



Your Community...
Your Way of Life

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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
3rd Monday of the Month
6:30p.m.

**Village Board
Committee of the Whole**
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month
6:30p.m.

Village Board Meeting
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month
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)

Want to get involved?

There is an upcoming election in April for three Trustee positions on the Village Board.

Applications for these positions are available at Village Hall and must be turned in between 1-20-09 and 1-26-09, for more information contact Village Clerk Higgins.

Village of Campton Hills

Preserving the quality of life for future generations

January 2009
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Message from the Village President,

Happy New Year! 2008 was quite a year for our new Village and I'm looking forward to a productive (and peaceful) 2009. I am grateful the dissolution referendum is behind us. The final certified vote tally was 3,399 electors in favor of dissolution and 3,780 against dissolution with an 82% voter turnout. For those of you who would have preferred that the Village be dissolved, please know your Village Board is committed to working towards bringing our community together. I recently read in an article by Robert K. Bush, Esq., *"What is often forgotten is that a cornerstone of our country's emergence was the premise that diversity and discourse were fundamental to the American existence."* So, it is not surprising that our Village's emergence also experienced diversity and discourse. Time is a great healer but if you have any suggestions or ideas as to how to escalate healing and unite our Village, or would like to get involved, please call me at Village Hall.

The Board is hopeful to wrap up the pending litigation as quickly as possible. The petitioners of the Fox Mill and Bridle Creek disconnections voluntarily withdrew their petitions and the Village Board dropped their appeal of the Sunset Villa disconnection and recently allowed the Arbor Creek subdivision to disconnect. Judge Colwell also ruled that the Fox Creek and Plato Township 600-Acre disconnection petitions did not meet the criteria to be eligible to disconnect. By the end of January, we are hopeful that most of the pending lawsuits will be resolved.

If you attended November Board meetings, you know that the Village Board has discussed whether to form an Economic Development Committee or facilitate the formation of a Campton Hills' Business Association. On January 15, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Old Towne Pub, we will be hosting a meeting for those interested in exploring participation in this type of group. We will discuss the feasibility of a Campton Hills' Business Association and whether there is enough interest and volunteers to take leadership roles to form an association outside the Village structure or whether the Village should pursue forming an Economic Development Committee. For more information or to RSVP, please call Village Hall at 630.584.5700 or email Bill Beith at william.beith@villageofcamptonhills.org. You will be able to purchase lunch off the menu.

It also has been suggested that the Village consider forming a Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Board has discussed whether it would be better for this to be an independent group that makes recommendations to the Village Board. One suggestion was to include the Presidents of all Homeowners' Associations, or a representative of each subdivision. If you would be interested in participating in an advisory group, contact Bill Beith at Village Hall to have your name added to the list so we may contact you if a citizen's advisory exploratory meeting is held.

The Board recently approved the hiring of two new employees. The first will be our 6th police officer, Deanna Koffenberger. Deanna is a Campton Hills' resident who began training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on January 5, 2009. Ann Dinges is being hired as an Administrative Assistant dividing her time between the Police Department and Village administration. Ann comes to us from the City of Elgin where she was the Accreditation Manager and Public Information Officer for the Elgin Police Department. Ann has a strong administrative background and the Village will benefit from her assistance at Village Hall. We are hopeful that the Village will be able to hire her full-time beginning in March.

Patsy Smith



What do you do with your E-Waste?

HOBI, Intl. located at 1202 Nagel Blvd., in Batavia offers a walk-up recycling program for electronics. One monitor per year per residential address is free. Hard drives that require certified destruction cost \$10 each. Call HOBI at 630.761.0500 to learn more about this service and other electronics accepted for recycling.

Elgin Considering Density Increases

At a recent City Council meeting, the Mayor and Council members discussed changing development plans for areas in western Elgin. Under consideration is doubling density from four homes per acre to eight! This points to the importance of being incorporated and protecting our area from neighbors who have different development philosophies.

