



**Your Community...
Your Way of Life**

Village Hall Address

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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

**Village of Campton Hills
Village Board Meetings**

Usually held on 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays of the month

All meetings are held at the:

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

Committee of the Whole
Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

*(Times & dates subject to change;
always check the Village website
for final meeting information)*

Please feel free to drop into your
Village Hall Monday – Friday 9:00
a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or attend a Village
Board meeting to see your local
government in action.

Village of Campton Hills

Preserving the quality of life for future generations

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Message from the Village President,

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the warm weather as much as I am. According to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network since the first of the year, we have received between 18-20 inches of snow and 25-30 inches of rain! Paul Schuck, Kane County Water Resources Director, said this was the wettest spring on record. This amount of rainfall is one reason we have had flooding in areas where there has never been a problem before. The other reason is most likely due to failed drain tiles. As we have discussed before, our area has many farm drain tiles buried under the ground to help drain the surface. A majority of these drain tiles are over 50 years old and are starting to meet their life expectancy. The Illinois Drainage Law requires landowners keep the drain tiles clear so that water is not impeded from flowing downstream. If you suspect that you may have a drainage problem, please call Zoning Officer Chris Ranieri at Village Hall and he will do what he can to advise and help you. With all the rain, you may need help with your yard waste; don't forget that Waste Management Yard Waste Stickers are available for sale at Village Hall for your convenience.

The *Farmers' Market* will begin its third year on Saturday, July 11th, 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. The market will again be located within the Campton Square Shopping Center located on the Southeast corner of LaFox Road and Route 64. I don't know about you, but I am ready for some locally grown fruits and vegetables after the long winter. All you gardeners put July 11th on your calendar because Tim Norris of Spring Bluff Nursery of Sugar Grove will be talking about Japanese Beetles and other pests. This year's Farmers' Market will host presentations on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Check the Village website for the schedule.

Sam Gallucci, the Campton Township Road Commissioner and his crew, completed the Spring brush pick-up, and will be mowing the right-of-way ditches, trimming trees, repairing potholes and crack-sealing roads all summer. We reported to you earlier that the Village had received a "Local Agency Paving Project (LAPP)" grant worth \$315,000, which was to cover 75% of the cost of repaving a portion of McDonald Road. Because this project was considered "construction ready" it was able to be converted to an "American Recovery and Reconstruction Act (ARRA)" project and will be funded at 100% from the federal stimulus money. This conversion saved the Village approximately \$100,000 that is now available to be used to repair other roads. No township roads in Kane County were considered for this federal stimulus money, which once again proves that it is financially beneficial to live in a municipality.

Chief Anderson was also able to procure grant money from the Kane County DUI Task Force for the purchase of breath testing equipment and moving radars. In May, the Village purchased its third new police car and gave one of the old vehicles to Zoning Officer Ranieri to use for inspections around the Village. New data suggests that black and white police cars are more easily recognized than the white cars, especially with the new light bars, so Chief Anderson will be converting the fleet to black and white cars as they are replaced every three years.

The Village only has two disconnection petitions pending that have not gone to trial and two petitions that Judge Colwell ruled on in the Village's favor are under appeal. I am hopeful that by this fall we will know what our final Village borders will be.

Patsy Smith



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 Jim Liepens
Officer Deanna Koffenberger
Officer Bob Reichardt
Officer Brian Sawyer

Part-Time Officers:

Officer Dave Baley
Officer Tom Blincoe
Officer Misty Feiza
Officer Gene Gauer
Officer Dennis Hughes
Officer Ken Van der Haegen
Officer Danny Pittman

Fire Protection Districts:

Emergency: Dial 911

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.
Admin.
630-377-4458

Fire Prevention
630-377-4457

Campton Hills Police Department Takes Possession Of New Patrol Car

This spring the Village took possession of its third new police car purchased through the Illinois State bid.



