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Dear Fellow Campton Hills Resident,

With the New Year upon us, I wanted to give you a personal update on the work that has been taking place since we were incorporated just over eight months ago. We've been very busy working on your behalf and a lot has been happening in our new hometown.

On April 17th we made the leap from an unincorporated community to the expectation of being a fully functional and responsive Village. This summer we moved into a new Village Hall and are open to the public weekdays 9:00A.M. through 4:00P.M. and by appointment, (630) 584-5700.

One of the first actions the Village Board took was to pass a Village Code. Before we could do anything, we had to create laws and regulations and the Village Code is the framework for operating as a Village. Resolutions and Ordinances provide the means to accomplish our goals. We adopted various Kane County Ordinances as our own in order to have a smooth transition from unincorporated Kane County to the Village of Campton Hills. As necessary, these Ordinances and our Village Code will be amended to fit our needs.

We created offices and duties and appointed a Village Treasurer/Finance Director, Village Attorney and Deputy Clerk and hired a Zoning Officer. We also set meeting schedules. The Village Board meets the first and third Tuesday of each month with the Committee of the Whole meeting (discussion format with no decisions made) starting at 6:30P.M.; the Regular Meeting begins at 7:30P.M.

The Plan Commission was established and serves as an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Village President and Board regarding overall development of the Village. This includes subdivision plans, zoning requests, amendments to the zoning ordinances and the "Comprehensive Land Use Plan."

The Plan Commission spent this fall drafting the "Comp Plan" that was adopted in late November by the Village Board. This document serves as our foundation for establishing a structure in dealing with development plans that affect the Village. Let me be clear, we need and want your input to ensure that all of our concerns are dealt with in a respectful manner. This year we will hold public forums to assess how residents want their Village to be developed. Throughout the election, people said they supported a balance of commercial and residential properties, so we need the public's input to verify if this is accurate and, if so, where people feel it is appropriate for commercial development. The Plan Commission meets on the third Monday of each month and all meetings for the Village Board and Plan Commission are held at the Campton Township Community Center on Old LaFox Road.

In September, the Village hired our first Police Chief, Greg Anderson, who held the position of Deputy Chief of the Aurora Police Department. Chief Anderson spent his first six weeks setting up the police department and working with the Fire and Police Commission to hire experienced officers that began patrolling on November 1st. For the first time, Campton Hills has its own police force that patrols our streets 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days every year. A dedicated, local police force to help ensure that our families, children and streets are safe.

There has been some confusion about what incorporation really means related to the taxes we all pay. Let me clarify the record here. First, the Village Board and myself are committed to keeping taxes low as a matter of principle. In addition, the Village of Campton Hills cannot impose property taxes on the voters without a referendum. In an article that appeared in the Kane County Chronicle on October 28th ("*State: Taxes need voter Ok*"), the Illinois Department of Revenue stated that Campton Hills by law cannot levy any property tax for any purpose without voter approval by a referendum. And, I am pleased to report you can rest assured your property taxes will not increase because we are now incorporated; there is no municipal tax referendum question on the February ballot. Many of you may wonder, then how do we have money to operate the Village? Money you already pay in the form of income tax, motor fuel tax, use tax, sales tax, and township road and bridge funds, is now be returned to our local area to benefit you, the local taxpayer. The Illinois Department of Revenue has been working with us for six months to identify the

businesses within our borders that pay sales tax. The Village receives 1% of most goods sold within our borders. Before incorporation, this money was used by the County and/or the State and very little came back to benefit the Campton Hills area. Chief Anderson and your Village Board are committed to fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of the Village resources.

As required by state statute, we adopted an Appropriation Ordinance that allows us to spend a maximum amount of money for various categories. (Note: Again, you will not see a Campton Hills' tax levy on your property tax bill; the Village has a zero levy).

Many have asked how our roads will be maintained. Contracts have been negotiated with the Campton Township Highway District to provide road maintenance for Village roads located in both Campton and Plato Townships. Roads have been paved, sealed and patched; ditches have been mowed, trees have been trimmed and brush has been collected. This winter Joe Hulke, Plato Township Highway Commissioner, is providing snow removal for Lenz Road, Crawford Road and McDonald Road east of Dittman Road. Three Village subdivisions in southwest Plato Township have their snow removed this winter by Plow and Pour, an independent contractor.

