



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

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Monday - Friday
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by appointment

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Village of Campton Hills

Preserving the quality of life for future generations

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Message to the Residents

In April 2007, residents voted to incorporate the Village of Campton Hills and on February 5th, the residents of Campton Hills participated in its first election selecting their Village Board. In both cases, residents turned out in large numbers to make their voices heard regarding their local community. As a result, those who supported a pro-Village point of view won seven of eight offices.

As we embark on this next chapter, I am hoping we can all come together and work towards the same goal of maintaining our semi-rural way of life. This includes how we deal with village finances, keeping taxes low, development, protection of our water resources, supporting our school districts, and police protection. There are some areas of disagreement, but I believe it is time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and iron out these differences to improve the harmony of our Village. This can be done without petition efforts and litigation if people are willing to work together in an honest dialogue eliminating the spread of misinformation.

I have heard from the residents that they want more information about our Village and we are committed to improve communications. I also heard from residents and opponents of the Village that dissident voices did not have more opportunities to voice their concerns. I submit that those residents should attend our Village Board meetings and share their ideas and concerns. If you cannot make it, our door is open and we want – and need – your input. Moreover, those who are concerned about taxes need to know that we cannot raise property taxes without voter approval.

In the coming months, it is our intent to keep you informed and updated on the Village's progress. I encourage you to attend our meetings, visit our website, volunteer for a Citizens Advisory Committee and offer your input as we continue to navigate the challenges of operating a newly formed Village. Remember, this is your Village and your way of life.

Sincerely,

Patsy Smith
Village President

**APPOINTED
VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Patsy Smith
President

Bern Bertsche
Trustee

Charles Cappell
Trustee

Jim Kopec
Trustee

Al Lenkaitis Jr.
Trustee

Mike Millette
Trustee

Roy Pollack
Trustee

Rebecca Lambe
Village Clerk

**YOUR NEW VILLAGE
BOARD
Swearing In - May 6, 2008**

Patsy Smith
President-elect

Carolyn Higgins
Village Clerk-elect

Trustees-elect:

Laura Andersen

Susan George

Jim Kopec

Al Lenkaitis, Jr.

Mike Millette

John Strauss

Where Does The Village Get Its Money?

The Village Board has heard from residents who want to know how money is received to operate the Village since there is no municipal property tax. It is important that residents understand that we can manage our Village without a municipal property tax because the State of Illinois provides all municipalities with substantial revenue. In an effort to provide the answer to this question, we have provided the data below.

Village Revenue Sources Received From the State:

	Per Capita	Received thru 2/08	
- Illinois Income Tax	\$ 90.00	\$ 335,086	
- Illinois Use Tax	\$ 13.55	\$ 71,583	
- Illinois Motor Fuel Tax	<u>\$ 28.90</u>	<u>\$ 166,233</u>	
Total State Shared	\$132.45/yr*		\$572,902
- 1% Sales Tax Collected within Campton Hills			\$ 97,075

Village Revenue Received from County:

- 20% of Building Permit Fees Collected by Kane County (thru October) \$ 16,023

Village Revenue Collected by Village:

- Zoning Review Fees	\$ 1,550
- Fines from Tickets, Accident Reports & Towing Fees	\$ 8,377
- Farmer's Market/Farm Fest	<u>\$ 8,464</u>

TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED 4/17/07 – 2/29/08 \$704,391

* Illinois Municipal League estimates the 2009 Fiscal Year (5-1-08 through 4-30-09) contribution at \$134.35. The certified population based upon the 2000 U.S. Census was 10,504. This number will be adjusted upon completion of the Special Census.

Special Census

Many of the Village residents will have U.S. Census takers show up on their doorsteps to count the number of residents living in their homes this spring. This census will only cover a portion of Campton Hills, so not every home will be counted. The Census takers will have credentials available for viewing. In the near future, the US Census Bureau will begin the interview and testing process and once started, the Census is expected to take approximately 6 weeks.

Village Permits and User Fees

The Village has contracted with Kane County to provide building permit and inspection services. One of the conditions of this agreement was that the Village was required to hire a Zoning Officer to review all plans submitted for compliance to the Village Zoning Ordinance. If you are planning on building or adding an addition to your home or business, please contact Chris Ranieri at Village Hall to verify whether you are required to have your application approved by the Village before submission to the County. The zoning review fees range from \$20 for a privacy fence permit up to \$500 for a new commercial business.