National Night Out

Sergeant Sawyer, the Campton Hills' Police Department, Chair Person Bauman, Event Coordinator Tom Dowd and the rest of the Community Relations Committee are busy organizing the August 4th National Night Out Against Crime event. School Road, next to the Wasco Elementary School, will be blocked off and filled with fire trucks, police cars, horses, snowplows, and free pony rides for the kids and children's ID cards will be available at this year's event as well. If you have an organization that would like to have a booth, contact Tom Dowd at 630.377.7367 to learn how you can participate. This is a great way for our community to come together and give "neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party."

Vacation Checks

It is that time of year when many residents take summer vacations. Upon request the Campton Hills Police Department will conduct periodic security checks for all 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 for more information on this free service.

Special Olympics

The Campton Hills Police Department is supporting the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois by selling raffle tickets for a 2009 Harley-Davidson Super Glide Custom Bike and 5 Big-Screen HDTVs valued at \$1,000 each. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at Village Hall. Six winners will draw for one key, which will start the new Harley. Last year, Village Zoning Officer Ranieri was one of the finalists and won a HDTV! The CHPD is also selling hats (\$10), pins (\$5) and T-shirts (\$15) to benefit the Torch Run. The drawing will be held at 1:00p.m. October 16, 2009 in Bloomington-Normal.

Property Tax Exemptions Available

Exemptions reduce the EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) by a specific amount; the actual tax savings depends on the tax rate for the specific property. Here are a few property tax exemptions to know about:

General Homestead Exemption - Reduces the EAV of an owner-occupied dwelling by \$5,000.

Homestead Improvement Exemption - Reduces the EAV of an owner-occupied dwelling with qualifying addition up to \$25,000.

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption - Reduces the EAV of senior-owned-and-occupied dwelling by \$3,500

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption - Freezes the EAV of a senior-owned-and-occupied dwelling at a base year, causing the assessment not to increase; this is restricted to households with qualifying incomes of \$50,000 or less.

Disabled Veterans Exemption - Reduces the EAV of a home owned by a qualifying veteran, the veteran's spouse or unmarried surviving spouse by up to \$70,000. You must apply for this exemption through the IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

Taxpayer Assistance Programs

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program - Allows qualified senior citizens to defer part or all of the property taxes on their personal residence. It's a form of a loan with a six percent interest rate which is to be repaid after the taxpayer's death or at the time the property is sold.

Circuit Breaker Grants - Provides low-income senior citizens yearly grants to help pay property taxes. Call (800) 624-2459 to learn more.

For more information on these programs and qualifications, contact: *Kane Co. Supervisor of Assessments* (630) 208-3818 or the *Kane County Treasurer* (630) 232-3565

The 2009 fiscal year ended on April 30, 2009 and the Village Board approved a working budget for FY2010 in April. Below is a copy of the Internal budget the Village Board passed on April 13, 2009 for the 2010 Fiscal year (May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010). It should also be noted that the Village is governed under the Appropriation Ordinance, not the Budget Act, and is on track to pay off the Special Census loan by November 1st and then will be debt-free.

Fiscal Year 2010 Approved Budget

GENERAL FUND

Administration

Personnel	119,448
Contractual Services	327,455
Commodities	10,500
Debt Service	9,245
Capital Outlay	5,000
Other Expenditures	10,000
Total Administration	481,648

Police Protection

Personnel	625,559
Contractual Services	137,850
Commodities	37,700
Capital Outlay	41,000
Total Other Expenditures	-
Total Police Protection	842,109

Police & Fire Commission

Total Police & Fire Commission	11,975
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Building & Zoning

Personnel	62,227
Contractual Services	62,413
Commodities	400
Capital Outlay	500
Other Expenditures	500
Total Building & Zoning	126,040

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

1,461,772

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

Campton Township Roads	129,000
Plato Township Roads	156,350
Other Contractual Services	97,750
TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	383,100