Congratulations Trustee Millette

Trustee Millette, currently the Assistant Public Works Director for Downers Grove, was recently appointed by the American Public Works Association as Government Affairs Committee Chairman of the Chicago Chapter for 2009. With President Elect Obama's Economic Stimulus Package upcoming, the Village is fortunate to have Trustee Millette on the front line.

PROMISES MADE

The incorporators projected that in the 2nd fiscal year of incorporation the Village could expand the police force to 6 full-time officers.

PROMISES KEPT

The Fire and Police Commission authorized the hiring of the Village's 6th full-time police officer, Campton Hills' resident Deanna Koffenberger. Officer Koffenberger's first day was 12/29/08.

Mailing Addresses

In early October, the United States Postal Service (USPS) programmed their computer software to make Campton Hills the "preferred" last line of addresses for those living within the 60175 Zip Code. The Village had requested the USPS program their software to "recognize" Campton Hills as an acceptable last line for the four zip codes that cover our area; not to make Campton Hills the "preferred" name. Once we learned about the change, we requested the change be corrected. The correction was made and St. Charles is once again listed as the "preferred" name for the last line for the 60175 Zip Code. All companies who changed their software as a result of this unfortunate mistake (Netflix, Delnor Hospital, e-Bay, UPS, etc.) should be reprogramming their software to reflect the correction. In early January, the USPS will be programming their software to recognize Campton Hills as an acceptable last line for the 60175 (St. Charles), Elburn (60119), Elgin (60124) and Hampshire (60140) Zip Codes. If someone addresses your mail using the name Campton Hills, with your assigned Zip Code, you will continue to receive mail seamlessly. Residents may also use the name Campton Hills in their last line if they choose to do so; either your assigned last line name (Elburn, Elgin, Hampshire, or St. Charles) or the name Campton Hills will be acceptable for use. We appreciate your patience as the various databases are corrected.

What's a drain tile and why are property owners responsible to maintain it?

Farmers are ingenious people and long ago they figured out that by using drain tiles buried under the surface, their wet fields would dry quicker and produce larger crops. Because drainage issues don't stop at property lines, farmers also learned how to work cooperatively together to maintain these clay tiles that convey groundwater and allowed for better drainage.

When farm fields in our area were converted to subdivisions in the 1960s, the impact of the drain tiles on the new developments were not thoroughly understood and residents were not educated about the required maintenance responsibilities under Illinois law. Nor were they informed about the probabilities of what would happen if the drain tiles became blocked or if the system as a whole would fail as a result.

The Illinois Drainage Law requires that property owners accept water flowing in its natural watercourse from upstream properties and keep their drain tiles functioning. In the 1980s, Kane County adopted a Stormwater Ordinance, which was improved in the 1990s, in an effort to better regulate drainage issues in new developments. Engineering techniques and technology have come a long way since the 1960s and subdivisions that were built after the mid-1990s rarely experience the drainage problems of older subdivisions. Remember, these systems are often interconnected and it is important that all drainage tiles are clear and that landscaping is not planted over drain tiles so roots don't grow into the drain tile and block the flow of water.

After the September 13th flood, it is probably apparent to most residents that we have a number of drainage issues in the Village that need attention. When we incorporated, the County had been working with several different areas on drainage issues. The Village is considering hosting an informational workshop for residents so they can learn more about drainage issues, how they impact septic systems and their responsibilities under the Illinois Drainage Law.

Conservation @ Home Workshop Review

Those who attended the October 29th workshop learned that yards with native landscaping reduce flooding and toxins that enter our waterways. In addition, selecting native plants with deep roots hold the soil, allow water to filter down to recharge the aquifer and attract dozens of species of beneficial wildlife such as butterflies and songbirds. Watch for more educational programs this spring on ways to improve our stormwater management and groundwater recharge.



AT&T U-verse

AT&T has been working in the Village installing boxes and cables for new high speed internet, digital TV and phone services called U-verse. To find out if this service is available to your home you can visit the AT&T U-verse website at: www.att.com/U-verse.