Campton Township

Town Hall
630.377.5705

Neal Anderson
Supervisor

Al Rottmann
Assessor
630.513.5430

Sam Gallucci,
Highway Commissioner
630.365-9300

Township Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Campton Township Solid Waste District
www.ctswdd.com
Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Campton Hills Plan Commission

Stan Walczynski, Chairman

Rolf Fredrick
Stephany Impson
David Philliips
John Pree
Jay Richardson
Mary Lynn Zwolinski

The Plan Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Campton Township Community Center, 5N082 Old LaFox Road

No Municipal Property Tax Increases Without Voter Approval

Your village is committed to keeping taxes low. In fact, the Village of Campton Hills cannot impose property taxes on property owners without referendum approval. This fact was confirmed in an article by the Kane County Chronicle on October 28th (“State: Taxes need voter OK”).

Specifically, “According to the Illinois Department of Revenue, Campton Hills is under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, or tax cap, and cannot levy any property tax for any purpose without voter approval by referendum.” Village officials have always been and remain in favor of running our village government with existing tax revenues that are returned to the municipality from the state and county.

TAX CAP LAW

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (a.k.a. PTELL or Tax Cap Law) requires “new municipalities which have not extended a tax levy (Campton Hills has a zero levy) to hold a referendum establishing a maximum aggregate extension for the levy year.” This fact was verified in the October 28,2007 Kane County Chronicle article by Revenue Department spokeswoman Katherine Ridgway who also said the tax-cap law trumped all others. See Illinois State Statute 35 ILCS 200/18-210. This rule requiring voter approval via referendum for new taxes, applies to those property taxes that are normally exempt from referendum because Kane County adopted the Tax Cap provision, and thus “increases in these otherwise non-referendum taxes are subject to the Tax Cap” (Illinois Municipal Handbook, pg. 1999).

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The Village of Campton Hills unanimously passed an ordinance to implement a “Comprehensive Land Use Plan” which serves as a guide for the future development of the Village. One of the reasons we became incorporated was to allow every resident a direct voice in issues affecting this community, its neighborhoods, property values and schools.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan will set forth guidelines for development and is very similar to plans adopted by Kane County and Campton Township. To view the Official Comprehensive Land Use Plan, please visit www.villageofcamptonhills.org and download the PDF file or stop by our office.

Later this year, we will be holding workshops to seek your opinion on how our area should develop.

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. Trustee-elect Laura Andersen is the Village Emergency Contact liaison to the County and she is compiling a list of HOA contacts. Contact Laura via email at: landersr254@earthlink.net or phone at 630.235.9860.

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 Bob Reichart
Officer Brian Sawyer

Part-Time Officers:

Officer Dave Baley
Officer Tom Blincoe
Officer Gene Gauer
Officer Jack Meyers
Officer Chuck Sawyer
Officer Ken Van der Haegen

Tow Truck Operator:

Country West Towing
630.365-2361
630.730.8688

**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

Police Department Update

Email Alert and Notification System

The Campton Hills Police Department has started an email alert and notification system to publish information in a timely manner. Examples of information that may be included would be, crime patterns in neighborhoods, alerts for missing children, help in locating offenders in crimes, crime prevention tips, and dealing with other issues and rumors as they apply to the CHPD. To join this email system, send the Chief an email at chief@villageofcamptonhills.org and you will be included on the email system.

Vacation Checks

The CHPD provides for vacation checks when residents are out of town. You may either visit the police department area of the Village website at www.villageofcamptonhills.org and submit a vacation check request, or contact the CHPD at 630-584-0330. The CHPD will attempt to frequently check your home while you are away.

Traffic Enforcement

Many residents have asked for increased traffic enforcement and have provided specific locations where they would like increased enforcement. If you are aware of a location that you believe is hazardous, please call the CHPD and advise us of the location. The CHPD will make an assessment of each location brought to our attention.

Many people are unaware of what to do if stopped by a police officer, either in Campton Hills or elsewhere. If stopped by a police officer, keep your hands in plain sight such as on the steering wheel. Police officers are most frequently hurt on traffic stops and their awareness is heightened for safety. The police officer may ask for your driver's license and proof of insurance before even advising you of what you were stopped for. If the officer decides to issue a citation, they may take a bond for the traffic ticket. The bond is set by the State of Illinois and the courts and is taken only to insure that the driver will not ignore the traffic ticket. Acceptable bonds that may be taken by a police officer are: driver's licenses, insurance bond cards (e.g. AAA cards), cash, or credit cards. Many tickets can be taken care of by mail or even on the Internet. Court supervision may allow you to keep the traffic ticket off your driving record and hidden from your insurance company. When you are stopped, you should be given an envelope and slip that describes these options, if they are available for your violation.

