

Campton Township Newsletter

Spring 2005

Your Elected Township Officials

- Neal Anderson, Supervisor
- Sam Gallucci, Highway Commissioner
- Richard Johansen, Clerk
- Richard Manser, Trustee
- John Kupar, Trustee
- Kathleen Judy, Trustee
- Donna Vogel Gillen, Trustee
- Alan Rottmann, Assessor

Campton Township

Office Locations:

www.camptontownship.com

Assessor Office
Community Center
5N082 Old LaFox
St. Charles, IL 60175
Office 630-513-5430
Fax 630-513-5425

Highway District
5N790 IL Route 47
Maple Park, IL
60151
Office 630-365-9300
Fax 630-365-0124

Supervisor & Clerk
4N498 Town Hall
St. Charles, IL 60175
Office 630-377-5705
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Highway Commissioner Sam Gallucci (kneeling) and Crewmen Inspect Newly Constructed Guard Rail on Campton Hills Rd. and LaFox Rd.

Highway District Recent Accomplishments “Safety is our Highest Concern”

1. **Tax Rate REDUCED to all home owners, while taking responsibility for an additional 22 miles of roadway**
2. Mechanical and building repairs completed by in-house staff thereby saving over \$180,000 dollars to the taxpayer.
3. Installed 387' of new guard rail on Campton Hills Road for public **safety** along Mill Creek.
4. Brush pick up program expanded to 3 pick-ups per summer.
5. Deliver wood chips to residents at no cost, from brush pick up.
6. Wasco School and Bell-Graham School crossings repainted every August for **safety** for school children
7. Replaced over 400 street signs and posts throughout township.
8. Instituted **safety** measure by adding to all stop sign poles with highly reflective red tape and 4 new street lights at township intersections.
9. Dispense mosquito briquettes in township right-of-ways every spring and fall to combat West Nile Virus.
10. Replaced over 77 non-functioning culverts at no expense to homeowners.
11. Tested and switched to a **safer** molasses based snow melting agent, saving both tax payer dollars and the environment. Repair and or replace damaged mailboxes.
12. Wrote, printed and distributed township newsletters to all residents every year for the past 4 years.
13. Retrenched ditches throughout the township to correct drainage problems, preventing water on the roads for unsafe passage.
14. Weekly program to pick up trash along township roadways.
15. Annual program to fill cracks on township roads to extend the life of the treated roads.
16. Weekly we inspect all traffic control signs with particular attention paid to all stop signs and monitoring surfaces of road and shoulders.
17. Program to repaint all road stripping every two years.
18. All road crew members certified through State of Illinois in various duties, including snow plowing, flagging on roadways, mosquito abatement, and road repair.
19. Annual program to trim trees for **safety concerns**, and mow grass on township right-of-ways.
20. Secured \$33,500 Government grant to purchase new chipper machine at no cost to Campton tax payers.

Announced By Sam Gallucci
Campton Township Highway Commissioner

**Roads That Have Been Resurfaced in Year 2001 Thru 2004
Campton Township Highway District**

2001

The Knolls Sub: Knollwood Drive, White Oak Lane, Woodland Drive 1, Woodland Drive 2

Burning Tree Sub: Long Shadow Lane, Sundance Court, White fence Way

Kings Mill Sub: Mill Stone Drive

Evening Prairie Sub: Nancy Lane

Lake Marian in the Woods Sub: Old Farm Lane

Campton Equestrian Estates: Palomino Drive, Pinto Lane.

Wideview, Hidden Oaks: Redwood Lane

Brierwood Sub: Sunset Lane.

Arbor Creek Sub: Wyngate Road

2002

Windings Sub: Arboretum Lane, Audubon Court, Bridle Court, Copperwood Lane, Cranberry Lane, Eagle Court, Forest Glen Lane, Harvest Court, Harvest Lane, Hidden Springs, Ironwood Court, Jens Jenson Road, Kettle Hook Court, Kingswood Drive, Meadow Lark Court, Nuthatch Court, Paddock Lane, Quail Court, Ravine Drive, Retreat Court, Steeplechase

2003

Briergate Sub: Briergate Drive, Crestwood Drive, Longacre

FarView Sub: Evergreen Drive, Farview Court.

The Knolls: Esther Lane., Margie Lane

Hunters Hill: Hunters Hill Drive, Hunters Hill Ridge

Sunset Villa: Bowgren Circle

Other Subdivisions: Verhaeghe Road, Castle Drive, Barlow Drive, Golden Oaks Lane,

2004

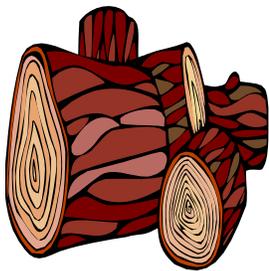
Wide View Subdivision: Black Willow Drive, Poplar Lane, Shady Oaks, Birch Dale Court., High Meadow Road, Hidden Oaks Road.