By choosing qualifying AT&T services and using PROMO Code: AP0098, the St. Charles North High School PTO will receive revenue from AT&T. Call 866-538-2148 to learn more about this fundraising program.

Illinois Municipal League Conference

Last September, Village President Smith, Clerk Higgins, Trustees George, Kopec, and Andersen attended the IML conference. They attended sessions and learned about a variety of topics such as obtaining grants, community development & planning, meeting procedures & management, and telecom issues. Our officials met leaders from various IL State departments and municipalities from all over Illinois and networked in an effort to bring back valuable information to help Campton Hills be a more efficient Village.

Audit

The firm Knutche and Assoc. was chosen out of four companies bidding to perform auditing services and they have just recently completed the audit. Watch the Village website for a posted copy of the audit in the near future.

CMAP Workshop Review

On October 28, 2008, the Campton Hills Plan Commission and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning (CMAP) sponsored the 2nd CMAP workshop to gather input from residents related to how they would like to see our Village developed. One question asked at the workshop related to historical preservation. What we learned from the audience was that very few residents were familiar with the fact that the Village had adopted the County's Historical Preservation Ordinance and that we have 11 structures designated as historically important.

Sites designated as Historically Significant within Campton Hills

The Village of Campton Hills may be new, but the history that covers our area is not. The 11 sites below were on the Kane County Register of Historic Places located in Campton Hills at the time of incorporation. The Village adopted these sites as historically significant on May 22, 2007 in Ordinance # O-07-02:

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| Beatty Homestead - Mongerson Farm | Eber Chaffe Farmstead |
| Beith House | Eddy-Swanson Farmstead |
| Campton Community Center | Fischer Homestead |
| Campton Town Hall (also on the National Register) | God's Little Acre Cemetery |
| Corron Farm | Santell Prairie Home |
| Daniel Lincoln Homestead | |

Watch for more information about these sites as our new Village Historian, Holly Watson-Evans, highlights the history of our area in future newsletters.

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, so he is asking the community for financial support. 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. You can also contact Timothy at (630) 762-0059 or email him at timnick@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Required Alarm Registration

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 until you can return. According to the ordinance, a fine will be assessed when the homeowner or business receives a second false alarm. Residents may obtain a copy of the Alarm Permit by stopping by the Campton Hills Police Department at 40W115 Campton Crossings Drive – Unit B or going to the Village website at www.villageofcamptonhills.org and viewing ordinance (O-08-39).

As the demand by homeowners and businesses to obtain security systems grows, the incidents of false alarms have grown placing an undue burden on local law enforcement. When the law enforcement officers must respond to false alarms, they are unduly diverted from responding to criminal activity, which may be occurring, and can put both the officers' and citizens' safety in jeopardy. As with other cities and towns who have similar ordinances, the Village of Campton Hills wants to educate and encourage its citizens in an effort to reduce or eliminate the occurrences of false alarms. Studies have shown that over 99% of false alarms are caused by the user of the system, with the most common errors being unlocked or loose doors, wandering pets, errors by the user, and children, relatives, neighbors, etc. who do not know how to properly arm and disarm the system. For further information or questions about the ordinance, call 630-584-5700.



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 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:

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.
Administration
630-377-4458

Fire Prevention
630-377-4457

Congrats to Chief Anderson

Chief of Police Greg Anderson, who has over 28 years of police experience, recently presented his thesis and received his Masters Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from WIU in December. Chief Anderson was also recently approved by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police as an Illinois Certified Police Chief. Only a small percentage of Chiefs in Illinois earned this designation. We congratulate Chief Anderson on his accomplishments.

