



**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:**

October 21st 6:30 p.m.
November 10th 6:30 p.m.
November 18th 6:30 p.m.
December 2nd 6:30 p.m.
December 16th 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
(Times subject to change)

Usually held on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

All meetings are held at the:

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

Thank You

Former Trustee Charles Cappell,
Carleen Cappell, John Pree, and
Vince Schuster for their help in
implementing the Special Census.

Village of Campton Hills

Preserving the quality of life for future generations

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Message from the Village President,

It's official! The US Census Bureau has certified our population at 13,483! This represents 2,979 new residents and an additional 886 new homes since the 2000 Census, which results in an additional \$400,000 in State shared revenues each year. We all pay state income tax, use tax (for goods purchased outside the state) and motor fuel tax at the gas pump. The State takes a portion of these revenues and "shares" them with all municipalities; this provides us with the majority of the money needed to operate our Village. As a Village, we receive between \$150,000-\$200,000 more in Motor Fuel Tax revenue to help us maintain our roads and the State also collects a 7% Sales Tax and rebates 1% back to municipalities for most goods sold.

In the last newsletter I told you the Village had applied for a Local Agency Paving Project (LAPP) grant. In late August we learned we had been tentatively approved to receive the grant! This grant is worth \$314,580 to the Village and covers 75% of the cost of repaving approximately one mile of McDonald Road between Kendall Road and Burlington Road. This grant was not available to township road districts and therefore, if still unincorporated, we would not have even been eligible to apply for this money. Bringing revenue back to the local area is another one of the benefits of being incorporated. Rebuilding roads is very expensive and as the price of oil increases, costs will also increase. As a municipality, we not only receive more motor fuel tax funds than when under the township highway district jurisdiction, but we have additional tools like the LAPP grant to help us rebuild infrastructure.

Never a dull moment in Campton Hills! That has become my personal motto since the incorporation of the Village on April 17, 2007. Many of you are probably wondering about the upcoming November 4th election and the recent news articles about voting on the Village of Campton Hills again. A group of people who were opposed to the creation of the Village filed a petition on 11/19/07 seeking to dissolve the Village at the next election. At the time the petition was filed, the next election was February 5, 2008. However, as a result of a recent judicial ruling, the question will appear on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Every week at Village Hall we are presented with new challenges and issues to resolve. In my opinion, that is one of the greatest benefits of being incorporated, you have leaders in your community who are representing you and working to solve your situation. Each week we get calls related to zoning issues, nuisance ordinance violations, lost pets, road repairs, right-of-way issues and stormwater problems, in addition to all the non-emergency and emergency police calls. The Village has a good working relationship with Campton and Plato Townships and Kane County. I am proud to say that by working together, we have resolved many of the issues we have been presented. Of course, not all issues are easy to solve and we will continue to work hard to provide resolution for each resident who files a complaint or voices a concern.

Your Village Hall is open daily Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Please feel free to share your concerns and issues by dropping in or attending one of the Village Board meetings. You can also e-mail me at president@villageofcamptonhills.org or call Village Hall at 630.584.5700. One of the objectives of those incorporating the Village was to provide the residents in the Campton Hills area a voice and a vote in our local community. Part of my job as your president, is to help fulfill that objective.

I am grateful we live in a nation where all voters are created equal and we once again have the ability to exercise that right by voicing our opinions and voting at the polls on November 4, 2008.

Patsy Smith



Registration Deadlines

Grace period registration will be available in the Kane County Clerk's office only from Wednesday, 10/8/08 until Wednesday, 10/21/08. Be sure to take 2 acceptable forms of ID when you register to vote.

Early Voting October 13-30th

Campton Township
Community Center
5N082 Old LaFox Rd.
Campton Hills, IL
8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.
<http://www.kanecountyelections.org>

Absentee Ballot

The last day absentee ballots are mailed is 5 days prior to the election. Request an absentee ballot, by calling the County Clerk at (630) 232-5990 or emailing elections@co.kane.il.us.

Setting The Record Straight

The Village has a zero tax levy. A referendum would have to be held and approved establishing a maximum aggregate extension for the levy year. 35ILCS 200/18-213. This also applies to some 26 other miscellaneous taxes and therefore NO municipal property tax increase can be imposed on taxpayers by the Village Board.