Split Rail Subdivision: Split Rail Loop, Split Rail Lane, Barn Side Court., Split Rail Court., Prune Tree Lane, Hoeweed Lane, Cutwood Lane, Dairyherd Lane.

Other Subdivisions: Arbor Creek Road., Brookside Drive West, Circle Drive, North/South, Chaffield Drive, Westwood Drive

Tri-City Health Partnership

Tri-City Health Partnership is a free medical clinic for those residents of Campton Township that do not have private health insurance, Medicaid or disability benefits. Open Monday through Thursday; Call (630) 377-9277 for an appointment. We are located at: 318 Walnut Street, St. Charles



Kane County Burning Guidelines

*Only on property where materials are generated

*Burn time 10 am to 3 pm

*Sunny days winds less than 10 mph

*No closer than 20 feet to any structure or property line

*Must have means of extinguishing the fire nearby

*Must be supervised until it is extinguished

*Small campfire not to exceed 3x3x3, larger fires by permit only #630-208-3801

Questions call 630-208-3841

Proposed Projects by Sam Gallucci in Year 2005

*Resurfacing of sub-division roads, scheduled for July, 2005 (see attached list of roads to be resurfaced)
*Numerous failing culverts throughout the township will be replaced during the summer of 2005 at no cost to the home owners.

*Several drainage projects will be completed to alleviate spring and fall flooding and pooling of water at no cost to the homeowners.

*Completion of turn lanes on Bolcum Road, at the entrance to the new Prairie Lakes subdivision, making the intersection safer, and easier to travel on Bolcum Road.

*All township roadways will be restriped during the summer of 2005, for safer travel and greater visibility.

*All cross walks, including those at Wasco School and Bell Graham School, will be repainted in August of 2005, for greater safety for pedestrians.

*Additional 3 1/5 miles of roadway to be dedicated to the Campton Township Highway District during 2005

Proposed Roads By Sam Gallucci To Be Resurfaced In Year 2005

Happy Hills Subdivision

Loretta Drive, Kurt Court, Pine Hills Road, Happy Hills Drive, Ponderosa Drive, Balkan Drive, Limberi Line, Torrey Court, Coulter Lane

Deer Run Subdivision

Deer Run Drive, Ancient Oaks Lane, Ancient Oaks Court, Campton Oaks Drive, King Fisher Court, Deer Run Lane, Prairie Spring Drive, Trillum Court, Red Hawk Court, Blue Heron, Court, Caribou Trail, Antler Trial, Reindeer Trail, Buck Skin Trail, Buck Skin Court, Stone Crop Court

Other subdivisions

Spring Wood Drive, Hunters Hill Drive

BRUSH REMOVAL PROGRAM

Campton Township offers brush pick-up as a service to residents in the unincorporated areas of the township. The township has not been instructed by Kane County to provide this service and the township is not reimbursed by the County for the cost of supplying this service to its residents. Therefore, we ask for your cooperation in following the guidelines. If you do not meet the following guidelines your brush may be "red tagged" and the problem will be indicated on the tag. If you make the proper corrections your brush will be picked up the following pick-up day.

The Campton township Brush Removal Program is for the homeowner's convenience. We have a brush chipper designed to chip those limbs and branches that do not qualify as yard waste. **Our equipment is not designed to grind small twigs and evergreen trimmings.** Your garbage service will take yard waste and roots for nominal cost. **IF IT CAN BE PUT INTO A BAG, THEN IT IS YARD WASTE.**

WHEN: Brush pick-up begins the 1st, 2nd Week in May, 1st, 2nd Week of August and 3rd, 4th Week of October. It takes approximately two weeks to pick up the Township, weather permitting. Areas in the township on the North side of IL Route 64 will be handled the first week, and areas South of IL Route 64 will be handled the second week. Inclement weather will delay progress for each day, work cannot be done. Any other pick-ups will be subject to the highway commissioner's discretion.