We worked with the US Census Bureau to have our 2000 population certified. That report indicates we had 10,504 people within Campton Hills in the year 2000. We have also begun the process of a Special Census to count residents who moved here since 2000. The Village is gearing up for a Special Census and jobs are available for Enumerators, Crew Leaders, Field Officer Supervisor, Clerk and Administrative Assistant. You must be 18 years of age, take and pass a 30 minute written test of basic skills, be available, day, evening and when necessary, Saturdays. You must also attend and complete a three-day training session, have a valid driver's license and a reliable car. Enumerators will be paid \$13.75 per hour, crew leaders \$15.25 per hour and clerical staff \$10.50 per hour and must be available a minimum of 20 hours per week. Contact Bill Beith at Village Hall, 630-584-5700 or stop by to pick up an application. For more information, see www.census.gov/rochi/www/empty.html.

The State of Illinois has passed two laws that became effective on January 1st that we must all recognize. These include a smoking ban and a graduated driver license. Every restaurant, bar and sports stadium will become smoke-free. Exceptions to this ban are tobacco stores, hookah lounges that don't serve alcohol, certain private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes, long-term-care facilities and hotels. The new graduated driver license includes a nighttime driving restriction Sunday-Thursday from 10 P.M.-6 P.M., and Friday-Saturday, 11 P.M.-6 A.M. for teens. Teens are also restricted from cell phone use while driving. If you have concerns about these laws, please feel free to contact the Village Hall and your state legislators as well. Learn more about the new driver license law at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/programs/gdl.html>.

Starting a Village from scratch is no easy task. On April 17th, 2007, we did not have any Village Officers, a police force, no provision for road maintenance, no means for accepting or spending money, no means of providing for permits for building and inspections, no way to manage zoning and land use issues, no insurance, no place to hold meetings, no animal control procedures, no committees or commissions, no means of granting liquor licenses, no land use map or zoning ordinances. You get the point.... In the last eight months we've come a long way and are excited about the opportunities ahead to make Campton Hills the best place to reside in Kane County.

In Service,



Patsy Smith
Village President, Village of Campton Hills

P.S. I've included an informational document that includes some facts about the Village of Campton Hills.

"Just the Facts"

Over the last eight months, there has been a significant amount of misinformation disseminated about important issues affecting the residents of our community. This fact sheet outlines the facts so you can be better informed.

1. Campton Hills has a zero tax levy. There can be no property taxes imposed in your village without your approval via referendum, and there is not a tax question on the upcoming February ballot.
2. This village was formed to ensure that you would have a direct voice - and a vote - on the issues affecting your community and your family. You will determine the future of your area.
3. The Village of Campton Hills will manage growth and will continue to work to protect water recharge areas and keep area wells from going dry.
4. One of our important goals is to establish responsible land development and zoning that will minimize the negative impact on the area's infrastructure and schools. The Village of Campton Hills "Comprehensive Plan" will seek input from residents to ensure that all of our development concerns are dealt with in an appropriate manner.
5. The Village is working with school districts to develop appropriate impact fees to offset development-driven deficits.
6. The Village of Campton Hills aims to maintain the semi-rural feeling and relaxed atmosphere enjoyed by its residents.
7. The Finance Committee overseeing the Village finances is comprised of seasoned professionals including municipal auditors, experienced CPAs, a CEO, an accountant and a Northwestern graduate of Management.
8. A Campton Hills police department dedicated to this village results in more responsive coverage. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, the streets of Campton Hills are patrolled by our own local police force.
9. Municipalities get greater Motor Fuel Tax revenue from the State of Illinois than township road districts. Therefore, taxes we all pay at the gas pump will come back to our local community.
10. Campton Hills is participating in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program. As a result, landowners in flood plains will be able to get discounted flood plain insurance.

There will be three referendum questions on the February ballot that will be used to gather input from residents. They will be included at no cost to the Village. The three questions address early warning tornado sirens, mosquito abatement and park impact fees. All three questions are non-binding and advisory only; they do not concern and will not affect taxes.



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A Letter from the Village President

Village Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
or by Appointment
630.584.5700
FAX: 630.584-5775

Meetings:

Village Board: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month
Plan Commission: 3rd Monday of the month
** Subject to Holidays and Election Day. All meetings
are held at the Campton Township Community Center,
5N082 Old LaFox Road and begin at 6:30 P.M.*

Police Department:

Non-Emergency Phone Number: 630.584.0330
Emergency: Dial 911

Road Maintenance:

Campton Township Highway District: 630.365.9300
Plato Township Highway District: 847.464.5121

To learn more about the Village or to sign up for the village newsletter, please visit: www.villageofcamptonhills.org
or email president@villageofcamptonhills.org.

Village Officials

President: Patsy Smith - Trustees: Bern Bertsche, Charles Cappell, Jim Kopec, Al Lenkaitis Jr., Mike Millette and Roy Pollack - Village Clerk: Rebecca Lambe - Deputy Village Clerk: William Beith - Village Treasurer: Kathy Catalano - Zoning Officer: Chris Ranieri - Police Chief: Greg Anderson