



Campton Township Newsletter Fall 2008

Campton Township

Office Locations:

www.camptontownship.com

Assessor Office

Community Center
5N082 Old E Fox
St. Charles, IL
60175

Office 630-513-5430
Fax 630-513-5425



Alan Rottmann, Assessor

Highway District

5N790 IL Rate 47
Maple Park, IL
60151

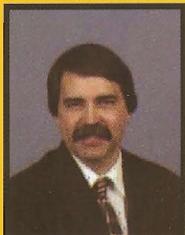
Office 630-365-9300
Fax 630-365-0124



Sam Gallucci,
Highway Commissioner

Supervisor & Clerk

4N498 Town Hdl
St. Charles, IL 60175
Office 630-377-5705
Fax 630-377-5719



Neal Anderson, Supervisor

Assessor Lowers 2008 Property Assessments

Assessor Alan D. Rottmann informed the Township Board that he has been monitoring the real estate sales during the past 18 months and found that the majority of residential properties have declined in value by approximately 7 percent. This is in stark contrast to a study that was recently done by the State of Illinois that showed a need for a 2.5 percent increase in property values located in Campton Township.

Mr. Rottmann stated "Campton Township is still a highly desirable place to live, however, it has not escaped the volatile real estate market that is happening nationwide. Accordingly, I have lowered 99 percent of the 2008 residential assessed values in Campton Township".



Photo by: Julia Glas

The assessment books were certified to Kane County on August 6th. The County reviewed the reductions and if they feel that an adjustment is warranted they can adjust them up or down. After the County finishes the review, all of the changes will be published in the newspaper, available on-line at the Township website (www.camptontownship.com) and assessment change notices will be mailed to the individual taxpayer. At that time, taxpayers will have 30 days to review their assessments and appeal that the value is incorrect.

Damaging Storm

Highway Commissioner Sam Gallucci informed the Township Board that the Campton Township Highway District responded to the damaging storm of August 4, 2008 in which it was estimated that over 1000 trees were either damaged or were knocked down by the exceptionally strong winds. Storm damaged trees along with regular brush pick-up resulted in over 3 1/2 weeks of pick-up by the highway crew. An average of 45 to 50 truckloads of chips is normal for most brush pick-up dates; this storm resulted in 198 truckloads of chips for the Highway District.



Photos by: Julia Glas

Note From Supervisor

Campton Township is very busy place along with everything else, we provide three major services: Assess parcels, provide General Assistance for those in need and maintain roads. As Supervisor, I handle the administration of the local welfare which includes emergency assistance. We have seen an increase in the number of residents that need a helping hand back on their feet. We are still in the process of purchasing additional open space land more details are online.

Handicap parking plaques are available at the office with a signed doctor note. Check out our township website for the other services provided in the area. Thank you, Neal Anderson

Clerk's Corner

F.O.I.A. is an acronym for Freedom of Information Act which enables the public to obtain documents from their local government. There is a form to fill out and the documents would be made available in a timely manner at the office. Contact Campton Township Clerk, Richard Johansen for more information at 630-377-5705.



Your Elected Township Officials

- Richard Johansen, Clerk, • Kathleen Judy, Trustee, • John Kubar, Trustee,
- Christian Boissonnas, Trustee, • Thomas Stutesman, Trustee

HELP WANTED
Adopt a Garden

Wanted: A caring someone to adopt any one of several small gardens of prairie plants [see photo]; no experience needed.

Job Description: Mulch amply after an early spring weeding and your garden will ask no more of you than just 2 hours a month, May through Aug/Sept.

Benefits: Learn about native plants & their unfussy habits; no set hours, no politics or meetings; a friend is welcome, too; plentiful sunshine & fresh air; everlasting gratitude of other open space volunteers.



Please call Township Office: 630-377-5705

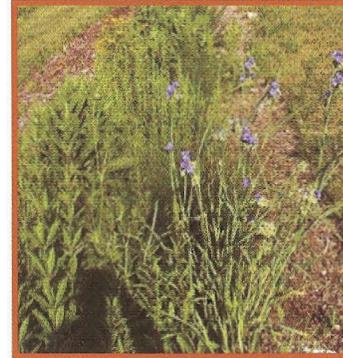


Photo by: Jack Shouba

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

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

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

Tri-City Health Partnership
Call (630) 377-9277
for an Appointment
Free Clinic

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

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

Central District 301 Baseball League
Information: www.cdbaseball.com

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

Wasco Diamonds Girls Fast Pitch Softball
For more information:
www.wascodiamonds.com

St. Charles Junior Tennis League
Contact: Tim Matacio
for lessons Call: 630 584-9679

Central District Girls Softball
www.centraldistrictgirlssoftball.com
Our main fields are located in Lily Lake at Lily Lake Grade School, next to the Township Road Commission buildings. We are open to all girls wishing to play fastpitch softball, regardless of their residency and/or ability to pay.



