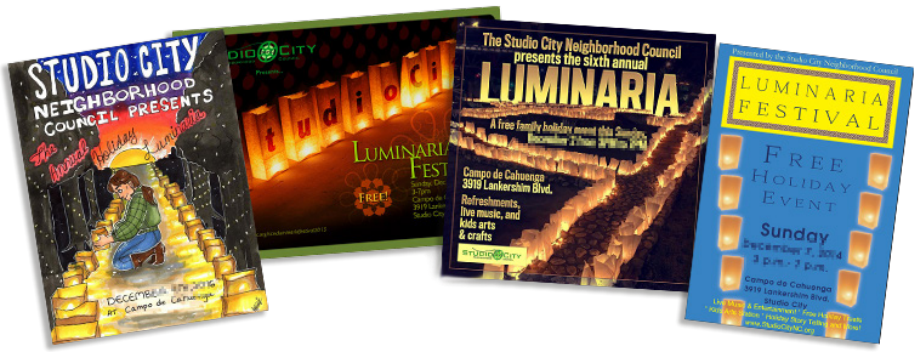




**Sunday December 4, 2022 3pm-7pm**  
**Campo de Cahuenga**  
**3919 Lankershim Blvd.**

**The Studio City Neighborhood Council returns to Campo de Cahuenga for its FREE Luminaria Festival on Sunday December 4th.**

Enjoy live performances, light refreshments, a 2000 light selfie station, and children’s art activities. Tour the historic peace-treaty museum, and learn the amazing story of Campo de Cahuenga.



Luminaria is a fairly recent addition to English; early usage dates from the 1930s, about the time that the Mexican Christmas custom started to gain popularity among Anglo-Americans. In some parts of the U.S., particularly New Mexico, these festive lanterns are also called farolitos, which means “little lanterns” in Spanish. We borrowed luminaria from Spanish, but the word has been around with exactly the same spelling since the days of Late Latin. The term ultimately traces to the classical Latin *luminare*, meaning “window,” and to *lumen*, meaning “light.” It is related to other light-bearing words such as *luminary*, *illuminate*, and *phillumenist*.

**What is the tradition of luminaries at Christmas?**

It was representational of lighting the way for Christ’s birth and illumination of the spirit. The modern tradition has evolved into Christmas luminaries decorating sidewalks, drive-ways, rooftops and windows as a way to guide travelers to their holiday destinations.

**Are luminarias a Mexican tradition?**

In New Mexican Catholic traditions, luminarias and farolitos were only lit on Christmas Eve to symbolically guide the Holy Family on their journey. Parol lanterns used in the Philippines during Simbang Gabi, 1904. Luminaria traditions have spread to many of the former Spanish territories.



**THE HISTORY OF CAMPO de CAHUENGA**

It is said that great cities have history around every corner. One of Los Angeles’ greatest historical treasures ironically sits beneath a busy intersection and quiet park land, known as the Campo. It is here, through a historical re-creation, you can learn the secrets of the adobe building that historians refer to as the birthplace of California.

Listed as Los Angeles Cultural-Historic Monument No. 29 on November 13, 1964 and California State Historical Landmark No. 151 on January 11, 1935, Campo de Cahuenga Memorial Park is situated on Lankershim Boulevard across from Universal City Studios in Studio City. There you will find historical records from five crucial phases of California history, including the:

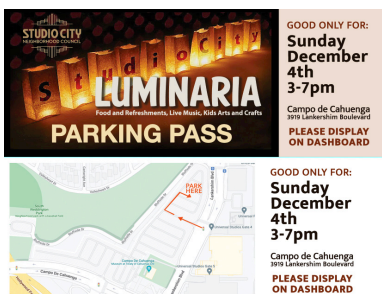
- Spanish Mission period (1769-1833),
- Mexican Rancho period (1834-1849),
- American Acquisition period (1848),
- Butterfield-Overland Stage Coach stop (1857-1861), and
- Civil War encampment site for Union troops (1861-1865).

The original adobe structure was demolished in 1900; however, in 1923 the City of Los Angeles provided the funds to purchase the property. Decades later, efforts led by Irene T. Lindsay, the then President of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, resulted in the City building a Mission Revival and Spanish Colonial Revival style replica “adobe” ranch house which was dedicated on November 2, 1950. It is now a park and interpretive center managed by the City of Los Angeles’s Department of Recreation and Parks in collaboration with the Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Association.



The foundations of the original adobe were unearthed beneath Lankershim Boulevard during construction of the Metro Red Line Subway. The parts of the foundation within the park are preserved as an exhibit, and the “footprint” of the foundations under the street and sidewalk are marked by decorative pavement.

Campo de Cahuenga is the site of the signing of the Treaty of Cahuenga in January 1847. This document was instrumental in ending the conflict over the southwest territory between the United States and Mexico. Each year in January, the Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Association holds a re-enactment of this historic event; a definite must see! (Source: <https://www.laparks.org/historic/campo-de-cahuenga>)



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See you on December 4th.

**PLEASE NOTE: COVID VACCINATION PROOF REQUIRED FOR EVENT**

Pursuant to City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 187219, beginning Monday, November 29, 2021, PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION will be required for individuals eligible for COVID-19 vaccination to enter all indoor LA Parks facilities. In furtherance thereof, all individuals who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and who are participating in indoor programming at an LA Parks facility must show PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION.



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