

Camp Springs News

"Delivering News to the Camp Springs Community"



Camp Springs Initiative

September—October—November 2016

10th Annual Camp Springs Herbst Tour

The mere mention of the Camp Springs Herbst Tour attracts first-time and returning guests and families to the rural and historical valley of picturesque Camp Springs, Kentucky. The 10th Annual Herbst (*Autumn*) Tour on Sunday, October 16 from noon to 6 p.m. is a free self-guided auto tour.

Starting the tour is as easy as picking up the free Herbst Tour map and brochure at the Camp Springs Fire House at 6844 Four Mile Road (State Route 547 off the AA Highway). The brochure has a short description of each of the stops and also lists the many local advertisers who support this free tour.

You can visit active agricultural farms and gardens, horse farms and an array of local business establishments that are part of this tranquil community. For extra convenience, food, refreshments and restrooms are available at many tour stops.

The Herbst Tour would not be complete without experiencing Camp Springs' noted group of historical stone houses (one of the largest collection within the Midwest Region). These Camp Springs dwellings were constructed during the mid-1800's by German immigrants and vintners, who viewed this pristine valley as their newly-discovered American home.

Area historians also note Camp Springs' prominence during the early days of its establishment for its achievements in wine making and the distribution of its wines throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the entire country. Present owners of the area's wineries, vineyards and stone houses continue to capture the significance of Camp Springs' unique historical contribution to the region. You can also experience the unique southern hospitality and artistic treasures of the historic churches that have served the faith communities of Camp Springs for over 170 years.

To contact one of the tour organizers prior to or during your visit, please call Sharon Ramler at (859) 760-3500 or Rose Chalk at (859) 240-4010. For more information visit www.campsprings.com and like us on Facebook at Camp Springs Herbst Tour.

Our Beloved Camp Springs

By Regina Murphy

Our beloved Camp Springs is in grave danger of serious harm. From Owl Creek all the way to the Riley Road pump station at the AA Highway, our fields and farms will be cut apart with a 40-foot-wide **destruction of our frontage, trees, cropland and creek**. Why is this happening?

The Sanitary Sewer District has decided that it has the right to take our lands so that it can pump raw sewage from Silver Grove to the Riley Road pump station and then up to the Eastern Regional

Treatment Plant. Their stated reason is to solve overflows in the Silver Grove sewer system caused when too much rain water infiltrates into that system. However, it is also planned that sewage from Highland Heights, Cold Spring and Fort Thomas will be pumped to Silver Grove and through our community. The sad fact is that there are numerous other solutions for collecting and removing rainwater; solutions that are much more fiscally responsible, effective, and are environmentally strategic. There are even other routes through already developed areas that were ignored. All of this was planned and designed in 2007 with absolutely no input from this community.

Imagine our creek with 27 places where **raw sewage will be pumped underneath or through the creek** or its tributaries with 100 pounds of pressure per square inch. Imagine our creek when that pipe leaks.

Imagine the **farmlands with a 40-foot-wide dead zone** where the pipe has been constructed and nothing but weeds will grow where the topsoil has been destroyed.

Imagine **hundreds of trees** from Owl Creek to Cardinal Trail – **Gone!**

Imagine the **beautiful trees** lining the road from Cardinal Trail to 8 Mile Road – **Gone!**

Drive by the pump station on a "ripe" day and take a long whiff. Imagine that **smell hanging around in your backyard** from the seven vent pipes that are necessary along the pipeline.

Please take time to learn more about why this will be happening and what you can do to help stop it. Go to our Facebook Page **Preserve and Protect Camp Springs** to read the facts about this project.

Preserve and Protect is the nonprofit organization of Camp Springs citizens working to stop this project. If you believe in what we are doing, even if you do not live in this beautiful valley, please consider supporting this effort with your \$10 membership in *Preserve and Protect*, a letter to SD1, to the Judge Executives, to the newspapers or a larger contribution.

Many citizens of Camp Springs have contributed heavily and are actively engaged in pursuing and promoting a modernized strategy to the sewer overflow problem. The force main raw sewage pipeline is nearly a decade old in design. There are better solutions.

To contribute or to become a member, send checks to:

Preserve and Protect Camp Springs

5210 Owl Creek Road

Camp Springs, KY 41059

Or go online to:

www.gofundme.com/savecampsprings

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CSI Update

Please join us for our Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up on October 1. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Camp Springs Bed and Breakfast on Four Mile Road.

CSI Board Members

Bill Allender
Carolyn Allender
Lonnie Enzweiler
Nancy Enzweiler
Ron Heiert
Bob Johnson
Sharon Ramler
Tom Ramler
Anna Zinkhon

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

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CSI Meeting

November 14, 7 p.m.
Camp Springs Winery

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The *Camp Springs News* is looking for local business or personal sponsors. This is a great way to advertise your business and show your support for the community.

The cost is \$50 per issue.

Call Nancy Enzweiler at 635-2925 for more information.

Upcoming Events

September

- September 3** — BBQ and Live Music, Camp Springs Tavern
September 4 — Heritage Sunday Service, St. John Lutheran 10 a.m.
September 11 — Coffee Cake Morning, Little Rock Farm, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Annual Church Picnic, St. John Lutheran, 11:30 a.m.
September 17 — Oakland Women's Fall Retreat, Oakland United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., call 859-409-0156

October

- October 1** — Adopt-A-Highway, Camp Springs Bed and Breakfast, 10 a.m.
October 6 — Cooking with Fall Squash, Little Rock Farm, Register at www.lrfcampsprings.com
October 16 — 10th Annual Herbst Tour, 12 - 6 p.m., see article, p. 1
October 21 — Trunk-or-Treat Chili cook-off, Oakland United Methodist, 5:30 PM
October 30 — Dessert Sunday, Little Rock Farm, 2-7 p.m.

November

- November 6** — Daylight Savings ends
November 11 — Deadline for calendar submissions for *Camp Springs News*
November 14 — CSI Meeting, Camp Springs Winery, 7 p.m.
Thanks to Sharon Ramler and Regina Murphy for their contributions to this issue of the *Camp Springs News*.

Deadline

Calendar submissions for the next issue are due to the editor at 635-2925 by November 11, 2016.

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