



**Carmichael Creek
Neighborhood Association, Inc.
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The CARMICHAEL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. (CCNA) was formed in 1986 to improve the general quality of life and preserve open space and the neighborhood's unique semi-rural character. **Your membership is important for our ability to continue these vital preservation efforts!**

CCNA boundaries are **North** along both sides of Sutter Avenue, **South** along both sides of Stanley Avenue, **East** at the American River, and **West** along California Avenue. Anyone over 18 years of age who rents or owns a home in the membership area can be a voting member of CCNA. Those outside the boundaries can join as non-voting members. Annual household dues are \$20 and can be paid online or by mail.

Pay annual membership dues online at:
<https://www.carmichaelcreek.org/Home/Membership>

Below is a paper membership form for anyone who prefers to pay by check:

----- Clip and mail for those who do not want to pay online -----

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

Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email Address (To receive monthly minutes electronically): _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ **Evening Telephone:** _____

Make \$20.00 check payable to the CCNA.

Mail to CCNA Membership, PO Box 1902, Carmichael 95609-1902



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President's Note

By Jorel Cooper, CCNA President

I have lived in the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood for over a decade now, and I sometimes take for granted what a special place we live in. Just a simple task of driving to the store I find myself yielding to various wildlife and I don't think twice about it. When friends and family come to visit, I get comments about how beautiful and unique the neighborhood is.

Our neighborhood could have easily looked like most suburbs in California if not for the hard work of this Association. The Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association (CCNA) organized the large community effort to form the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA) in 1988, and really that was just the beginning. Outside influences work to undermine this NPA disguised as improvements needed for present day, but can't we conquer today's issues while maintaining what's important for tomorrow? All too often precious land rich with wildlife and vegetation is paved over without consideration of the future consequences. Continued dedication and participation is needed to protect the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area.

Each year the CCNA continues its mission to protect the open space and semi-rural atmosphere in our beloved community. We continually work with organizations throughout Carmichael and the Sacramento County to maintain our quality of life. This presence shows the county that we are active and serious about our NPA. Because of this, the county seeks our input for planning future activities,

**The annual meeting is
Tuesday, October 18 at
7:00 p.m. at the
Carmichael Community
Clubhouse at Carmichael
Park 5750 Grant Avenue**

Speakers will include:

**Sacramento Supervisor Rich
Desmond**

**Carmichael Recreation and Park
Advisory Board Director, Michael
Rockenstein**

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and will notify our organization of developments that may impact our NPA. With your continued support via membership and volunteerism we can guarantee that our community will continue to be the gem that it is today.

When the CCNA has a strong number of members it builds our collective voice and shows our public officials how serious we are about maintaining the NPA. Members receive important notifications via email about current events related to the community, upcoming events, and opportunities to volunteer. If you're not a member, please join today!

Many Ways to Follow CCNA's Activities

Your membership in the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association (CCNA) means that you can learn about issues potentially affecting the preservation of open space and the rural residential character of our area through the efforts of the CCNA's Board of Directors. Volunteers form the Board that manages the CCNA according to its charter. Many members of the Board have been members of the CCNA for as many years as they have lived within the community within the CCNA's boundary.

During a typical meeting, project applications present the project and CPAC asks questions and expresses any concerns. After the audience is asked for input on the project.

Board members follow various announcements and meetings posted on Sacramento County's webpages and share what is relevant to the membership. To check out what's happening with the CCNA, you can—

(1) Visit the website at <https://www.carmichaelcreek.org/>. You can find out when the Board meets throughout the year. Active members can join the meetings currently held through Zoom. The website also lists links to county and district websites relevant to its charter.

(2) Come to the CCNA's Annual Meeting. All members of the CCNA and neighbors within the area are invited. The CCNA's Board invites speakers representing topics of interest to its members.

(3) Read online or download the annual newsletter. It includes information on membership, ways to contact the CCNA, the calendar of yearly events, etc. This newsletter is posted on the webpage and is also mailed to households that request it. Copies are handed out at the annual meeting as well.

(4) Visit the CCNA's Facebook page. You'll see photos of events the CCNA has participated in and announcements of fun activities you and your family might enjoy.

(5) Contact the CCNA through the "Contact Us" link on the website. The CCNA Board regularly receives emails from members. There is also a regular mailing address to a post office box if you prefer.

