

## TOM PARKS - A PARTIAL BACKGROUND

Tom was born in Los Angeles, raised in San Francisco and the Monterey Bay areas, completing his education at Berkeley, then served our Country in various writing/communication assignments in the US Army. He then worked in Hollywood and Television well into the late 1970s – with many of the “greats”.

In the early 80’s Tom moved to a Cottage in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Leveraging his passions as a writer-professional, he immediately engaged with the teams at our beloved Carmel Harrison Memorial Library – ultimately serving on the CPLF (Library Foundation) Board. Tom shares his passion for literature with a neighborhood book exchange outside his front gate.

As a local, Tom has written, produced and directed over 26 Plays that are mostly performed in our Village at the Cherry Center. Often they are biographical, usually comedic and always entertaining.

Tom served on the CRA Board of Directors from the early 2000’s into the early 2020’s. He continues his support for CRA as an ongoing and significant contributor to CRA newsletters over many decades and his elevated role as the Editor of The Voice. His articles, local profiles and opinion pieces entertain, engage and sometimes trigger controversy.

### CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Officers:** Graeme Robertson - President, Ken White - Vice President, Tim Twomey - Treasurer, Frankie Laney - Secretary, and Sherry Shollenbarger - At Large

**Board Members:** Mike Brown, Janine Chicourrat, Mary Condry, Sara Harnish, Ross Kaplan, Sygale Lomas, JC Myers, Nancy Twomey, and Sherry Williams

### OUR CRA MISSION

*The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.*

#### Carmel Residents Association

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# Citizen of the Year

## 2025 Awards Ceremony



*Tom Parks*

*A Community Celebration hosted by  
The Carmel Residents Association  
Thursday, April 10, 2025 5:30-7:30 PM  
Carmel Woman’s Club*

## PAST RECIPIENTS

This year's Honoree will join a long list of distinguished citizens recognized for their efforts on behalf of our Village. These include:

<i>Linda Anderson</i>	<i>John Hicks</i>	<i>Enid Sales</i>
<i>Clayton Anderson</i>	<i>J.S. "Jim" Holliday</i>	<i>Joyce Stevens</i>
<i>Noel Van Bibber</i>	<i>Donna Jett</i>	<i>Merv Sutton</i>
<i>Melanie Billig</i>	<i>Wayne Kelley</i>	<i>Roy Thomas</i>
<i>Jack Billwiller</i>	<i>Bob Kohn</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>
<i>Steve Brooks</i>	<i>Frankie Laney</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
<i>Mike Brown</i>	<i>Barbara</i>	<i>Alex &amp; Fran</i>
<i>Dale Byrne</i>	<i>Livingston</i>	<i>Vardamis</i>
<i>Greg D'Ambrosio</i>	<i>Skip Lloyd</i>	<i>Jean White</i>
<i>Olof Dahlstrand</i>	<i>Noel Mapstead</i>	<i>Ken White</i>
<i>Nancy &amp; Bill Doolittle</i>	<i>Roberta &amp; Monte</i>	<i>Jim Wright</i>
<i>Richard Flower</i>	<i>Miller</i>	

*Spouses listed separately were awarded in a separate year.*

## HISTORY OF CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

In the fall of 1988, at a meeting of Village leaders, it was decided that Carmel should recognize citizens who give outstanding service to their community. With widespread support, the Carmel Residents Association was chosen to develop and sponsor this recognition event.

Ground rules were established, and criteria created for selection of a person or persons who would be given this new award.

Nominations were sought for people, who during this past year or years, have done an outstanding job of promoting the objectives of Ordinance 96 that states, in part, that "Carmel-by-the-Sea is primarily, essentially and predominantly a residential city." Candidates are required to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea or its sphere of influence.

*We are honored to continue this important Carmel-by-the-Sea tradition.*

## OUR CELEBRATION PROGRAM

5:00 PM **DOORS OPEN** and Beverage Service

5:30 – 6:30 PM **PROGRAM**

- CRA President Graeme Robertson – Welcome
- Introduction of Former Citizens of the Year
- It's Official, our 2025 Citizen of the Year – Tom Parks with decades of Village contributions *and historic parallels*
- Proclamations & Certificates presented by the offices of:
  - City of Carmel-by-the-Sea – Dale Byrne
  - Monterey County Dist. 5 – Kate Daniels
  - California St. Assembly Member Dist. 30 – Dawn Addis
  - California St. Senator Dist. 17 – John Laird
  - US House of Representatives Dist. 19 – Jimmy Panetta
- Closing comments from our 2025 Citizen of the Year

6:30 – 7:30 PM **RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to enjoy wine, finger foods, and tribute cake. Provided by Folktale Winery, Café Carmel, Edwins, Flaherty's and Village Corner

*This event was produced with the additional contributions and efforts of: Douglas Schmitz, Lucinda Lloyd, David O'Neil, this year's Sygale Lomas-CRA Board Citizen of the Year Program Chair with the additional efforts of many CRA Board Members and our membership extending helping hands.*