Chief Greg Anderson

Roads within the Village under other jurisdiction

State Roads

Route 38
Route 47
Route 64

County Roads

Burlington
Corron
Dittman
Empire
LaFox
Silver Glen

Snow Removal Services
2007-2008 Season

Campton Township Highway
District Responsibility:

Within Campton Township:
All Roads

Within Plato Township:
Brittany Ct.
Cloverfield
Connors
Harty Ct.
Kendall
McDonald (West of Dittman)
Northern Dancer
Phar Lap
Secretariat

Plato Township Highway
District Responsibility:

Crawford
Lenz
McDonald Rd. (East of
Dittman)

Independent Contractor,
Plow & Pour's
Responsibility:

Brierwood Subdivision
The Woodlands
Wood Bridge Subdivision

Village Road Report

It is that time of year when potholes appear overnight. This winter has been especially hard on our roads resulting in numerous potholes. The Campton Township Highway District will be cold-patching the Village roads as soon as conditions allow. Before a patch is applied, the hole must not have any salt in it and the hole must be dry. This spring, we will also be making repairs to the right-of-ways where snowplows may have damaged the grass.

Because of the severe winter we are not able to finalize the roads that will be resurfaced this summer. A re-evaluation of the roads will have to be made as the weather warms. One road that will definitely be resurfaced this summer will be Bolcum Road east of the Prairie Lakes subdivision. During the summer of 2009, Anderson Road between Route 38 and Route 64 will be resurfaced thanks to a matching grant we were able to get from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

If you have any questions or concerns about road maintenance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sam Gallucci
Campton Township Highway Commissioner
630.365.0520

We Need Your Input on Village Ordinances

The Village is seeking your input on ordinances that deal with neighborhood disturbances, burning bans, light pollution and messy lots. The County has recently amended their nuisance ordinance and the Village is considering a similar ordinance.

As with most previously adopted ordinances, the Village used another governing body's ordinance language as a template and will make adjustments as necessary.

Please log onto the Village Website, www.villageofcamptonhills.org to review the county's amended nuisance ordinance as well as the one recently proposed by the Village. Email Chris Ranieri if you have questions, concerns or omissions that you would like addressed.

Chris Ranieri
Zoning Officer
630.584.5700
chris.ranieri@villageofcamptonhills.org

Need your junk car hauled away?

Country West Towing has offered to tow junk vehicles from Campton Hills' residences and businesses to the junk yard at no charge provided owners can produce a title. To take advantage of this free service, contact Scott Schlutow at Country West Towing, 630.365.2361.

**The Village Is Looking For
A Few Good Citizens**

Volunteer wanted to serve as Village Historian to document the history of the newly formed Village of Campton Hills. 630.584.5700

If you are interested in working on the Communication Committee, contact Don Grillo at dongrillo@aol.com or 630.584.5883

Trustee, Mike Millette, is looking for two additional members to serve on the Public Works Committee Contact Mike at mike.millette@villageofcamptonhills.org or 630.485.9599

To assist the Community Relations Committee on the Farmers' Market and Heritage Farm Fest, contact Committee Chairman Linda Bauman @ Linbil12@comcast.net or 630.762.1741



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Village News

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February 5th Election Results & Referendum Review

On February 5th, the Village of Campton Hills placed three non-binding advisory referendums on the ballot in order to give residents a voice in decisions that impact their community. One of the top reasons residents support incorporation is so they can control their own destiny and have a local voice on local matters. You demonstrated this when 59.42% of voters in Campton Hills showed up to vote!

PASSED: Park Impact Fees for Developers

Residents of Campton Hills supported a referendum that would charge developers impact fees to fund the acquisition of local parks. As a result, the Village will now pursue Phase Two of the Land/Cash ordinance enacting the wishes of the residents. Once passed, developers will have to either donate land or pay an impact fee for parks to the Village based upon the number of residents generated from new development. According to the Kane County Clerk's office, 55% of residents supported this referendum.

FAILED: Mosquito Abatement; Early Warning Sirens

Residents of Campton Hills rejected two separate non-binding advisory referendums; one was related to controlling the mosquito population and the other asked about the installation of emergency sirens. The Campton Township Highway District provides a minimal amount of mosquito control within the Village right-of-ways for roads located within Campton Township. The Village will not be pursuing any additional mosquito abatement or the installation of early warning sirens.

Village of Campton Hills Meeting Schedule

Village Board: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month

**Subject to Holidays and Election Day*

All meetings are held at:

The Campton Township Community Center, 5N082 Old LaFox Road, 6:30 p.m.

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Campton Hills Resident