



Your Community...
Your Way of Life

Village Hall Address

40W115 Campton Crossings
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Campton Hills, IL 60175

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630-584-0330

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Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or
by appointment

Upcoming Meetings

Plan Commission

April 20
6:30p.m.

**Village Board
Committee of the Whole**

April 13, April 21
May 5, May 19
6:30p.m.

Village Board Meeting

April 13, April 21
May 5, May 19
7:30p.m.

All meetings are held at the:

Campton Township
Community Center
5N082 Old LaFox Road
(North of Route 64 and the
Great Western Bike Trail)

Village of Campton Hills

Preserving the quality of life for future generations

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Message from the Village President,

I don't know about you, but seeing little green sprouts emerging from the ground and hearing robins chirp in the morning is a welcomed sign that spring is just around the corner. This winter we received just under 60 inches of snow; and as our roads thaw, they look more like washboards than smooth roadways. The Campton Township Highway District has been busy with the annual routine of pothole patching that takes place after the long winter. They tell me that after all the frost has worked its way out of the ground, the roadways should settle down and smooth out. Of course there will be cracks that will need repairing this summer. This year is worse than anyone can remember because the depth of frost was much deeper than in the past and was calculated to have reached five feet due to the extreme cold we had for an extended period of days.

April 7 marks the date of an upcoming election. Many of you may recall that three of the Village Trustees elected in February 2008 were elected for only a one-year term. Because the entire Village Board was elected at the same time, it was necessary for three trustees to be elected this year so that terms could be staggered. All three trustees (Trustee Lenkaitis, Trustee Millette, and Trustee Strauss) who received the one-year terms are re-running for office unopposed and no one registered as a write-in candidate, so congratulations in advance to Trustees Lenkaitis, Millette and Strauss and welcome to the Village Board for another four years.

During the April election, the Village Board is also taking the opportunity to ask voters three questions at the upcoming election. Continue reading to learn more about these non-binding, advisory referendum questions.

Since January there have been three exploratory meetings related to the formation of an independent Campton Hills Business Association and an Economic Development Committee (EDC). The next meeting will be held at Old Towne Pub, 11:30 a.m. on April 9. We encourage those with home-based businesses to attend as well. At the March 3 Village Board meeting, the Village Board appointed the following people to the EDC: Neal Anderson, Barry Botruff, Tracy Burnidge, Ron D'Aversa, David Eshoo, Kevin Fick, Luis Goduco, and Jack Griparis. The purpose for this committee is to make recommendations on ways to maintain the economic health of the existing community and promote commercial, business, retail and other supporting services which will strengthen and/or broaden the tax base and enhance the quality of life in the Village of Campton Hills. The Committee will also be considered an advisory committee to the Plan Commission and be charged with drafting a land use plan and design guidelines for the "Wasco Business District."

A Beautification Committee of seven people was recently appointed and they will begin investigating ways to use landscaping to make the central business district more appealing. One of the great things about Campton Hills is the volunteers that come together to make our community the best it can be. We couldn't do it without them and the Village Board greatly appreciates the time and talent all our volunteers bring to the viability of our Village.

Patsy Smith



YOUR VILLAGE BOARD

Patsy Smith
Village President

Carolyn Higgins
Village Clerk

Bill Beith
Village Deputy-Clerk

Kathy Catalano
Village Treasurer

Trustees:

Laura Andersen

Susan George

Jim Kopec

Al Lenkaitis, Jr.

Mike Millette

John Strauss

VILLAGE STAFF

Patsy Smith
Volunteer Administrator

Ann Dinges
Administrative Assistant

Bill Beith
Administrative Clerk

Kathy Catalano
Finance Director

Greg Anderson
Chief of Police

PROMISES MADE

Residents would have an increased voice in the way our area was governed.

PROMISES KEPT

There are currently 67 residents participating on the Village Board, committees or commissions. Before incorporation, we had only one County Board Representative out of 26 representing our area in addition to five Township Board members whose authority is limited.

What's A Non-Binding Advisory Referendum Question?

The Illinois Statute allows municipalities to ask their voters questions during elections. Because we are a new municipality and have not had the luxury of time to seek resident input or the ability to pay for extensive surveys, it is important to take advantage of this inexpensive method of collecting information from voters.

On April 7 we will be asking voters for input on three questions. Again, these questions are for informational purposes only and to provide direction to our Village Board. They are:

Question #1: Shall the Village of Campton Hills take steps to preserve the identity of the Wasco area?