Campton United Soccer
For more information visit our Club website at www.camptonunited.com

Eclipse Select West Soccer Club
Contact: Tom Zec
847-489-2418
Located in Geneva

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



Tri-city Soccer Association
P.O. Box 477
St Charles, IL 60174
contact: 630-377-1101
Fax: 630-377-2022
www.fcasa.net

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

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

Tri City Charger Youth Football Association
For more information please contact Steve Gilbertson -President 630-531-4081, or Blake Barry - Director of Marketing 630-338-5063

The Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross

American Red Cross will offer Adult CPR/First Aid class on Saturday, September 20, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm at Campton Township Community Center. Also the American Red Cross will offer Babysitter's Training class at Campton Township Community Center on the following Saturdays: October 11, December 13, 2008. The classes are held from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. The purpose of the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course is to provide individuals, ages 11 to 15, with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play; and first aid. The Babysitter's Training classes are conducted by the Fox River Chapter of the American Red Cross. The classes are free and include the Babysitter's Training Handbook. For further information, or to register for this class, contact the Fox River Chapter office at 630-443-8844.
www.redcross.org/il/foxriver

Field of Dreams
Our goal is to help horses in our care find permanent loving homes

"In The Field of Their Dreams"

Field of Dreams Horse Rescue and Adoption is a nonprofit volunteer organization operating solely on donations. Anyone interested in making a contribution or becoming a member to Field of Dreams can send donations to P.O. Box 61, St. Charles, IL 60174. Please make all checks payable to: Field of Dreams Horse Rescue and Adoption or FODHRA.
Sue Balla
815-762-1983
www.fodhra.org



Memorial Tree Program



A tree is a recognized symbol of nature's strength, beauty and endurance. For years to come, a Memorial Tree will enhance our local environment by stabilizing the soil and preventing erosion, providing food and shelter for wildlife, supplying oxygen and improving air quality, offering shade to lower air temperatures and much more. Call Campton Township 630-377-5705 to purchase a Memorial Tree, which includes a brass plaque and certificate, to be planted at the park. The cost is \$300.00



Highway District Announces The Last Brush Pick-Up for 2008

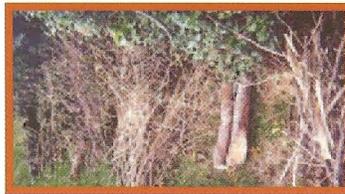
Brush pick-up will run October 20th thru 24th for residents living north of Route 64 and October 27th thru 31st for residents living south of Route 64.

Highway Commissioner Sam Gallucci requests that certain guidelines be followed by residents to insure pick-up by the road crew. The maximum accepted diameter for tree limbs is 18 inches with lengths up to 8 feet. Brush must be piled neatly, with cut ends facing the road. Small twigs should be tied together; do not include any type of yard waste items.

For a detailed guideline, please refer to Campton Township website www.camptontownship.com or call the Campton Township Highway District Office at (630) 365-9300.

Brush should be placed by the road the Sunday before your scheduled brush pick-up week.

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



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.

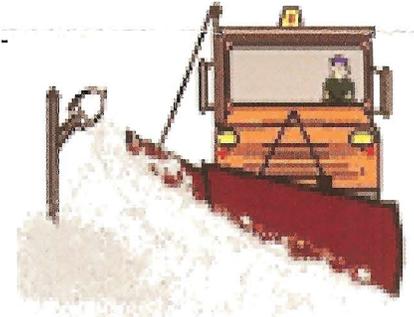


SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Campton Township begins plowing and salting the roadways at an inch or more of snow with salting behind the plow. We keep going until the storm is done.

For ice control we to start apply salt as soon as it starts to freeze on the surfaces.

