



**Carmichael Creek
Neighborhood Association, Inc.**
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MEMBERSHIP

THE CARMICHAEL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. (CCNA) WAS FORMED IN 1986 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S SEMI-RURAL ENVIRONMENT AND ADDRESSING RELATED NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE EFFORTS.

The organizational boundary includes the land bounded by Sutter Avenue (both sides of the street) on the north, the American River on the east, Stanley Avenue (both sides of the street) on the south, and California Avenue on the west. Dues are \$20.00 per household per year. Anyone over 18 years of age that lives within the membership area can be a voting member. Those living outside the organizational boundary may be non-voting members.

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**Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association
Membership Form – Dues \$20.00 per household**

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone: (day) _____ Telephone: (evening) _____

Please provide your email address if you would like to receive minutes and other information electronically:

Email Address: _____

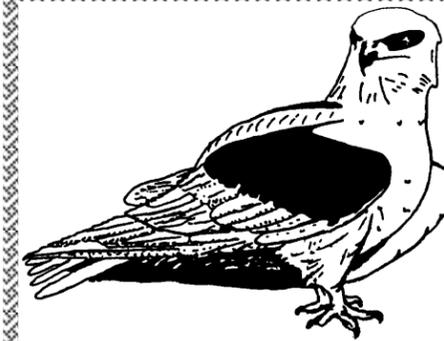
Make \$20.00 check payable to the CCNA.

Mail to CCNA Membership, c/o Anne Berner, PO Box 1902, Carmichael 95609-1902

Elections: Board of Directors

CCNA members elect a 10 to 15-member Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Directors are expected to attend all of the monthly meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month. All CCNA Board meetings are open to members, interested neighbors and guests. Meetings are generally held at the Carmichael Library Community Room. The nominating Committee has proposed the following slate for the Board of Directors. Additional nominations gladly will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Anne Berner	Lora Cammack	Jorel Cooper	Sharon Doughty
Sandy Helland	Richard Humphrey	Riki Merrick	Buck Meyer
Manda Ness	Julia Reyes	Laverne Shell	Cindy Younger



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Annual Meeting

**Thursday, November 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Carmichael Library
Community Room**

Speakers:

Susan Peters – Sacramento County
Supervisor, 3rd District
What's new in Carmichael?

Tarry Smith – District Administrator,
Carmichael Recreation and Park District
*Status of Carmichael parks, including
Sutter-Jensen Park*

Rachael Cowan – Naturalist, Effie Yeaw
Nature Center
How to live with wildlife in our area

Refreshments will be served

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**THE CCNA PRESERVES OUR
SEMI-RURAL QUALITY OF LIFE**

-Manda Ness & Anne Berner, Co-Presidents

The Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area was established in 1986 in order to monitor proposed changes and development within our local community. In that year, a group of residents became increasingly concerned about development in Carmichael. The group canvassed the neighborhood and worked with the County to form the Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA) and the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association (CCNA) was formed. Ours is not just another neighborhood association, but an actual entity established within the county ordinances in order to preserve the open space and semi-rural character of our neighborhood. The primary mission of the CCNA is to ensure that the semi-rural character of the neighborhood is maintained in accordance with zoning which was in place at the time of formation of the NPA.

Often the important work of the CCNA goes unnoticed, so we relish the opportunity to document what we do to help our community.

Years ago, the CCNA adopted a portion of Fair Oaks Boulevard through Sacramento County's Adopt-A-Street Program. Three times a year, CCNA members strike out to keep Fair Oaks Boulevard and the
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PARK TRAIL WORK BEGINS

Thanks to Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD), PreserveSutterJensen.org, and CCNA, park crews are scheduled to prune trees and foliage to clear a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile rural nature trail through Sutter Jensen Community Park. This trail starts at the Carmichael Community Garden off of Sutter Avenue, where a handicap parking space is to be located near the community garden. When completed, you will be able to walk through the trees and meadow to beautiful Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden on Fair Oaks Blvd.

Our Carmichael citizen committee (PreserveSutterJensen.org) organized several fundraisers since 2010. Many of you helped out and attended them. Your CCNA Board continues to be supportive, initially contributing some start-up funding for the citizen committee fundraising efforts. In addition, the CCNA contributed a substantial donation to the Park Foundation for this project because it addresses the CCNA's primary goal; to preserve open space and the semi-rural character within our association's boundaries.