Question #2: Shall the Village of Campton Hills consider adopting a "Dark Sky" light ordinance?

Question #3: Shall the Village of Campton Hills pursue an Intergovernmental Agreement with Campton Township in an attempt to assist development and maintenance of Open Space parcels within the Village through grants, land-cash contributions, and/or donations?

Log onto the Village Website to read more about these questions.

NOTE: Election Day is April 7 and the polls are open from 6:00am-7:00pm. Village residents will also be voting on Plato or Campton Township Officials: Township Supervisor, Township Trustees, Township Assessor and Township Highway Commissioner.

Binding Referendum Questions on the April 7th Ballot

St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District:

PROP 1- Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 65% per year for the 2009 levy year? For the 2009 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$39.00. **To learn more log onto www.sccfpd.org.**

PROP 2- Shall St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, acquire, build and equip one or more new fire stations and other equipment and facilities, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? **To learn more log onto www.sccfpd.org**

ECC- Shall the Board of Trustees of Elgin Community College District No. 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb and State of Illinois, be authorized to build and equip a Health Careers Center, a Library and a Regional Public Safety Training Facility, build, equip, alter, renovate and repair community college buildings, build and equip additions to community college buildings, purchase, improve and equip land for community college purposes, install technology and issue bonds of said Community College District to the amount of \$178,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? **To learn more log onto www.elgin.edu**

D303- Shall the Board of Education of St. Charles Community Unit School District Number 303, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, build and equip school buildings, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip school buildings, alter, repair and equip athletic facilities, improve school sites, demolish certain school buildings and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$114,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof? **To learn more log onto www.d303.org**

In addition to the above referenda, three Village Trustees are up for election and the Plato and Campton Township Boards, Assessors and Highway Commissioners as well.



AT&T / St. Charles North Fundraiser

AT&T is participating in a fundraiser for St. Charles North High School. The procedures for participation changed since our last newsletter. Those who are interested in enrolling in AT&T services, log onto <http://scnhs-ptc.webs.com/events/fundraisers.htm> and select "Events and Fundraisers." Then go to the PTO section and click on the yellow AT&T U-Verse banner.

To find out if AT&T U-verse is available to your home, visit the AT&T U-verse website at: <https://uverse1.att.com/un/launchAMSS.do> and click "Can I get AT&T U-verse TV?" If this service is not yet available, select the link titled "Want to be notified when AT&T U-verse service is available at your location?" and they will email you when the service is available to your neighborhood.

Calling all Gardeners

Spring is just around the corner and the Village is asking for volunteers willing to work with the newly appointed Beautification Committee. Contact Bill Beith at 630.584.5700 or william.beith@villageofcamptonhills.org if you are interested in volunteering on this committee.

Campton Township Habitat Management Days

April 11th

Brush Clearing at Harley Woods (located behind the Sunset Village subdivision off Route 38) at the end of Bowgren Circle.

May 9th – 9:00am-noon
Painting at Corron Farm

Contact Laurel Garza for more info:
the_garzas@comcast.net
630.513.6038

Wasco's History

by Campton Township Trustee Kathleen Judy

In the upcoming election, Campton Hills' voters are being asked whether the historical character of the Wasco area should be preserved now that it has become part of the Village. Before the Village was incorporated in 2007, the "hamlet" of Wasco was thought to include various settlements in surrounding unincorporated Campton Township. The following is a compilation of historical accounts and general outline of some of Wasco area's history.

The Wasco area has developed over the last two centuries as mostly commercial and residential with some light industry off of what is now Route 64 located west of St. Charles and east of Lily Lake; and also included settlements north and west of the Great Western Trail. At the center of the commercial area is the current Wasco Post Office on the north side of Route 64 at Old La Fox Road and provides services for residents living in a one-quarter mile radius of its current location.

Historical accounts identify the U.S. Post Office in Wasco as being first located in 1836 at "King's Mill" on Ferson Creek at what is now the end of King's Mill Road. King's Mill (now on Route 64) was the oldest building west of St. Charles built by Dr. King, a lay preacher. It was moved in the 1890s with horses on skids to its current location, and called Wanzer Milk before the 1940s. It was restored in its original character and put to its present use by the McPartland family, as a fine furniture, oriental rug, antique restoration, and repair store.

