

Camp Springs News

"Delivering News to the Camp Springs Community"



Camp Springs Initiative

December 2012—January 2013—February 2013

How Well Do You Know Camp Springs?

Whether you've lived in Camp Springs all your life or you are a newcomer to the area, there's much to learn about our community. Many of the current residents trace their history to German-speaking areas in Europe. Immigrants from the area around Trier in Germany began arriving in the early 1840s. The German-speaking settlers built the noteworthy stone houses that make our community unique. Not all the houses built in the 19th century survive, but those that do are listed on the National Historic Register, along with landmarks such as the round smokehouse at Reitman's Auto Parts and the cemetery at St. John Lutheran.

Camp Springs was a wine growing area until the 1870s, when a blight wiped out the grape crop and farmers turned to other crops, such as onions. Today, Stonebrook Winery and Camp Springs Winery have revived the agricultural heritage of the area and provide a setting for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the rural beauty of Camp Springs.

In 2004, a group of local citizens gathered to collect ideas of ways to maintain the quality of life enjoyed by Camp Springs residents. The Camp Springs Initiative (CSI), which grew out of that meeting, has provided a forum for local issues ever since. The board meets about ten times a year, organizes an annual Camp Springs Day, Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups, weighs in on issues affecting residents and has won grants to beautify and maintain signage in the area. According to the bylaws, every resident of Camp Springs is a member of the Camp Springs Initiative, and the board welcomes residents to all meetings. (See reverse side for meeting times.)

The Camp Springs logo was designed by Keith Neltner. It appears on signs and printed materials related to Camp Springs.

For six years, the Herbst Tour, a self-guided tour of Camp Springs, has been held on the 3rd Sunday in October. On that day, homes, churches and businesses open their doors to visitors. The tour was the brainchild of Don Wiedeman and has been managed ever since by him and Mike Enzweiler. They and countless volunteers have done an exceptional job of organizing and improving the tour yearly.

Camp Springs has both a long and rich history, and present-day residents who care deeply about their community.

Farm Focus: Messmer Farm

Are you looking for a special roast for your Christmas dinner? If so, consider buying local beef from Messmer Farm on Stonehouse Road. Bryon Messmer's farm has been his home for 43 years and has been producing freezer beef for the last five years. He keeps ten to twenty head of cattle at a time, raising them to a weight of around 800 pounds, and finishing them on free choice hay and grain to a weight of 1300 to 1400 pounds. His beef is grass- and grain-fed and the natural meat contains no added antibiotics, steroids or hormones. Bryon has also started raising pigs and has pork for sale.

If you are interested in purchasing local beef you can contact Bryon at 859-393-5212. Meat is available by the cut or in sampler packs customized to the size of your family. The price per pound depends on the quantity of beef purchased.

Camp Springs News appreciates Messmer Farm's sponsorship of this issue and encourages readers to patronize this local business. You can shop locally for your Christmas roast and for your beef all year long.

Camp Springs Alive..

Usually a quiet, rural community, Camp Springs became a tourist destination on October 21st. Hundreds of individuals and families toured the stone houses, farms, craft vendors, vineyards, churches, a lily farm and the animal shelter on a sunny day where the temperature reached 68 degrees. This was the 6th annual Camp Springs Herbst Tour, which has become a popular destination for the tri-state population.

The charm of Camp Springs is enhanced by the barn quilts displayed on area barns, period signage identifying several locations, and a new mural at the Camp Springs Vineyard. The mural was featured in a recent issue of the *Campbell County Recorder*.

Two weeks after the Herbst Tour, the 50th annual Turkey Shoot, an event sponsored by the Camp Springs Volunteer Fire Department, was blessed with another sunny day. Shooters vied to win a turkey or money in eighty shotgun or rifle rounds.

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CSI Update

Residents Urged to Attend Meeting

At the January Board meeting of the Camp Springs Initiative, we will hold an information session on the local water, fire and sewer districts and their activities. You are encouraged to attend and see how your tax dollars are being spent. The meeting will be held on January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Camp Springs Winery (6685 Four Mile Road). All residents of Camp Springs are encouraged to attend. We need to hear your voice and we look forward to working with all our neighbors for the good of our community.

CSI Board Members

Harriet Arrasmith— Acting President	Carolyn Allender
Nancy Enzweiler— Secretary	Phillip Garber
Lonnie Enzweiler— Treasurer	Chuck Heilman
Bill Allender	Anna Zinkhon

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925

Minutes of CSI meetings and past issues of the *Camp Springs News* are available at www.campsprings.com

Upcoming CSI Board Meetings (All are welcome!)

January 21, 7:00 p.m. at Camp Springs Winery
February 18, 7:00 p.m. at Camp Springs Winery

Camp Springs News Looking for Sponsors

The *Camp Springs News* is looking for sponsors to help cover the printing costs of the newsletter. This is a great way to advertise your business and show your support for the community. The cost is \$50 per issue (covers both paper and printing). Call Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925 for more information.

Upcoming Events

December

- December 5** — Soup Supper and Advent Evening Prayer, St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m.
Mass, St. Joseph Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
- December 9** — Food and Friends, Oakland United Methodist, 9 a.m.
- December 12** — Soup Supper and Advent Evening Prayer, St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m.
- December 19** — Soup Supper and Advent Evening Prayer, St. John Lutheran, 6 p.m.
- December 24** — Christmas Eve Worship
St. Joseph Catholic, 5 p.m. and midnight
St. John Lutheran, 11 p.m.
- December 25** — Christmas Day Mass, St. Joseph Catholic, 10 a.m.
- December 30** — Festival of Lessons and Carols, St. John Lutheran, 10 a.m.

January

- January 21** — CSI Board Meeting, Camp Springs Winery, 7 p.m.
- January 27** — Open House and Book Fair, St. Joseph School 9 a.m. -12 noon.

February

- February 13** — Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Holy Communion, St. John Lutheran, 7 p.m.
- February 15** — Fish Fry, St. Joseph Catholic, 4-7:30 p.m.
- February 18** — CSI Board Meeting, Camp Springs Winery, 7 p.m.
- February 22** — Fish Fry, St. Joseph Catholic, 4-7:30 p.m.

Deadline

Calendar submissions for the next issue are due to the editor at 635-2925 by February 15, 2013.

Thanks to Don Wiedeman for the article on the Herbst Tour

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