Campton Hills Police Department's First Year Review

The CHPD first began patrolling the streets of Campton Hills on October 31, 2007. The department began with four full-time and four part-time officers and grew to five full-time and seven part-time officers in the first year. Below are the statistics for services provided during the last year:

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| Calls for Service | 3,839 | Vacation Checks | 478 |
| Incident Reports | 493 | Traffic Accidents | 236 |

Animal Calls

The Campton Hills Police Department received 177 animal calls in its first year. The Village has an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Kane County Animal Control department to provide services. The CHPD would not normally get involved with stray pets or farm animals unless the animal is in grave danger or endangering others. If you find a stray dog, first check the pet for identification. If the only identification is a rabies tag, the finder can call the county where the tag was issued and request the owner's information, so they may be contacted. Locating the owner will be less stressful on the pet and save the pet owner the \$75 charged by Kane County Animal Control. If the stray has no identification, then contact one of the following rescue groups for help. If the stray cannot be captured, but stays in the area, one of these groups may be able to offer advice on how to safely capture the stray. Another suggestion is to contact local veterinarians as they may have already heard from the animal's owner. Kane County Animal Control will not pick up stray cats.

HELP (Homes for Endangered and Lost Pets)
www.helpinganimals.org, ph: 877-364-2286

Helping Paws Animal Welfare Association, Woodstock
www.helpingpaws.net, ph: 815-338-4400

Naperville Area Humane Society, Naperville
www.napervillehumanesociety.org, ph: 630-420-8989

TAILS Humane Society, DeKalb
www.tailshumanesociety.org, ph: 815-758-2457

Anderson Animal Shelter, South Elgin
www.andersonanimalshelter.org, ph: 847-697-2880

Kane County Animal Control, Geneva
www.co.kane.il.us/animalcontrol.org, ph: 630-232-3555

Just a few tips for the finder:

- If the finder can safely capture the stray, do so.
- Keep the stray in a confined, secluded space.
- Offer fresh water only.

To learn more, log onto: Fox Valley Animal Welfare League, www.fvawf.org/rescues.



Plato Township Snow Removal

Campton Hills entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Campton Township Highway Dist. to provide road maintenance, including snow removal services, for all Village roads. Because several roads in Plato Township (i.e. McDonald Rd., Crawford Rd.) have several different governing jurisdictions, an Intergovernmental Agreement was signed between the Plato Township Hwy. Commissioner and the Campton Township Hwy. Commissioner to divide up the work. Below is the breakdown as to who is providing snow removal services for Village roads in Plato Township and whom you should call if there are issues with your snow removal.

Plato Township Highway Dist.
(847.464.5121)