WHAT: Brush is hereby defined as trimmings from bushes or shrubs, as well as tree branches from trimming and/or pruning trees. Not considered to be brush are logs, root balls (not dirt), stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, lumber or anything in plastic bags or other such containers. This brush pick-up program is for the sole use of the residents of unincorporated Campton Township, **and shall not be used by contractors and/or residents clearing lots for homes, private roads, entrances or more open space. Cutting down a tree is not considered to be trimming or pruning and the Township will not remove the debris.**

WOOD CHIPS: As a result of brush pick-up wood chips are available for your use. Placing wood chips around trees and bushes is an excellent landscaping tool. Nutrients are provided, soil stays moist longer, there is less lawn to mow and homeowners do not scar trunks and stems. We cannot guarantee the quality of wood chips; however, homeowners in the past tell us our wood chips are good material. The delivery of the wood chips is on a first come, first serve basis. After the completion of a brush pick-up, wood chips will not be available until the next scheduled brush pick-up. At the present time there is no charge for this service. To be placed on the chip list call the Highway District office at (630) 365-9300 prior to scheduled brush pick-ups. All residents need to do is to have their brush at the edge of the road before scheduled pick-ups.

GUIDELINES: Brush should be placed on the edge of the road by the Saturday before the scheduled Monday pick-up in the area. Do not "hide" thorny tree branches inside piles. If you have thorny brush, it must be bundled and tied with string or twine and placed in a separate pile. Small pencil-sized twigs, as well, should be bundled with twine or string. No bundle should exceed eighty (80) pounds in weight. Place these next to the larger piles next to the road and our crews will take them. They need special care; they can cause injury.



This is an example of a good pile. The branches are sorted by size and bundled into groups for easy pick-up. Please try to bundle your small brush like this example.

All brush must be cut in lengths up to (8) feet and no larger than 18 inches in diameter. **ALL BRUSH MUST BE PLACED WITH CUT ENDS FACING THE ROAD PILED NEATLY AND SHOULD NOT BE TIED OR WIRED TOGETHER. PILES SHOULD BE SPACED FOUR FEET APART.**



The "Beaver Dam" mistake
This looks like it could be a beaver dam when actually it is a brush pile that does not fit the guidelines. Remember to neatly organize the brush with the cut ends facing the road and space them far enough apart for easy handling.

STORM DAMAGE: One week after a severe storm the township will start brush pick-up to remove debris. A severe storm is defined as a storm producing enough damage that the township road crews need to clear roads and Rights-of-Way of trees/branches for traffic. Please follow the brush pick-up guidelines. **Should a tree come down during a storm on private property it is the responsibility of the homeowner for its proper disposal.**

Safety First



Local Sports leagues in the area . . .

Elburn Baseball please check the following website for information:
www.elburn.com/baseball.

Elburn Basketball
contact: 630-365-3722

Campton United Soccer
Contact: 630-377-9292

Tri-city Soccer
contact: 630-377-1109

Wasco Baseball
please check the following website for information:
www.wascobaseball.com

Kane County Jrs. Volleyball Club
Boys/Girls program: 630- 232-9004
KC & Phyllis Johnsen

Wasco Girls Fast pitch Softball
please check the following website for more information:
www.wascofastpitch.com or call our hotline at 630/513-1200.

Wasco Diamonds Girls Softball
Traveling Team please check the following website for more information:
www.wascodiamonds.com

Strikers Fox Valley Soccer Club
P.O. Box 574
Batavia, IL 60510
Contact: 630-879-1201
E-mail: strikerfoxvalley@yahoo.com please check the following website for more information:

Tri-city Football
Contact: 630-513-5211 please check the following website for more information:
www.tcchargers.com

**Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District
Selection of Township Waste Hauler**

New Residential Waste Hauler Selection Process and Timeline

The Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District (the District) has been working to increase recycling, reduce waste burial volume and to contain or reduce waste removal costs. This newsletter article is intended to inform you of the progress that has been, and is still being made, toward these goals.

As reported earlier this year, this past summer's survey results (posted on the District's portion of the township web site (www.camptontownship.com) were utilized to examine current services and to define the services to be considered in the new contract that will begin on April 1, 2005. It had been determined to not extend the existing contract with the current hauler, not due to dissatisfaction with the services being received, but to enable a new scope of services to be defined and price competition to benefit the District's residents.

In order for the District to act effectively and efficiently, it retained an expert in this field to work with the District to develop a Request For Proposal (RFP) that would include facilitation of the review and selection process. The goal was that the RFP process and the selection of a hauler for the next contract period was to be concluded by the end of December 2004, with a new hauler contract in place by mid February, 2005 that will be effective as of April 1, 2005.

The new RFP was developed and mailed to firms serving in Kane County on October 15.