Village Existence Challenged November 4, 2008 Election

A binding referendum question seeking dissolution of the Village is on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The issue is the same as in the past, "should the Village of Campton Hills exist?" However, the question this time is presented in the negative. It is important for voters to understand that a **YES vote means that you want to dissolve the Village and a NO vote means that you want to keep the Village of Campton Hills.** You can read more about dissolution by Googling "Illinois Compiled Statutes" and searching for 65 ILCS 5/7-6-1.

The question on the ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"**Shall the municipal corporation of the Village of Campton Hills be dissolved?"**

YES

NO

Exercise Your Right To Vote!

<http://www.kanecountyelections.org/VoterRegistration/registration.asp>

After The Flood

We still have homes affected by floodwaters from the 9/13/08 storm. If your home, septic system or well was affected by standing water and you have not already contacted us, please call Village Hall so that we can alert the Kane County Health Department. The Health Department has been applying mosquito abatement treatments to these floodwaters. The primary health concerns from the receding floodwaters are mosquitoes because they are going to reproduce and are capable of causing diseases. For those that had flooding, make sure everyone residing in your home has an up-to-date Tetanus vaccination and that your well has not been contaminated. The Village has available free water sampling kits and directions for decontaminating your well-head from the Health Department so that you can have your well-water tested.

If you have any questions or concerns about the flooding, please call, Village Trustee Laura Andersen, our Emergency Management liaison, at 630-584-5700 or at 630-235-9860. For more information about what to do after a flood, log onto the Village website and click the link for IEPA Flood 2008. You can also get more information by logging onto the "After the Flood" Fact Sheet at: [http://www.kcoem.org/afterfloodfactsheet_ot2007\[1\].pdf](http://www.kcoem.org/afterfloodfactsheet_ot2007[1].pdf).

FEMA Disaster Assistance

Disaster assistance is available for homeowners, renters and business owners. If you sustained losses or damage from the flood, you may be eligible for disaster aid. You may apply on-line at www.fema.gov or call: 800.621.FEMA (3362). When you apply for disaster assistance please have the following available: Social Security number, daytime telephone, mailing address, directions to the damaged home or property, and private insurance information.

Disaster Recovery Loan Program

The Disaster Recovery Loan Program is available to those who suffered damage resulting from the September 13th flooding. For more information email opportunityillinois@treasurer.state.il.us or contact the Hotline at 866-523-0641.



Be Prepared for the Next Emergency

We need your help to better serve residents during a time of emergency. With better communication between the Village and subdivisions, we'll be better able to help in times of need. Please contact our Emergency Management liaison Trustee Laura Andersen at 630-584-5700, or 630-235-9860 with the name of your Homeowner Assoc. President's name and contact information. If your subdivision does not have a HOA, please choose one person to represent your area.

Did You Know?

The State has a buy-down loan program available for small businesses (under \$3 million per year in income). The program allows borrowing up to \$1 million. Business owners may contact the State Treasurer's Office at (312) 814-8150 for more information.

Economic Development Committee Forming

Recently several people who would like to start an Economic Development committee to promote the businesses in Campton Hills contacted us. If you would be interested in volunteering on this committee please contact Village President Patsy Smith at Village Hall. This committee would also act as the liaison between the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and the St. Charles Visitors Bureau and the Village. The committee would also study the feasibility of forming our own Chamber of Commerce and would work closely with the Plan Commission to study the types of businesses that our community would like to attract.

Coming Together To Help Our Neighbors



On the weekend of Saturday, September 13th we received over 12 inches of rain and experienced extensive flooding throughout the Village. To date, we have had reports of over 50 homes that experienced water damage. Upon waking on Saturday morning, the Village went into emergency mode and rallied volunteers to help their neighbors and others in neighboring communities. Over 100 volunteers met at the KDOT facility on Empire and Burlington Roads to fill sand bags to help those in need. The volunteers filled over 4,000 sandbags and provided help to dozens of families. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that assisted and especially those from the following organizations that answered the call for help: Three Fires Council and Boy Scouts from Troops 6, 10, 13, 14, 21, 25, 37, 46, 56, 80 (all from areas of Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles, in addition to one from Maple Park), Girl Scout Troop 342, as well as volunteers from Christ Community Church, and Riverwoods Christian School. A special thanks goes to Don Bryant and the Kane County Office of Emergency Management as well as Sam Gallucci, Campton Township Highway Commissioner, for their assistance in helping our Village respond to this rainstorm.