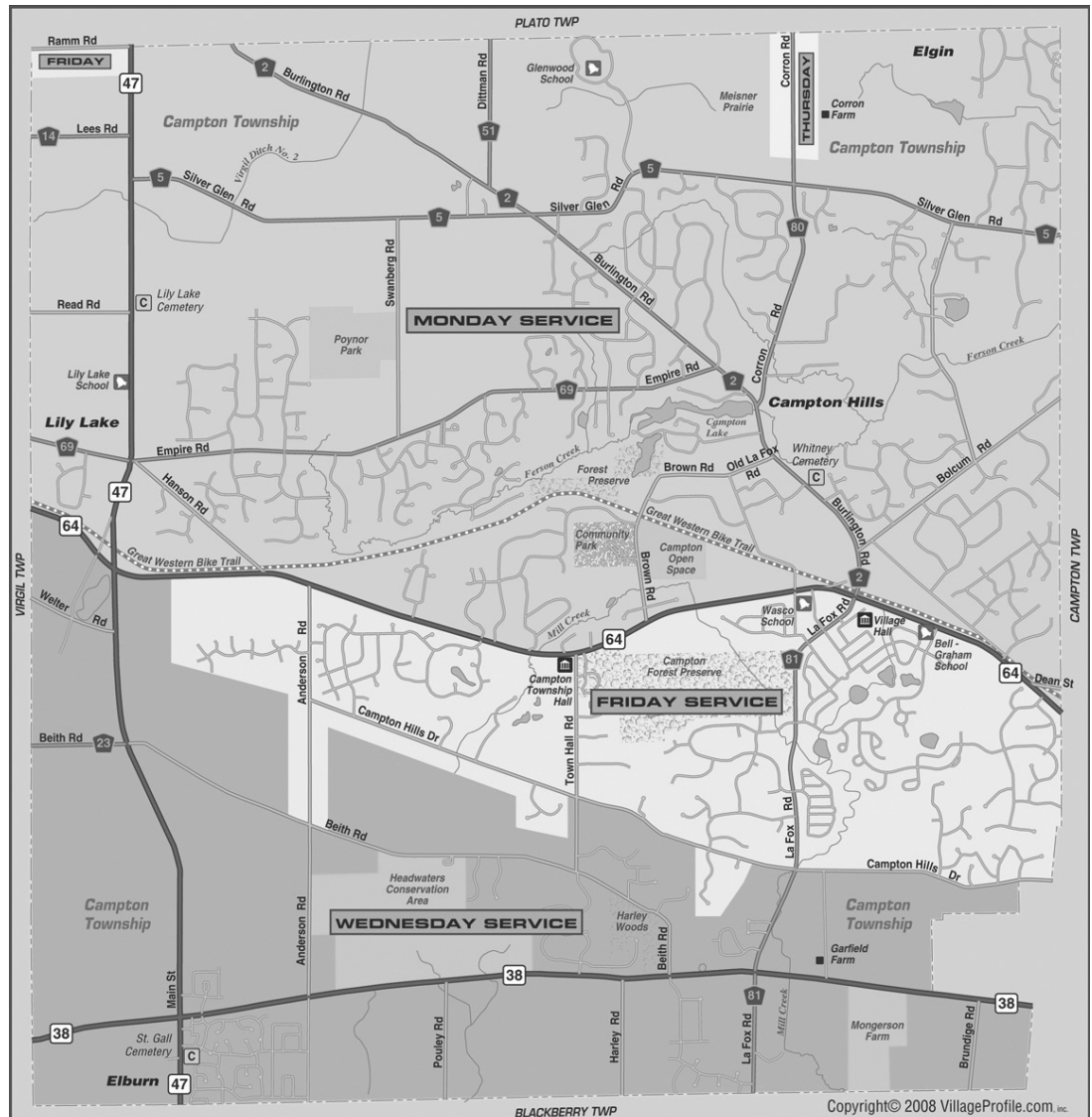
Crawford Rd., Lenz Rd., McDonald Rd. (Dittman east to the entrance of the old Ryland Sales Center for Stony Creek).

Campton Township Highway Dist.
(630.365.9300)

Arlington Estates Subdivision, Brierwood Subdivision, Connors Rd., Cranston Meadows North Subdivision (Village roads only), Crawford Woods Subdivision, Hattendorf Grove Subdivision, McDonald Rd. (Dittman west to Virgil Township line and from the entrance of the old Ryland Sales Center for Stony Creek east to the Elgin Township line), Kendall Rd., Miller's Acres, Robert Meier Subdivision, The Woodlands Subdivision, and Wood Bridge Subdivision.

KDOT (630.584.1170)
Burlington Road
Dittman Road

IDOT (630.584.4360)
Route 47



NOTICE: Campton Township Trash Pickup Date Change

The Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District negotiates trash services for those living in Campton Township and we were recently notified of trash pickup date changes for some residents in the Village. Refer to the map above and below are the locations for scheduled pick-up days beginning January 12, 2009:

Monday Pickup Day – North side of Route 64

Wednesday Pickup Day – South of Campton Hills Drive, south of Route 64, west of Anderson Road.

Thursday Pickup Day – Includes the two homes located at 7N761 Corron Road and 7N842 Corron Road.

Friday Pickup Day – North side of Campton Hills Drive, east of and including Anderson Road. Also included is the Oak Openings subdivision, Highpoint Lane, Highpoint Court, Campton Woods Drive, Knollview Court and Ramm Road.

For more information, contact Waste Management at 800.796.9696 or log onto: <http://www.ctswdd.com/docs/2009DateChanges.pdf> to verify your pick up date.