The RFP was also advertised in local newspapers inviting any waste hauling company to participate by obtaining a copy of the RFP at the Campton Town Hall. All proposals for consideration were due by November 1. The District received four completed proposals as summarized below:

Review of Responses to the RFP

Below is a quick summary of both the 3-year and 5-year proposal options based on unlimited solid waste collection with a free 65 gallon wheeled and lidded recycling cart:

RFP Responding Waste Hauler	Contract term of 3 years - monthly cost (Option A)	Contract term of 5 years - monthly cost (Option B)	Negotiated Final 5 year contract - monthly cost
BFI Allied Waste	\$21.48	\$21.24	
Onyx	\$15.34	\$14.62	
Crown	\$15.09	\$14.49	\$14.25-2 nd Low bid
Waste Management	\$14.65	\$14.30	\$13.80-Low Bidder

When comparing the lowest bid to the District's current rate of **\$13.24** and taking into account the only fee increase allowed by contract - the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (currently 3%) the lowest bid of \$13.80 (that includes the hauler provide at no added cost a two wheeled and lidded 65 gallon recycling cart) is 1% more than what we are currently paying for less services and no recycling cart. Note, the new contract has a CPI escalator that is set at a 4.5% cap.

The Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District therefore has awarded a 5 -year contract to Waste Management, the lowest and most responsive bidder.

With the new contract new residents will receive.

- Once per week unlimited solid waste collection
- Recycling collection with Waste Management supplying a 65-gallon two-wheel lidded cart
- Landscape waste collection for \$2.25 per bag/sticker
- White goods collection and recycling for \$25/item
- Rental of 65-gallon solid waste removal two-wheel lidded cart for \$2.00/month

Additionally, by separate subscription, the new contract offers residents higher levels of service, including:

- Twice per week solid waste collection subscription option for \$28.00/month
- Top-of-drive solid waste and recycling collection subscription option for \$35.00/month

A copy of the RFP and bid analysis is posted on the District's portion of the Township's website www.camptontownship.com for viewing with a table analysis of cost responses.

The selected hauler will also annually mail to residents information about the services being provided and recycling information. Watch for this mailer soon.

The District's Board of Trustees meet at 7:30PM on the third Friday of each month at the Community Center, 5N082Old LA Fox Rd, St Charles. We encourage resident's with questions, comments or concerns to attend and participate.

Respectfully
Greg VanZandt. President
Board of Trustees

ANNEXATION ANXIETY

As many of you know, the City of Elgin is considering annexing parts of Plato and Campton Townships. Current landowners understandably are anxious about the impact this annexation and the proposed rezoning will have on our schools, roads, taxes and environment. The annexation proposal has an urban "feel" and is contrary to the Campton Township and Kane County 2030 Comprehensive Plans.

Most of the land is south of McDonald Road, on both sides of Corron Road, and is within the D303, or St. Charles, school district boundaries. The remaining portion, located within Plato Township, lies within the D301, or Burlington, school district boundaries. School districts are required to educate anyone living within their boundaries, including future Elgin residents who move into the annexed areas.

The pending petitions to annex do not include a move by Elgin to annex any existing subdivisions. However, there are "planning jurisdictions" drawn around municipalities which would allow Elgin to provide comment on requests seeking re-zoning of unincorporated property located within 1.5 miles of Elgin's boundary.

It is for these, and for reasons such as taxation without representation, that Preserve Campton was formed. We are all anxious about the impact an annexation and re-zoning of this type would have on our way of life. It will impact the amount of taxes we pay and the amount of time we spend in traffic on our rural roads. It will worsen already overcrowded schools, reduce the extra-curricular activities available to our children, create excessive busing and change our rural life-style.

To safeguard everyone's best interests, we need your financial support to continue paying for legal representation. The first \$25 of your donation is applied to annual dues for operating expenses, and the remainder is put toward our Legal Fund. Checks should be made payable to Preserve Campton and sent to us at PO Box 355, Wasco, IL 60183.

For your convenience, Paypal online payment is also available at our website, www.preservecampton.org. We thank the leadership of Campton Township and everyone else who has supported our efforts. We especially want to thank each person who attended the February 7th public hearing in Elgin; your presence spoke loud and clear. The next Planning Commission hearing is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 21, 7:00PM, Hemmens Auditorium, Elgin. Please plan on continuing to show your strong support by attending future Elgin Planning Commission and Elgin City Council meetings. Check the Preserve Campton and/or Campton Township websites for changes.

Patsy Smith
President
Preserve Campton

American Red Cross

Fox River Chapter
121 North Second St, Suite
G
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-443-8844
630-443-8875 Fax
www.redcross.org/il/foxriver

KidCare

What is KidCare?

