accumulation and waste carts left out front in plain view
- Vehicle repairs and commercial/industrial private business done in residential neighborhoods

We know 2020 was a hard year all around– if you can't tackle areas around your home that need sprucing up, check in with your neighbors for help. Check in with local Church and Youth Groups that are often on Facebook and Next Door offering free or reduced cost clean up and chore services.

Camden and Elk Grove are amazing communities filled with good people, get to know your neighbors and ask how you can help each other.

**WELCOME to our newest Camdenites!**

Whether you moved here in 2020 or last month, WELCOME!!! We hope you enjoy your home and neighborhood in the Camden community. If you have yet to find us on the internet or Facebook, here's where to look for more information about the all-volunteer association.

## **Find us online!**

Website:  
[www.cnaelkgrove.com](http://www.cnaelkgrove.com)

General Email:  
[info@CNAelkgrove.com](mailto:info@CNAelkgrove.com)

Like us on Facebook:  
[@CamdenNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenNeighborhoodAssociation)

## **NEWS you can use!**

- Lake bacteria – remember the dangerous bacteria in our lakes? It is all clear now and being monitored.
- Did you know many of our park benches have been repaired? Take a walk, then sit awhile and enjoy our amazing views.
- Have you noticed that many more trees have been planted around the Camden park area? CSD has been on the job, replacing and adding trees to our beautiful park.
- Concrete trail repairs – the CSD will shave uneven concrete or replace entire segments of the trails through Camden.
- Are you aware that our neighborhood has an off duty police patrol program that helps keep our neighborhood one of the safest in Elk Grove? The COPS program needs your support. For just \$20 a month we can increase protection of your home and community. We need you! The more members we have the more service hours we can afford. Please join today.
- Looking for some volunteer hours or fresh air on Saturdays? Join the organized volunteers at the weekly cleanup by Elk Grove Anti-Trash Community Cleanups crew. Check out their Facebook page of the same name for weekly location. They do amazing work and are headed by our CNA President

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