

# Camp Springs News



Camp Springs Initiative

August 2008

## CSI Update

The Camp Springs Initiative (CSI) is the result of active involvement on the part of many Camp Springs residents who are concerned about the future direction of their community. It is intended to serve as a forum for ANY and ALL residents of the Camp Springs area who wish to take an active role in preserving the special and unique charm of the community.

The CSI mission is to work proactively to maintain a high quality of life in Camp Springs and to promote sustainable and desirable development in the area. CSI also seeks to preserve the area's rural, historical, cultural and agricultural heritage and to find ways to improve recreational opportunities for residents. CSI promotes commercial agriculture which provides a livelihood for Camp Springs residents as well as other businesses that are consistent with the goals of CSI. All actions taken by CSI are done with a commitment to improve how residents live, work and raise families within the community.

The Camp Springs News will be issued quarterly to inform residents of the on-going and planned activities in our area. All are welcome to participate in the activities and committees – simply contact one of the officers or board members to let them know of your interest.

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### Committees

Recreational Trails  
Historic Homes  
Camp Springs Day  
Public Education/outreach  
Preservation/heritage  
Fund Raising/Grant Writing

All are welcome.....

## ....Camp Springs Day-August 23

Cory Wagner, Chairperson

Meet and greet your neighbors at Camp Springs Day – a good opportunity to have some fun and fellowship. The day begins at 5:00 p.m. at Neltner's Farm with potluck at 6:00 p.m. No reservations needed. Just bring the family and a dish and enjoy!!!

BANDS, BAKE-OFF, CORN HOLE, EUCHRE, HAYRIDES, FACE PAINTING, LOCAL ARTISANS SELLING & SAMPLING THEIR GOODS, BLUEGRASS MUSIC, 60 ACRES TO ROAM, HORSES, AND MORE!

## Visit Camp Springs

Twenty sites featured in Second Annual Herbst (Autumn) Tour

A tour along the stonehouse trail in Camp Springs is coming to Camp Springs, Ky., Sunday, October 19, Noon to 5 p.m. Herbst, German meaning autumn, reflects the German heritage of this historic rural community.

The tour last year welcomed hundreds of visitors at each location who thrilled at the beauty and tranquility of the area which residents enjoy. Many inquired about the area's history wishing to visit the churches with ancestor's roots.

The four area churches will participate this year as well as the Camp Springs Fire Department all rich in history in this area long ago established by German immigrants. All will offer tours of the buildings, historical photos and documents. Refreshments will be available at each location.

The self guided tour features twenty locations including three working farms, a horse farm, six stone houses, two vineyards, a winery, four artist studios, a bed and breakfast, and equestrian center. The tour is open free to the public.

# Stonehouse Trails

By Anna Zinkhon

When I was a young girl playing softball at the Camp Springs ball field, I used to ride my pony to practice. We lived up on Fender Road, so usually I would come down Fender to Four and Twelve Mile (now Stonehouse Road) and then turn right on Four Mile Pike.

Back then (in the '70s) it was a very pleasant stroll. Usually I'd see many of the local residents in their yards and be able to say hi!

I'd meet my friend Maria (little Gooch) on her horse at Upper Eight Mile (Nine Mile Road) and we would continue together to the ball field. Mrs. Plattner and Jeannie Oldiges would be getting the bats and balls out of the team bag when we arrived.

As great a memory as that is, I also remember riding and looking at all of those trees along the way and I can remember wishing I could ride into the woods and get off that hot road!

A short 25 years later, riding down Four Mile Pike would not be such a leisure stroll. The road is now mostly only a thoroughfare for many people. Dodging the fast and impatient cars would be stressful and dangerous.

As deep as those memories are, I still long to ride the beautiful woods and hills of my home, Camp Springs. You have only to walk through some of these farms with hundred year old forests to truly enjoy living in Camp Springs.

We are so blessed that we live in a park like setting. Our farms and woods are as beautiful and interesting as any park I have ridden in these United States.

Now we have the opportunity to protect and enhance our community lifestyle with recreational trails for all to enjoy. Will you join in that effort?

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# Where are the Trails?

Here's a recap of what has been going on and a little about what we have to do:

- 2006 – The idea for a trail system in Camp Springs was conceived:
  - To showcase our beautiful stone houses.
  - To provide a SAFE place in our community to walk and ride.
  - To help Camp Springs family businesses increase sales
  - To show off our beautiful area of the community
- The Camp Springs Trail System is the only known trail system that totally resides on Private Land – a first!
- Application for a \$100,000 grant with the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) was received in November, 2007.
- We supported legislation protecting private property owners from liability when allowing public recreation on their lands. Allied with horse associations across the state, horse related activities were included. Rallies in Frankfort, petitions, and contact with State Representatives and Senators helped pass this law in April, 2008.
- We created a lease agreement to protect property owners and protect the trail investment.
- Educational meetings with County and City officials obtained their support.
- Researching, creating and pushing a county wide ordinance for a trail Tag system what would be the means for enforcing the rules of the Trail System.
- Currently preparing documentation to establish a trailhead.
- Next step: Sign-up land owners – who wants to be included? So many points of interest in Historic Camp Springs – Farms, Green Houses, Stone Houses, Vineyards, Wineries, Artists, Ohio River, Creek, Cemeteries, Churches – what/who did I leave out? Join the CSI Trails Committee – let's make it happen.