Going Green for Winter De-Icing

New Winter De-Icing Products will be Cost-Efficient and Protect the Environment

Campton Township Highway Commissioner Sam Gallucci is pleased to announce that the de-icing products the Highway District will use this winter are being updated to protect the environment and save taxpayers' money in the process. Campton Highway District will be the first Township in Kane County to purchase and use "Magic Liquid" (also known as "Magic Salt"), a product that has been used extensively by the New York Department of Transportation and other northeastern states. This innovative de-icing product melts snow and ice while protecting the environment from the corrosive effects of the salt and chloride currently used on Northern Illinois roads.

"Magic Liquid" or "Magic Salt" is the commercial name of a snow and ice-melting agent which is based on an agricultural by-product of grain and sugar that, as a liquid, is sprayed onto salt before it's spread on roadways. It also can be sprayed directly onto pavement before it begins to snow.

Regular rock salt becomes ineffective below 18 degrees F, and chloride stops working at 0 degrees. Magic Salt works in temperatures down to -35 degrees F; additionally, because of its residual effect, once Magic Salt is applied to pavement, snow and ice will not bond to the treated pavement, virtually eliminating 'black ice.'

Magic Salt is EPA-recognized as the only de-icer safe for the environment. It's pet-friendly, will not burn pets' paws, virtually eliminates grass damage, and will not rust vehicles or corrode bridges or roadways or damage any vegetation.

It is estimated that Magic Salt will also reduce the amount of salt that the Highway District will use this winter by over 45%, which will save the taxpayers a considerable amount of money. In addition, it will help prevent the damage that Highway District vehicles usually suffer every winter when using conventional salt and chloride.

Magic Salt is biodegradable and harmless to humans and all other animals, while melting snow and ice almost twice as fast as conventional products being used today.

-- *Campton Township Hwy. Commissioner Sam Gallucci*



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.

Emerald Ash Borer
www.emeraldashborer.info

This Web site is part of a multi state effort in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to bring you the latest information about emerald ash borer.

Campton Hills Road or Drive?

Kane County clarified that east of LaFox Road, the name is Campton Hills Drive and west of LaFox Road, Campton Hills is referred to as Campton Hills Road. No explanation was given as to why the difference.

PROMISES MADE

The incorporators promised to apply for grants not available to those living in the unincorporated area.

PROMISES KEPT

The Village received confirmation they had been tentatively approved for a \$314,580 LAPP grant for paving part of McDonald Road.

Thank you for supporting the



The Farmers' Market will return next June.

Thanks to Committee for Successful 2nd Annual Heritage Farm Fest

The 2nd Annual Heritage Farm Fest and an expanded Farmers' Market were held on Saturday, September 6th at the Campton Square Shopping Center in front of Village Hall. The Fest brought Campton Hills' families together for a day of outdoor fun. Many local businesses had booths and children were entertained by a petting zoo, moonwalk and games. The main stage featured local musicians, dancers, and karate demonstrations.

Thanks to those of you who attended the 2nd Annual Heritage Farm Fest and supported its success. We would also like to officially thank the Community Relations Committee for their hard work as well as the many businesses, vendors and entertainers that participated in the event. The Committee members include: Linda Bauman, Chairman, Bill Beith, Jim Kopec, Karen Dowd, Tom Dowd, Sue Windland and Vanessa Quillinan.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

Campton Township's 2nd Annual Prairie Fest October 18, 2008

Saturday, 2:00p.m.-5:30p.m.

Corron Farm 7N761 Corron Road, Campton Hills, IL

FREE Hayrides * Nature Trails * Antique Vehicles
Door Prizes * Seed Collecting * Old Time Music (live!)
Nature Scavenger Hunts * Cider & Donuts * Exhibits

For more information contact Campton Township at (630) 377-5705

2nd CMAP Workshop October 28, 2008

6:30p.m. Check-in and Material Pickup & Review-Program 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
Bell-Graham Elementary School

Sponsored by Campton Hills Plan Commission and Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning

Attend this event and give the Village your input on how you think our Village should be developed.
Take this opportunity to voice your opinion!

Conservation @ Home Workshop October 29, 2008

7:00P.M.

**Campton Township Community Center
5N082 Old LaFox Road, Campton Hills, IL**

Conservation @ Home provides conservation education and engages homeowners to "think globally and act locally." Yards with native landscaping reduce local flooding and clean pollution from rainwater before it reaches our rivers, lakes and ponds. Native plantings can be incorporated into any landscape style and provides a healthier backyard environment for your family to enjoy. These beautiful plants grow naturally and need no watering or fertilizers. Once established, native plants thrive on their own and do especially well during drought conditions. Their deep roots hold the soil, allow water to filter down to recharge the aquifer and, because they "evolved" here, they attract dozens of species of beneficial wildlife such as butterflies and songbirds. Whether it's creating a butterfly or rain garden using native landscaping, a rain barrel, using organic fertilizers or removing invasive plants from your property, every little thing we do on our properties makes a difference in cleaning up our water, providing natural habitat and creating healthy landscapes for people and wildlife.