The Post Office was moved to nearby Gray Willow in the 1870s, north and west of what is now Corron and Burlington Roads, and then to its current location (Route 64 & Old LaFox Road) when the Bergland Store, a general store, opened for business in a wood framed building. George Bergland had originally opened the store in 1890s when the Great Western Railroad was establishing trains through Wasco. This original wooden framed store was torn down in the early 1900s, and the existing brick building built on the same site by the Berglands. It then became the offices and general store of Hummel and Company in the 1940s after the death of Floyd Bergland. During the 1900s, the Post Office in Wasco was relocated into different corners of the Bergland building.

At the turn of the century, the depot located in Wasco on the Great Western Railroad (now on Old La Fox Road) established commercial ties for the Wasco area farmers to ship their milk on the milk trains to Chicago. It also encouraged movement and trade to the west. After the Railroad ended its passenger rail service and abandoned the line in the 1940s, the Wasco Train Depot was sold to the Wasco American Legion. The depot was then turned into the Wesley Johnson American Legion Hall. In 1999, Campton Township purchased the depot. The Township renovated it again, establishing offices and meeting rooms. Malek Hall, named after past Campton Township Supervisor Ed Malek, (a.k.a. Campton Community Center) is open to the public for community events and local government meetings including Village Board meetings. It is also the current office for the Campton Township Assessor.

Another historic building in Wasco recognized on the National Register is Campton Town Hall, built in 1873 and dedicated in 1874, is still used today for the Township's central offices. Other Wasco buildings include historic homesteads, the Wasco Baptist Church (on School Road since 1891), Wasco School, an elementary school serving the area since 1906 (once a three-story stone building), and commercial buildings with retail operations and light industry, mostly established after rail service commenced or Route 64 was paved through Wasco in the late 1920s.

Historic Wasco also includes the Mather Building, now housing a real estate office, at the northeast corner of Old LaFox and Route 64. It was an early outpost as a farm machinery business and gas station during the late 1890s and early 1900s. Residences sprung up around these stores, including the Santell Prairie home, built in the 1923. Some older buildings in Wasco have been converted from residential to commercial property; some have been destroyed, some remain farms, homes and homesteads. Some were built specifically for commercial endeavors, such as the gas company, bank and various retail establishments and restaurants, including Niko's Lodge (the former Silverado and the Old Farm Inn).

Sources: HISTORY OF KANE COUNTY, ILL. by R. Waite Joslyn and Frank W. Joslyn, Volume II, page 853, (1908); CAMPTON TOWNSHIP, 1835-1976, as compiled and edited by Lucinda Corron, and based on the *Past and Present of Kane County, 1878*; KANE COUNTY 2030 COMPREHENSIVE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, *Kane County Landmarks Map, Figure 70*.



Need a Job?

The US Census Bureau is currently interviewing for employment opportunities for the 2010 Census. Most census takers work in their own community and often have varied work hours. These assignments usually last between five to ten weeks. To learn more, call 866.861.2010.

Sales Tax Info

Campton Hills' sales tax rate is 7%. This is the same rate as Kane County and lower than surrounding municipalities.

Campton Hills Rotary Club

An exploratory meeting was held to discuss the formation of a Rotary Club in our area on March 24. If you would be interested in learning more about this organization, contact Bill Paskey at: bpaskey@ttssystems.com.

Coyote Warning

We have received several calls related to coyotes in the area. Please do not feed these animals or leave pets in your yard unsupervised.

Senior Citizens

Qualified senior citizens may defer all or a portion of their real estate taxes. For qualification information, contact Della Winckler with the Kane County Treasurer Dave Rickert's office, 630.232.3565.

What's a Dark Sky Ordinance?

A "Dark Sky" ordinance is designed to regulate excessive and unnecessary lighting. Such ordinances also seek to measure and control wasted artificial illumination. They impose regulatory architectural design criteria and specifications for new structures, or changes in existing structures, such as lighting in parking lots and outside malls. These ordinances can be traced to a global movement against light pollution. See <http://www.darksky.org> and <http://illinoislighting.org>. Campton Hills' voters will be asked their opinion on the Village adopting such an ordinance in the April 7 election.

Per Wikipedia, light pollution is defined as any adverse effect of artificial light including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night, and energy waste. It obscures the stars in the night sky for city dwellers, interferes with astronomical observatories, and, like any other form of pollution, disrupts ecosystems and has adverse health effects. Light pollution can be divided into two main types: 1) annoying light that intrudes on an otherwise natural or low-light setting and 2) excessive light (generally indoors) that leads to discomfort and adverse health effects. Since the early 1980s a global dark-sky movement has emerged, with concerned people campaigning to reduce the amount of light pollution.