KidCare was designed for hard working families who couldn't find or couldn't afford medical insurance for their kids. It's a set of state insurance programs for children 0 to 18, pregnant women and their babies. It can also help families pay the premiums of employer or private health insurance plans. Where you can apply for KidCare & Family Care in Kane County:

Kane County Health Department,
Aurora Public Health Center
1240 N. Highland Ave,
Aurora, IL 60506
630-897-1124

Kane County Health Department,
Elgin Public Health Center
113 S. Grove Ave. Elgin, IL
60120
847-695-0848

Sherman Hospital
934 Center St, Elgin 60120
847-429-8428

Mission statement-

- Campton Township as a local government strives to offer a unique environment, encourage sustainable growth while enhancing and protecting the quality of living.
- To help achieve this mission, Campton Township preserves open land, maintains safe through fares and properly assesses each individual parcel.
- The board provides administration of general assistance to qualifying residents, and an overview of funds dispersed.
- Creates and enforces policy guidelines for residents, and provides records that are organized and accessible to the public

#'s to include:
Comcast customer service-(888) COMCAST or (888) 4BESTTV
Media Com (Elburn Area)-(800) 824-6047
Waste management customer service (trash)-(800) 414-5325
Wasco Sanitary District (water and sewer)-(630) 443-0111



65 ACRES PURCHASED

In December we purchased a rolling, scenic 65-acre parcel in the southeast part of the township. Located along the south side of Route 38 east of Garfield Road, it is directly across the road from Mongerson Farm. (Mongerson is owned and operated by Garfield Farm museum under a conservation agreement with Campton Township that ensures the land will be kept agricultural in perpetuity.) No plans have yet been developed for the new property, but it will eventually provide access to the scenic Mill Creek Corridor and provide much-needed open space as development proceeds in that area.

Workdays-Campton Open Space
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 12th
8:30 to 10:30 AM
Corron: Tree inventory

Saturday, April 2nd
8:30 AM to Noon
Headwaters: Small Rock Removal

Sunday, April 24th
EARTH DAY
12:30 to 6 PM

Corron: Tree Planting & Removal, Mulching, Brush Clearing

Sunday, May 15th
12:30 to 4:00 PM
Community Park (Brown Rd.) Perennial Plant Maintenance, Nature Walks, Pond Exploration

Thursday, June 16th
9:00 to 11:30 AM
Corron: Native Plant Garden Maintenance, Stick Gathering, Nature Walks, Insect Exploration

September (TBA)
Headwaters: Preparation for Opening

October (TBA)
Headwaters: Anticipated Grand Opening

Sunshine ONLY!
BRING work gloves, work boots/shoes and labeled yard tools.
Call 377-5705
& let us know you're coming!

Kane County Sheriff's Office

will be enforcing zero tolerance for ATV's operating illegally on Township and County road right-of-ways. Please call the **Wasco Substation at 630-587-1490** for operational guidelines.

**Welcome
New Residents..**

**Garbage pickup
Waste Management
1-800-414-5325**

**Wasco Sanitary for
Sewer and Water
630-443-0111**

**Campton does not
issue dog tags or
vehicle stickers**

**Apply for Temporary
Handicap tag from
Town Hall
630-377-5705**

**Register to Vote
Campton Community
Center call
630-513-5430**

**General Assistance
630-377-5705
Financial assistance**

**ComEd
1-877-426-6331**

**Nicor
1-888-642-6748**

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**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE
APRIL 5TH, 2005**

Campton Township Spring Newsletter

Annual Town meeting - April 12th, 2005
Monthly Town Board Meetings - 2nd Tuesday 7:30p.m.
Community Center 5N082 Old LaFox Rd. St.Charles



Presented By Tom Armstrong
To
Neal Anderson

Awarded
Conservation Hero's Award
From
Fox Valley Land Foundation
for his role in preservation of open
space and natural areas

OPEN SPACE HIGHLIGHTS

- over 750 acres of township open space in 5 parcels throughout township
- 99 acres of farmland saved
- 229 acres of new Forest Preserve
- Prairie, savanna, woodland, wetland natural areas saved
- Headwaters of Blackberry Creek saved
- Headwaters park under construction
- Over \$4,000,000. in matching grants obtained
- Corron Farmstead on Kane County Register of Historic Places
- Master Plan developed for Corron Farm; restoration work begins
- Workdays, tours, events and volunteer program organized
- Archeological, tile and botanical studies completed

BUT

- Development continuing unabated
- Land prices rising rapidly
- Farmland disappearing
- Population growth outpacing schools
- Elgin considering annexing and developing land in Campton Township
- Money for acquisition nearly all spent

FUTURE

- Voters will decide on April 5, 2005 whether or not to purchase more open space for active and passive recreation, agriculture, protection of soil and water, habitat for plants and animals