Sponsored by Campton Hills and Campton Township in conjunction with The Conservation Foundation

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 Liepins
Officer Bob Reichardt
Officer Brian Sawyer

Part-Time Officers:

Officer Dave Baley
Officer Tom Blincoe
Officer Gene Gauer
Officer Dennis Hughes
Officer Jack Meyers
Officer Brandon Roth
Officer Ken Van der Haegen

Vacation Checks

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 details.

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

*If your fire number has worn off,
contact your fire protection district to
request a new one.*

We Need Your Help to Prevent Crime

With time permitting, the Campton Hills Police Department has recently focused on notifying residents in the middle of the night about open garage doors. With the rash of crimes using access to open garages this summer, I have directed our officers to be even more proactive and focus on these open garages and make contact with the residents as early as possible to try and prevent burglaries. I ask for your consideration if you are awakened late at night; we are just trying to protect your property. Residents can make our task much easier by following a couple of easy steps: close your garages and lock your cars! Together we can stop this type of crime and take away temptation.

-- Chief Anderson

SUSPECT FOUND IN PHILADELPHIA



Incident: Bank Robbery
Report # 08-500099

Location: Old Second National Bank
40W422 Route 64
Campton Hills, Illinois

Date: 08-23-08 Time: 11:30am

The FBI is investigating the possible suspect for the 8-23-08 robbery as well as for 2 robberies in New Jersey and another 4 in Pennsylvania.

Campton Hills Police Department Takes Possession of New Patrol Car

On Thursday, September 18, 2008 Chief Anderson and Officer Johnson drove to Springfield to pick up the new Ford Explorer purchased through the Illinois State bid service. This new patrol car will help Officers better serve residents during the winter months when four-wheel drive is needed.



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 they can be added to the database and 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.

Dates to Remember

October 18: Prairie Fest at Corron Farm

October 28: CMAP Workshop

October 29: Conservation@Home
Workshop

**"Regional Water Demand Scenarios
for Northeastern IL: 2005-2050,
Project Completion Report,"**

The purpose of this study was to prepare future water-demand scenarios for geographical areas that encompass groundwater withdrawal points and surface water sources in the 11-county regional planning area of Northeastern Illinois. To learn more, log onto: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=10294>

**USGS Campton Township
Water Study**

In 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Campton Township Board, began a study of regional ground-water flow in Campton Township and the surrounding area. See the link below for more information:
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/>

2008 Property Assessments

Campton Township Assessor Alan Rottmann determined that the average home in our area has declined in value by approximately 7 percent. Mr. Rottman has been meeting with various groups educating them about property assessments and this article is an attempt to pass on valuable information about your 2008 assessment. According to Mr. Rottmann, assessments are based upon home values for the three previous years (i.e. 2007, 2006, 2005). Assessor Rottman stated he felt it was more appropriate to give more weight to the 2007 year due to the decline in property values. The County informed Mr. Rottman that they would be averaging the three years equally and would be equalizing the Campton Township assessments by raising values approximately 10% for a net difference of approximately 2.5-3% over last year. The County collects assessments from various Assessors and Mark Armstrong, the Kane County 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 was over-assessed based upon the letter you recently received from the County, those in Campton Township have until October 16th to file an appeal. Mr. Rottmann stated that homeowners should only 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 2005-2007 and have an appraisal that sets the value below your assessed value, you would have an appeal worth pursuing. He also stated that if you could find comparable sales that showed a lower value, it would be worth contacting him to set up an appointment. Mr. Rottmann also explained that you should find homes with comparable square footage figures, same number of garages, finished basements, etc. to bring to his attention. For more information on assessments contact, Alan Rottman if you live in Campton Township at 630-513-5430, or Assessor Janet Roush if you live in Plato Township at 847-464-4221.

If you have not met with the Campton Township Assessor by October 16th, you may file a compliant 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 Board of Review will preserve your right to an assessment appeal and allow you an additional 30 days to meet with your Township Assessor in an attempt to reach a possible agreement. To contact Mark Armstrong, Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, contact, (630) 208-3818.

PLEASE NOTE: *Campton Hills* has a **ZERO** tax levy and collects **NO PROPERTY TAXES**.