Fundraising under the leadership of Riki Merrick continues. The PreserveSutterJensen.org Committee is seeking donations and donated or reduced cost assistance from regional businesses. In addition, brick and tee shirt sales and donations from all community members are on-going.

Our volunteer engineer, Lisa Mattos, from Baker Williams Engineering Group, lives and works in Carmichael, but outside the boundaries of the Neighborhood Association. Lisa is working with Tarry Smith, CRPD Manager and Keith Maddison on final trail plans and cost estimates. Lisa and her company have

contributed services equal to nearly half of the PreserveSutterJensen.org fundraising goal.

To help us complete this trail, contact Sandy Helland at:

916-947-0898 or email: hellands@csus.edu.

1. We are seeking donated or reduced cost services this winter from tree pruning and removal regional businesses. There is a need for this kind of assistance for trail grading and trail construction this spring/summer.

2. We need volunteers to contact people in our community to promote this project.

3. Please consider donating \$125 to have your name or the name of someone you know engraved on a brick to be placed in the park.

Donations are tax-deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CARMICHAEL

For thousands of years the native people of this area prospered and lived in harmony with their environment. We call them the Maidu - the term they used to describe themselves as "the people." The tribe that lived along the river closest to our neighborhood was the Valley Nisenan.

In 1832-33, a malaria epidemic swept through the central valley of California. This epidemic killed perhaps 3/4 of the Valley Nisenan. It is thought that this disease may have been brought by the Hudson Bay trappers who came through the area at that time.

The gold rush of 1848 further depleted the population of the tribes and the degradation of their environment. There was hydraulic mining even in the area we now call Ancil Hoffman Park. Eventually the remaining Nisenan were forced to live on rancherias.

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surrounding area clean and free of trash.

We contribute to the summer music concerts sponsored by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD) and to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center through the American River Natural History Association (ARNHA).

We have worked with the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to preserve open space and park land. The CCNA helped fund the Committee to Preserve Sutter-Jensen Park, which continues to work closely with the CRPD to develop this park.

The CCNA provided some of the "seed" money to establish the Carmichael Community Garden in Sutter Park.

The CCNA continues to monitor development and potential zoning changes within our boundaries. When there are proposed projects that do not conform to our CCNA mission of preserving open space and maintaining the semi-rural character of the neighborhood, we attempt to work with the developers and county planning staff to ensure that the projects agree with the CCNA goals. One example of this work is the lovely new Serramonte development at Grant Avenue and Bajamont. The original plan from the developer was to subdivide that parcel and build up to twenty homes. The CCNA objected to this proposal. Now, we have a new street (with the original zoning) and homes on $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lots which fits beautifully in our neighborhood.

As residents of the CCNA, we owe our thanks to the vision of the original founders. Joe Patitucci, Bill Berry, and Dale Wilson are a few of our founding giants who have passed on. Many of the original members are still working hard to keep the goals of the NPA alive. But any organization needs new members to flourish and we hope newer members of the community will step forward and carry on this important work for our neighborhood.

If you are new to our area, and you care about the future and integrity of our community, please come

to our annual meeting to meet your neighbors and hear the latest about our little part of Carmichael. See how you can be an active part of our great community and help the CCNA stay strong for your future. We look forward to meeting you!

A Short History of Carmichael (from page 2)

It seems that the earliest white settlers in the area were the Charles and Mary Deterding family who, in 1907, purchased 425 acres along the north bank of the American River. This land regularly flooded with the seasons and much of it is now Ancil Hoffman Park and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

In about 1909, developer Daniel Carmichael purchased the land that was later to become Carmichael. Curiously, Mr. Carmichael never lived in Carmichael but was a resident of Sacramento and was even mayor of Sacramento from 1917-1919.

According to the book by James R. Cowan, A History of the Carmichael School and Community 1880-1960, "It is said that Carmichael paid about \$30.00 per acre for 6 1/2 miles of rolling oak-studded foothills." From a map in Mr. Cowan's book, it appears that most of the land that is now our CCNA was purchased by Mr. Carmichael from "Clark and Cox" and was part of the San Juan land grant.

Mr. Carmichael sold the land in 10 acre parcels and claimed "one would be able to grow almost anything" but the purchasers soon found out that the hardpan soil and the irrigation problems did not make his claims necessarily so. Nonetheless, over the years we have all come to make this place our home.

The CCNA is always interested in historical stories about Carmichael. We invite you to share your memories with us.

(Sources: Book by James R. Cowan and Effie Yeaw Nature Center's Educator's Guide to the Valley Nisenan)