The township doesn't have a parking ban for snow control, but the state does. We ask for your cooperation with keeping your cars off the street until a storm is done and your street has been plowed and widened. It may save you a costly ticket and tow charge. Occasionally a snow or heavy slush from a snowplow rolls off the blade and sometimes knocks over mailboxes. Most mailboxes, if they are placed and installed properly, will withstand the snow or slush up against them. If they are knocked, down however, the township will only replace mailboxes with the standard mailbox and a 4x4 wood post, or we will reimburse the homeowner \$75.00 towards a new one. Please contact us at 630-365-9300.



Our snow plows discharge snow to the curbside of the street and inevitably into your driveways. If you can delay cleaning out the end of your driveway until the street is plowed you'll save yourself several shoveling trips.

It is a violation of Illinois law to plow, push, blow or in anyway place snow upon a public road, from adjoining property. Please shovel driveway ends to the sides. If you plow into the roadway, you could be liable for all incidents which may result.



***Kane County Burning Rules**

Since 2003, the burning of landscape waste has been prohibited in most areas of Kane County. Landscape waste includes leaves, grass and shrubbery cuttings, flowers, and weeds. Garbage, paper, and other such items also may not be burned under any conditions. Brush is the only material that can legally be burned in most of the County. Brush includes tree trunks, limbs, branches, and twigs. Brush may be burned in two manners:
(1) Recreational fires are allowed any time, as long as the fire is not larger than 3' x 3' x 3'.
(2) Larger piles of brush may be burned, but only on sunny days, between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, when the wind speed is not greater than 10 mph. Any burning must be supervised, and cannot be within 20 feet of any structure or property line. Complaints about cases of improper burning should be made during business hours to the Kane County Health Department at 630-208-3801. All other hours, please call the Sheriff's office at 630-232-6840. Penalties for violation of the burning rules range from \$100 for a first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses. For more information about the Kane County burning regulations, please call (630) 208-3841.



Kane County Sheriff's Office

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



**CAMPTON TOWNSHIP
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

Did you know?

Plastic supermarket shopping bags can be recycled right in your yellow lid recycling bin. Just put all your loose bags into one empty one, tie the top and place it in the bin. Please don't put single bags in by themselves. On a windy day, they can blow all over the neighborhood when the truck empties your bin if they're not bagged together.

Please also empty the contents of your paper shredder into a paper bag and fold the top over before placing in your bin, for the same reason.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY!

(But they can't be thrown away with regular household trash)

Lighting accounts for about 60% of the average homeowner's electric bill. If you replaced only 5 of the 50 light bulbs that are probably in your house with CFL's – compact fluorescent bulbs – you could save about \$125 a year. CFL's may cost more to buy than incandescents, but they will pay for themselves in about five months of ordinary use. They use much less energy, and are better for the environment. And, since they last up to 10 times longer, you replace them much less often.

THEY'RE A LOT BETTER NOW

If you tried CFL's a few years ago, you might have been disappointed with their bluish light, funny shape and cost. The really old ones flickered and took a long time to get bright. All that has changed. Now, they're much more affordable and you can opt for "soft white" bulbs which give light nearly identical to the incandescent you're used to, and there are great choices in shape and design. The newer ones are required to come on at full strength in a matter of a second or two.

There are CFL's for outdoor use, even very small ones to replace the 40w bulbs in refrigerators, range hoods and overhead fans. CFL's are available as globes, as floodlights, and in standard bulb shapes that are identical to the old incandescents, so they'll fit right into your existing lamps. They are a great solution for recessed ceiling floodlights (as long as there's no cover on the bottom of the fixture itself), which are so hard to replace, because they last such a long time. If your lights or lamps are on dimmers, look for special CFL dimmer bulbs. CFL's are even made in holiday colors now!

(see www.energystar.gov for information)

Another terrific advantage of CFL's is that they produce much less heat. That's a real bonus in a bathroom, for example, if you have a fixture over the sink with a number of big globe bulbs that produce sweltering tropical temperatures year-round. CFL's in those fixtures will keep you much cooler, and save money at the same time.

CFLs DO NOT GO INTO HOUSEHOLD TRASH!

CFL's cannot be thrown into your household trash because they contain a small amount of mercury – less than they used to, but still not something we ever want in our landfills. Instead, take them to a local store that accepts them (see below) or collect them and drop them off at the Kane County hazardous waste collection day in the spring, or at the hazardous waste facility in Naperville which is open every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year.

