

Camden Cares

A Volunteer Program

Goal:

The Camden Cares is a volunteer based pilot program provided by the City of Camden and made possible through public-private partnerships. This neighborhood revitalization initiative is offered free of charge to eligible City residents. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of life citywide. It is comprised of three (3) major components:

1. Social transformation through education, awareness, and neighborhood engagement.
2. Physical transformation through neighborhood cleanups and home repair projects.
3. Assist residents with minor violations.

Services:

Through Camden Cares, the City connects local volunteers to residents who are in need of assistance with completing minor exterior home improvements, identified through property code violations. While most residential violations can be quickly resolved, residents who are not able to correct violations due to physical impairments or other hardships may find assistance through this one-time program. Eligible violations may include:

- Trash Removal
- Limited tree trimming
- Limited exterior home repair
- Basic Landscaping

Eligibility:

To be eligible for Camden Cares, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in Camden on a full-time basis
- Senior citizen (55 or older)
- Demonstrate a physical impairment or handicap
- Own a home or have a valid lease agreement in place with property owner

Schedule:

The program is based on a limited work schedule and subject to the availability of volunteers. Work days are scheduled twice per month on Wednesdays (opposite bi-weekly Camden Strong-Clean Camden Campaign). The program will run from June 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Tools and equipment are made available on scheduled workdays for volunteer use through the City's Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW staff will oversee all work and volunteers at the project sites. Volunteers are 18 years or older and have signed waivers in order to take part in this program.