**Want (Back) Into
Campton Hills?**

If you are contiguous to the border of Campton Hills, and were involuntarily included in a disconnection petition, and your family would like to learn how to annex into Campton Hills, please call Village President Smith at Village Hall, 630.584.5700.

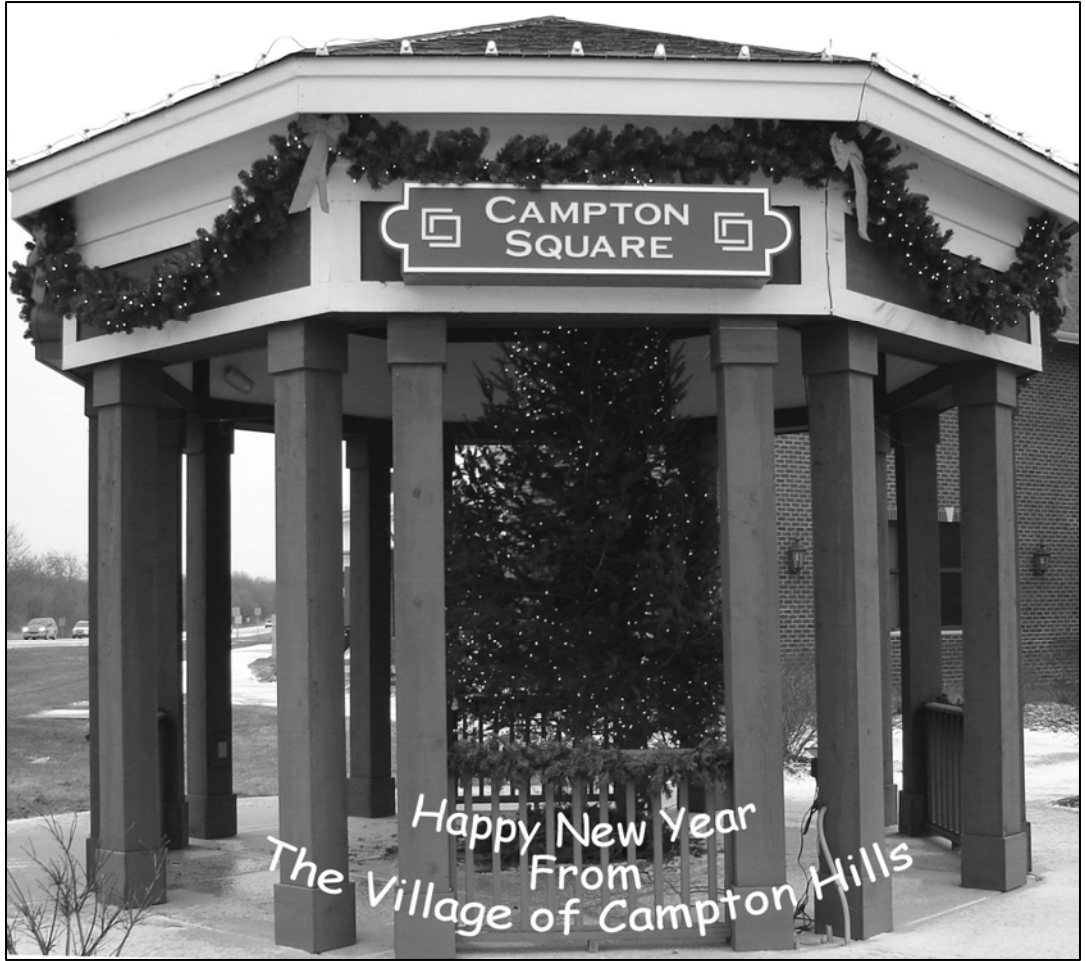
**Welcome to the following new
Campton Hills' businesses:**

Mel's Diner
RVG Commercial Realty

(both located in the Campton Square Shopping Center)

Holiday Spirit

Thanks go to Trustee Lenkaitis for the donation of the evergreen tree in the Campton Square gazebo and to Public Works' member Jeff Huske for the donation of lights to decorate it.



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