RECYCLING USED CFL'S and FLUORESCENT TUBES

The following stores accept used, unbroken CFL's and long fluorescent tube lights at their service desks for free recycling:

ALL HOME DEPOT STORES

ZEIGLER'S ACE HARDWARE on Randall Road in South Elgin

MENARD'S (Randall Road in Batavia only)

CFL's can be recycled at Kane County's annual hazardous waste collection day, held every spring. There is also a hazardous waste drop-off center open Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year in Naperville.

For information about locations and times, as well as answers to other recycling questions, see the Campton Township Solid Waste Disposal District website:

The Kane County Farmland Protection Program

Photo: Curtsey Kane County

The Kane County Farmland Protection Program is the first and ONLY funded farmland protection program in Illinois. This groundbreaking program has permanently protected some of Illinois' most productive farmland at the metropolitan urban fringe.

The Farmland Protection Program was created by ordinance in 2001 by the Kane County Board as an implementation program of the *2020 Land Resource Management Plan*. The ordinance grants the commission the authority to determine the interest of owners in donating or selling interests in their property for farmland protection purposes.

Kane County currently holds or has funding for agricultural conservation easements on 34 farms or 4,655 acres. Federal and local funds in the amount of \$26.8 million have been invested to protect the county's prime soils and productive agricultural land.

Interest in the program remains strong with 12 farms (1500 acres) currently valued at \$10.5 million on its waiting list for future funding.



Barbara Wojnicki
Chairperson Farmland Protection Commission

HAVE YOU VISITED THESE TOWNSHIP PARKS LATELY?



Anderson Park, 4N930 Brown Road, St. Charles: baseball, softball, tennis, soccer, basketball, hiking/fitness trail, picnic tables and shelter, playground, prairie wildflower gardens, butterfly garden, forest and wetland areas and portable toilet.

Headwaters Conservation Area, 42W463 Beith Road, Elburn: scenic views, picnic shelter with charcoal grills, picnic table, off-leash dog area, playground, interpretive signs, hiking trails, equestrian trail, prairie and wetland wildflowers, portable toilet. Water dish for animals.



Photos by: Jack Shouba

**Welcome
New Residents..**

**Garbage Pickup
Waste Management
Customer Service
1-800-796-9696**

**Wasco Sanitary
for Fox Mill
Sewer and water
630-443-0111
Ferson Creek Utilities
for The Windings
1-800-831-2359**

**AT&T
1-800-480-8088**

**Apply for Temporary
Handicap Tag From
Town Hall
630-377-5705**

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

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

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

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

**Campton Residents
can check out books
at their local college
library.
Check your real
estate tax bill for
location.**

**Comcast
1-800-comcast**

Campton Township

5N790 Route 47
Maple Park, IL 60151

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit 2186
Wheaton, IL



**Harvest Days Oct 5th
Garfield Farm**

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**Monthly Town Board Meetings - 2nd Tuesday 7:30p.m.
Community Center 5N082 Old La Fox Rd. St. Charles
www.camptontownship.com**

The Village of Campton Hills

40W115 Campton Crossings Dr. , Unit B
Campton Hills IL, 60175
Village Hall Phone 630-584-5700
Fax 630-584-5775
Campton Hills Police Department
non-emergency 630-584-0330
www.villageofcamptonhills.org
The Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd

**Kane County Sheriff's Office
Wasco Substation
non-emergency
630-587-1490**

PRAIRIE FEST

**Celebrate Open Space
Second Annual PRAIRIE FEST
Saturday * October 18 * 2-5:30 p.m.**

Corron Farm 7N761 Corron Road

**Hayrides * Nature Trails * Antique
Vehicles**

**Door Prizes * Seed Collecting * Old
Time Music (live!)**

Nature Scavenger Hunts * Cider & Donuts * Exhibits

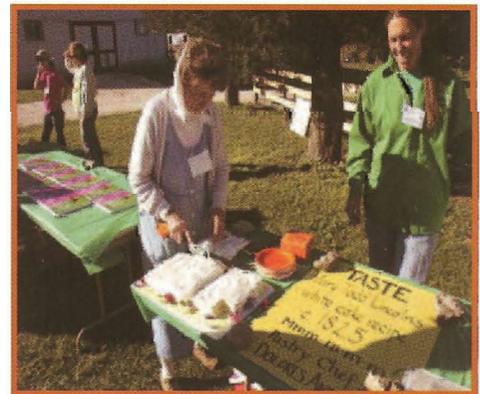


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