The Village of Homer Glen (southwest of Chicago), which incorporated in 2001, passed this type of ordinance in 2008. Homer Glen received praise from Lt. Governor (now Governor) Pat Quinn last year: "Homer Glen's ordinance demonstrates that good outdoor lighting uses the right amount of light, where and when it is needed without wasting energy by sending light up to the night sky." In addition to Homer Glen, other cities and counties in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, and New York have passed dark sky ordinances.

Campton Hills is filled with nocturnal creatures and a Dark Sky ordinance would promote the preservation of their habitat. Opponents of Dark Sky ordinances raise safety concerns. However, proponents counter that too much light, directed in the wrong direction, can actually create blinding glares. Debra Norvil, president of the Illinois Coalition For Responsible Outdoor Lighting, notes that working with developers to ensure compliance is the most difficult part of enforcing Homer Glen's ordinance.

What would an IGA between Campton Hills and Campton Township Accomplish?

An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is the mechanism that all governing bodies use to share, operate, fund and/or support joint activities or projects. This proposed IGA would help support the construction of improvements on the open-space lands the Township purchased through Campton Township property tax dollars and grants. On the April 7 ballot, Campton Hills' voters will also be asked for their opinion of the Village entering into such an agreement.

The Township has limited resources to develop amenities on these properties such as access/parking, walking or bike trails, or picnic facilities and make them accessible to the public for recreational uses. (The Township Open Space program primarily funds the acquisition of land and to date has acquired numerous sites and easements: Poynor Park, Corron Farm, Brown Road properties, Harley Woods, Headwaters Conservation Area, Mongerson Park, Mongerson Farm, and Garfield Farm easements.)

The Village may be in a better position to secure development grants, many of which are only available to municipalities. In addition, the Village now requires land/cash contributions for parks from new developments, which could be used to fund improvements on any public land within the Village. Further community involvement through donations and fundraisers, could also be managed or supported in conjunction with Village events, such as the Heritage Farm Fest organized by the Village's Community Relations Committee.

The primary cost to the Village would be preparing the grant proposals and managing the fund transfers.



Village Police Department

Emergency: Dial 911

**Police Department
Non-Emergency Number:**
630-584-0330

Full-Time Officers:

- Greg Anderson, *Chief of Police*
- Officer Randy Johnson
- Officer Deanna Koffenberger
- Officer Jim Liepins
- Officer Bob Reichardt
- Officer Brian Sawyer

Part-Time Officers:

- Officer Dave Baley
- Officer Tom Blincoe
- Officer Gene Gauer
- Officer Dennis Hughes
- Officer Steve Mathis
- Officer Danny Pittman
- Officer Brandon Roth
- Officer Ken Van der Haegen

Vacation Checks

The Campton Hills Police Department will conduct periodic security checks for all Village residents who will be away from home and have no one staying or checking on their home while they are away. Please visit the Village website or call 630-584-0330.

**Non-Emergency Fire Protection
Districts:**

Burlington Community
847-683-2199

Elburn and Countryside
630-365-6855

Pingree Grove and Countryside
847-741-3151

South Elgin and Countryside
Station #1 - 847-741-2141
Station #2 - 847-531-8641

St. Charles Countryside
630-762-3900

City of St. Charles Fire Dept.
630-377-4458

Required Alarm Registration

We appreciate that so many residents have already submitted their Alarm System Application and want to remind those who have not yet done so to get your information submitted to the Police Department. Earlier this year, the Village of Campton Hills passed an Alarm System Ordinance requiring all residents and businesses with alarm systems to submit an Alarm Permit Application with the Village. There is no cost for obtaining the required permit. The permit will give the Village contact information for a responsible person who may come and reset your system if the alarm is activated until you can return. According to the Ordinance, a fine will be assessed when the homeowner or business generates a second false alarm. Residents may obtain a copy of the Alarm Permit by going online under the Quick Links on the Village Website or by stopping by the Campton Hills Police Department at 40W115 Campton Crossings Drive – Unit B. The entire ordinance (O-08-39) may be viewed on the Village website at www.villageofcamptonhills.org.