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Campton Township Roads	442,700
Plato Township Roads	39,539
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	482,239

Special Service Areas #1

Debt Service	4,121
TOTAL SSA#1	4,121

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$2,331,232

Non Expenditure Cash Designation-Beginning Balance

60,000

Reserve Fund

180,000

Loan Payment

(140,000)

NON EXPENDITURE CASH DESIGNATION-ENDING BALANCE

\$100,000



**Beautification Committee
Adopt-A-Trail
Clean Up Day
July 18, 2009
Noon**

Calling all volunteers! The Campton Hills Beautification Committee has adopted a portion of the Great Western Trail located within the Village borders. Meet at Wasco Lawn and Power located north of the bike trail at 4N969 Old LaFox Road. To participate you must be at least 10 years old and wear long sleeves, pants, gloves and sturdy shoes. This is a great way for boy scouts and others to earn community service hours. Please support this effort to "clean up" the bike trail on Saturday, July 18th.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Bill Beith at Village Hall, 630.584.5700.

**Congress on the Corner
Saturday, July 18th
9:30am-11:00am
During the Farmers' Mkt.
Campton Square
Shopping Center**

Congressman Foster will be at the Farmers' Market on July 18th to meet with residents, hear their concerns and answer questions about our federal government.

Campton Hills Rotary Club

If you would be interested in participating in the formation of the Campton Hills Rotary Club, email Bill Paskey at bpaskey@tssystem.com to be added to the list.

2009 Property Assessments

Last year Campton Township Assessor Alan Rottmann determined that the average home in our area had declined in value by approximately 10% percent, but the County reversed his assessments and settled with an average assessment increase of approximately 2.5-3%. Mr. Rottmann spent a lot of time meeting with various groups educating them about property assessments and this article is an attempt to pass on valuable information about your 2009 assessment.

According to Mr. Rottmann, assessments are based upon your home value as of January 1, 2009 using sales during the three previous years (i.e. 2008, 2007, 2006). The County collects assessments from various jurisdictions and Mark Armstrong, the Supervisor of Assessments' job is to ensure that all residents across the County share an equal portion of the tax burden.

If you feel your home is over-assessed, you have until September 1st to meet with Mr. Rottman to discuss your assessment. Mr. Rottmann stated that homeowners should appeal if they have documents that show the value of their property is less than the assessed value. For example, if you refinanced your home or purchased it between 2006-2008 and have an appraisal that sets the value below your 2008 assessed value, it would be worth your efforts to set up an appointment. He also stated that if you could find comparable sales that showed a lower value, it would be worth pursuing a revised assessment. Mr. Rottmann also explained that you should find homes that have comparable square footage and similar features such as the number of garages and type of basement to bring to his attention. For more information on assessments contact, the Campton Township Assessor's Office at 630-513-5430, otherwise contact the Plato Township Assessor's Office (Janet Roush, Assessor) if you live in Plato Township at 847-464-4221.

The Kane County Assessor mails Assessment Revision Notices to owners of properties where the assessments will have been revised.

If you have not met with the Assessor's Office by September, you may file a complaint form with the Kane County Board of Review which is available at the Kane County Board of Review Website:

www.co.kane.il/us/soa/forms/ResidentialFarm.pdf

Filing a complaint form with the Kane County Board of Review will preserve your right to an assessment appeal and allow you an additional 30 days to meet with your Township Assessor prior to a review hearing in an attempt to reach a possible agreement. To contact Mark Armstrong, Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, contact, (630) 208-3818.

Please Note: The Village of Campton Hills has a **ZERO** tax levy and collects **NO PROPERTY TAXES**.

Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Available

Kane County homeowners facing the prospect of defaulting on their mortgage may benefit from foreclosure prevention counseling. Depending on the situation, certified counselors can assist homeowners in establishing repayment plans, modifying terms of their mortgage, or refinancing altogether. Free, confidential, one-on-one counseling services are available to all Kane County households, regardless of income. Contact Neighborhood Services of the Fox Valley at 847.695.0399, www.nhschicago.org or Joseph Corporation at 630.906.9400, www.josephcorporation.org for more information.