Lower American River Habitat Restoration Continues

Over five million people a year enjoy the 29-mile lower American River, making it one of the most heavily used recreation rivers in California. It is also vital habitat for over 40 species of fish, including endangered steelhead trout and Chinook salmon. It is the only urban waterway in the nation designated as a "Wild and Scenic River" by federal authorities.

The Water Forum is a key partner in preserving and protecting this vital habitat. It was created in 2000 when 40 different agencies, including environmental advocates, business leaders, and governments, joined together to meet the co-equal goals of providing safe water supplies for people and preserving wildlife, recreation and beauty on the American River.

Since then, the Water Forum has partnered with state, federal, and local governments to implement at least 10 gravel and habitat restoration projects that help wild native steelhead and salmon reproduce. These fish need small beds of gravel to lay eggs when they migrate upstream from the ocean from October through December each year. Females create nets in loose gravel.

A recent project at Sailor Bar increased the number of salmon nests from zero to more than 1,000 last year. The stretch of American River at Ancil Hoffman Park was also prime nesting ground but had degraded from high river flows. In response, workers restored those spawning areas with over 15,000 yards of clean gravel and a new alcove next to the river with places for young fish to hide from predators.

These recent projects were made possible by a federal Central Valley Improvement Act grant and state Prop 68—the "California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal and Outdoor Access for All Act," a \$4.1 billion bond measure passed by voters in 2018 to fund environmental projects, water infrastructure, and flood protection throughout California.

CCNA Bylaw Modernization Project

During last year's annual meeting, voting CCNA members unanimously approved upgrades to the CCNA bylaws.

The bylaw upgrades modernized CCNA's operations to allow Board member votes and activities electronically. All voting members of the CCNA will have an opportunity to vote on this bylaw change during the annual meeting.

Improving Carmichael Parks Through Measure G

Reprinted from Carmichael Parks and Recreation District:

While our parks and recreational facilities in the Carmichael Recreation and Park District have been well maintained over the years, many of them are outdated and in need of significant renovations. For these reasons, the District Board of Directors unanimously placed Measure G on the November 2022 ballot. The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind Measure G and how its passage will affect the District and our community.

Q: What is Measure G?

A: Measure G is a \$31.9 million General Obligation Bond program to upgrade and renovate existing parks, grounds, and recreational facilities in Carmichael.

Q: How did the District come up with the project list for Measure G?

A: The District incorporated input from staff, community leaders and the Board of Directors to identify major repairs and upgrades to parks and facilities: Constructing and/or renovating aging restroom facilities; Making safety and security improvements, including lighting and fencing; Providing new playgrounds and park equipment; Improving park amenities, including installing picnic tables, trash receptacles, and benches; and Improving disability access.

Q: Why can't the District meet needs with its current budget?

A: Today, improvements needed are far more than current funding sources, including rental fees that only cover repair costs, not necessary upgrades.

For more questions and answers visit:

<https://www.carmichaelpark.com/measure-g-faq>

The CCNA's History Primer

The CCNA was formed in 1986 by a group of concerned neighbors to provide a community voice in development issues affecting Carmichael. Our primary concern was and is the preservation of open space and the rural residential character of this area. With the 1975 Carmichael Community Plan as our guide and after extensive house-to-house surveys, we persuaded the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to establish the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA) ordinance in 1988.

The purpose of the NPA is to preserve and protect the unique, semi-rural residential character of the neighborhood and to further the purposes of the Carmichael Community Plan, which acknowledges the importance of "residential areas which are sparsely populated and have substantial areas of private open space. These open areas, with horse pastures, large trees, natural creeks, and rolling terrain make Carmichael unique in Sacramento suburbia...In Carmichael, the most significant natural resource areas are the natural stream courses, rolling terrain and major tree groves. It is of the greatest importance to insure the continuation of this type of open space in Carmichael."

In 2006, the Board of Supervisions added a Community Action Plan to the Carmichael Community Plan that defines semi-rural in this way: "The area may contain large animals or hobby farms. The area may generally include mature vegetation, natural streams, parcels/lots with large open space around houses and open areas which provides wildlife habitat. Street improvements are minimal. All of these elements contribute to the character of a semi-rural neighborhood."

CCNA members elect a Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of between 10 and 15 members. We propose the following 11-member slate.

Jorel Cooper	Lora Cammack
Sharon Doughty	Mary Christian
Julia Reyes	Gareth Lacy
Scatha Allison	Gorgiana Alonzo
Monica Klepic	Mary Bradley
Dorene Rose	

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