CODE RED (Reverse 911)

Code Red is an emergency notification service provided through Kane Co. in conjunction with municipalities and school districts. This database includes landlines in the County, excluding cellular phone numbers, unlisted landlines, and voice-over internet protocol listings. We are asking all Campton Hills' residents to provide these alternative numbers so you can be reached in case of an emergency. Evacuation notices, severe weather warnings, Amber alerts or missing child reports, boil water notices, bio-terrorism threats and flooding notices are specific instances where the system may be activated. Add your name, addresses and cell phone numbers to the database by visiting the county's Web site (www.countyofkane.org) and clicking the Code Red link on the right side of the screen to access the online form. All information will be kept confidential. Contact Kane Co. Office of Emergency Management, 630.232.5985 for more info.

Truck Permit Ordinance

The Village has adopted O-09-03 amending the Village Code to adopt a Truck Permit Program. Studies have found that heavy trucks cause significant wear and tear to roadways and highways, contributing to increased costs for maintenance and repair born by the residents of Campton Hills. All vehicles operated on Village Roadways constructed of bituminous pavement over a gravel base shall be limited to a maximum weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds for any one axle. To read the entire Ordinance, log onto the Village website.

Disconnected Areas No Longer receive CHPD Police Services

Below is a list of subdivisions that have been disconnected from the Village of Campton Hills. If you live in one of the subdivisions listed below, please contact the Kane County Sheriff if you have a non-emergency police issue, 630-232-6840. If you have an emergency situation, call 911. The CHPD will only respond to calls in unincorporated areas when requested to do so by the sheriff's department, or if an emergency is in progress as outlined in the Kane County Mutual Aid agreement.

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| Arbor Creek | Cheval de Selle | Moraines of Campton | Sunset Villa |
| Campton Farms | Hidden Oaks | Prairie Lakes | |

Flagpole for Village Hall

Campton Hills' Boy Scout Timothy Nickels is working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. One of the requirements is to plan and carry out a project that will have a lasting effect on the community. He has chosen to put up a flagpole in front of the Village Hall to demonstrate our patriotism. The project will cost about \$1,000, and to date he has collected over \$200 for this project. Tim is asking the community for financial support and donations of any size are greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute, there is a donation box at Village Hall or you can mail checks made payable to The Village of Campton Hills, marked as a donation for the flagpole. For more information, contact Timothy at (630) 762-0059 or email him at timnick@sbcglobal.net.

**Attention All Homeowners'
Association Presidents**

Please assist us as we update our records and let us know who you are and how we may contact you. We get numerous calls from Title Insurance Companies, Realtors and others looking for information as to whether a specific home's subdivision is covered by a Homeowners' Assoc. We have also had several floods since incorporation and to be prepared for emergencies, it would also be helpful to have a contact for all the subdivisions. Please either call Village Hall, 630.584.5700 to update your information or email Bill Beith at william.beith@villageofcamptonhills.org

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Tuesday, April 7th

**Polls Open
6:00a.m.-7:00p.m.**

Campton Hills' Restaurants Ready to Serve You

Need some variety? Working late? Lunching with friends?

*Campton Square Shopping Center
East of LaFox Road, South of Route 64*

China Gardens: Szechwan, Hunan and Cantonese style 630.513.8333
Hopper's Bar-B-Que: friendly service, great local entertainment 630.762.9200
Mel's Diner: serving healthy and hardy breakfast and lunch 630.444.3533
Michel Angelos: pizza and pasta for carry-out or cozy dining 630.587.7777

*Campton Centre Shopping Center
West of LaFox Road, South of Route 64*

Billy's Bakery & Coffee: coffee house & pastries 630.444.3577
Subway: quick service with Subway quality sandwiches 630.513.8661
Thai Town II: fresh, exotic and healthy cooking, carry-out available 630.444.1790
Wasco McDonalds: Happy Meals, Big Macs and drive thru service 630.587.2671

*Fox Mill Square Shopping Center
West of LaFox Road, South of Route 64*

Old Towne Pub: burgers, brews and more 630.513.4240

Route 64, East of Old LaFox Road in Wasco

A Perfect Brew: coffee, pastries and sandwiches 630.584.0011
Billy's Roadhouse Saloon & Grill: barbeque favorites & fish fry Fridays 630.584.7711
Dairy Queen: famous ice cream specialties, sandwiches and hot dogs 630.584.7390
Luau Coffee: Kona coffee, pastries and sandwiches 630.584.9120
Pizza Cucina: unique varieties of pizza and Italian entrees 630.762.0222
Taylor Street Pizza: quick take-out and by-the-slice pizza 630.587.0123

41W379 Route 64 (at Brown Rd)

Niko's Lodge Bar & Grill: restaurant, bar and patio 630.443.8000

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