Meet your Economic Development Committee

The Village Board recently appointed an Economic Development Committee for the purpose of maintaining the economic health of the community, the promotion of commercial businesses and providing supporting services to strengthen and broaden the tax base and enhance the quality of life in the Village. The EDC has also been requested to draft a Land Use Plan to present to the Plan Commission for the "Wasco Business District."

The EDC committee meets on the third Thursday at 11:30a.m. at Old Towne Pub in the back room and is open to the public. The following people make up the committee: Jack Graparis, Chair, David Eshoo, Tracy Burnidge, Kevin Fick, Louis Goduco, Dean Akey, Barry Bottruff and Neal Anderson.

Village Hall Flagpole

Thanks to Boy Scout and Village resident Tim Nickels, Village Hall has a new flagpole. Tim chose to install a flagpole as his Eagle project to demonstrate his planning and leadership skills. We appreciate Tim's support of our community and our new flagpole.

Tim is waiting for delivery of a flag that flew over the U.S. Capital that Congressman Foster's office will be providing.

We will be announcing the date and time of the Flagpole dedication ceremony on the website.

Promises Made

The Village incorporators budgeted for three new police cars within the first two years of incorporation.

Promises Kept

The Village purchased their third police vehicle this spring.

Campton Hills Business Owners (Including Home Based), Store Owners, Professionals, and Independent Contractors

YOU SHOULD KNOW...

The Economic Development Committee wants to help you grow your business, but we need your input.

Step 1. Let us know what you do by completing the brief form below. We will add you to our Business and Services Directory, which will be distributed to our residents.

Step 2. Let us know if you would be interested in exploring the formation of a Campton Hills Independent Business Association to benefit those who participate. Circle the type of groups below you find of interest.

Step 3. We would like to come together informally to hear your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Check the box below to indicate your interest in attending. (Date, time and place to be announced.)

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Name of Business _____

Description of Business _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website Address _____

Business Contact _____

Hours of Operation _____, By Appointment Only _____

Circle Area(s) of Interest:

- Barter Group: A group of people that get together to exchange goods or services.
- Business Association: A group for support and services for local businesses in addition to providing networking between businesses.
- Chamber of Commerce: A local business group to promote economic programs designed to strengthen and expand the income potential of all businesses
- Leads Group: Association of businesspeople who meet for word of mouth marketing.

Yes, I/We would be interested in attending an informal gathering to share ideas and explore the organization of an independent business association for Campton Hills' businesses.

I/We do not want my/our business included in a Campton Hills business directory.

I prefer Noon Meeting _____, After Hours Meetings _____

Please fax, email or mail the information above to Village Hall at: 630.584.5775, wbeith@sbcglobal.net, or 40W115 Campton Crossings Dr., Unit B, Campton Hills, IL 60175. This survey is also available online for your convenience at the Village website.

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August 4, 2009

Heritage Farm Fest
Saturday, September 19, 2009

Next Brush Pickup
In October



**Village and Chief of Police E-News
Sign-Up Visit:**
www.villageofcamptonhills.org

OPENING DAY JULY 11TH
July 11, 2009 through October 17, 2009
Campton Square Shopping Center
Saturdays
8:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.



Beginning on Saturday, July 11th you'll once again be able to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and more at the weekly Campton Hills Farmers' Market. This year plan to linger over coffee, juice and donuts, which will be available for purchase. Also, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, plan to join us for various presentations. The first one is scheduled for July 11th at 10:00a.m. and Tim Norris of Spring Bluff Nursery of Sugar Grove will be talking about Japanese Beetles and other pests. Check the website for future schedules.

Campton Square Shopping Center is located on the southeast corner of Route 64 and LaFox

