



**Carmichael Creek
Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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**CARMICHAEL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
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: _____

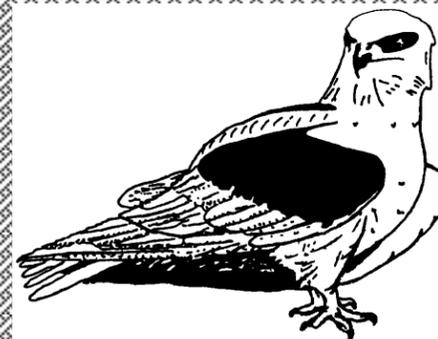
Mailing Address (if different): _____

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



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Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2015

7:00 P.M.

**Carmichael Library
Community Room**

Speakers:

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

Officer Barry Chamberlain –
Sacramento County Zoning and Code
Enforcement Manager
**Answers to all your zoning and code
enforcement questions.**

**Refreshments will be
served**

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**Your Neighborhood Association:
What is the CCNA?**

The Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association was created in 1986 by a group of community members that had concerns with development in the area. "Up-zoning" was becoming a common practice which is when a developer is able to put more homes on a lot than the zoning originally allows. By creating the CCNA, they were successful with establishing a Nature Preservation Area (NPA) that is recognized by the County Board of Supervisors and protects over 1000 residences in the area.

Thankfully, due to the hard work of our ambassador board members, we have been able to hold our ground and enjoy the benefits of our beautiful community. We are established enough as an association that when projects come about in the neighborhood, the developers are referred to our board for consideration of their project. So, currently, our board members stay present and active as community members that simply enjoy being a part of the events in Carmichael – from the concerts in the park to potlucks at the Sutter Garden. We also have representation at the board meetings of the Carmichael Park and Recreation District, the Carmichael Water District, community forums hosted by the Sheriff's Department, and Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council meetings. Our attendance is not out of obligation, but each of us shares a desire to stay informed so any needs for our neighborhood can be adequately addressed. We are sure there must be others like

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us that feel the same way and hope that they will be inspired to join us on the board as well.

The future business for the Association is tailored to our current needs. We will continue to stay in close contact with the Board of Supervisors on issues related to the area, monitor activity with the Carmichael Water District, foster and support the Sutter-Jensen Park and Community Garden, co-sponsor Fair Oaks Boulevard Brush Up events, and maintain close ties with neighboring associations. At the same time, we would love to hear from our members. If there are issues, concerns or celebrations related to the neighborhood, please contact us via email (ccna@carmichaelcreek.org), on Facebook, or drop in at the Carmichael Library at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month for our board of directors meeting.

Alas, this compact newsletter is not big enough to truly honor the time and energy that went into creating this unique association. We just hope we can convey the desire to keep it active, relevant and purposeful and have more members join us at our upcoming annual meeting on November 12th at 7:00 at the Carmichael Library.

New Zoning Code

For the first time in 30 years, Sacramento County has completely rewritten its zoning code—rules that govern where and how our neighborhoods will be built and maintained.

CCNA has carefully monitored these developments, including any proposals that could have potentially impacted the unique, semi-rural character of our community. In February, the Planning Division met with the CCNA Board to outline the proposed changes and answer many of our questions.

Of note, the new Code maintains the existing role of our Neighborhood Preservation Area, which seeks to protect and preserve the existing semi-rural characteristic of the Carmichael Creek area. As such, CCNA retains its authority to guard against up-zoning and incompatible development, to maintain our quality-of-life, and to “preserve and protect the unique semi-rural residential character” of our neighborhood.

Enjoy a New Walk from Sutter Avenue to Jensen Botanical Garden

Weather permitting, this November, Carmichael Recreation and Park District employees and Park Foundation volunteers are aiming to have a ribbon cutting celebration for a newly installed 8 foot wide quarter mile walkway between Sutter Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd through Sutter Jensen Community Park. Local residents have worked with the Park District to develop and raise money to construct this park’s Master Plan first phase. The walkway allows public access through olive trees and a meadow so that everyone may enjoy the beauty of this area.

This article is being written prior to an exact date for pouring cement. Carmichael Creek residents are being asked by the Preserve Sutter Jensen citizen committee to help out and to stand watch over newly poured cement, as needed, to prevent possible damage to it when construction workers leave each day.

Tarry Smith, CRPD Park Administrator, has led us well. Plans for installing bricks, which many folks purchased with names engraved on them, are still in development for all to enjoy within the park. Possibilities for brick placement include along the walkway or as a part of Phase II--a planned playground area. Please continue to support our plan and raise money to help complete Phase I and Phase II by talking to and encouraging your friends and neighbors as well as people with businesses in the area to make donations and purchase bricks.

For donation and brick purchasing information:
www.preservesutterjensen.org

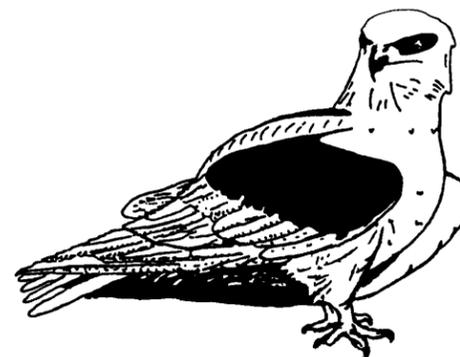
For questions regarding donations and brick purchases not answered above, please call Sandy Helland, Co-Chair, Preserve Sutter Jensen Committee at 916-947-0898.

Keeping Carmichael Clean

In 2007, the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association adopted a portion of Fair Oaks Boulevard in Carmichael by joining the County of Sacramento’s Department of Transportation Adopt-a-Street Program. For the past eight years, CCNA members have gotten down and dirty and cleaned up our section of Fair Oaks Boulevard from Stanley Avenue, north to the Manzanita split, continuing on Fair Oaks Boulevard to California Avenue.

One of the purposes of the CCNA is to preserve the general quality of life within our community. We’ve long felt that this includes keeping our streets clean and tidy. Three times each year since 2007, members have donned orange vests and filled bags and bags with trash (mostly fast-food cups and wrappers, bottles, assorted automobile parts and those ever-present cigarette butts). We sometimes collect with our fellow Adopt-a-Street participants, members of the Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce. By our count, we have filled over 400 bags of trash.

The last “Boulevard Brush Up” was held on Saturday, October 17th. Our first 2016 collection event will be in April. Dates and times are announced on our website, carmichaelcreek.org, and in our member minutes. We invite you to join us as to make a difference in our community.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thanks to craftsman George Galousiz (former firefighter) for building benches for walkers to rest as they walk on Grant Avenue from Pattypeart Way to Brookside Way. No doubt this has assisted seniors and others remain mobile.

His creative touch includes unique bird homes, feeders and water dispensers at the Galousiz' home; bluebirds often can be seen in the yard. These additions to our neighborhood help make the area special. Thanks George!

Elections: Board of Directors

CCNA members elect a 10 to 15-member Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Directors are expected to attend 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, but nominations will be gladly accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Anne Berner
Peggy Berry
Lora Cammack
Jorel Cooper
Sharon Doughty

Gareth Lacy
Julia Reyes
Laverne Shell
Jan Watts
Cindy Younger

