

# Camp Springs News

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Camp Springs Initiative

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## You're a Member!

Have you ever wondered what the Camp Springs Initiative, otherwise known as CSI, is? If so, read on. Back in April 2004, community members gathered at the firehouse to talk about their concerns and their vision for Camp Springs. As a result of that meeting, a group of area citizens began meeting to try to act on those ideas on behalf of the community. By 2007, by-laws had been instituted and the organization was officially incorporated. And that's where you come in. All those who live and work in Camp Springs are considered members of CSI. The membership meeting for the organization has traditionally been Camp Springs Day, which is held at a local business every fall. Board members are voted on at that time, and throughout the year the board conducts regular meetings which are open to the public. Minutes from past board meetings are posted at [www.campsprings.com](http://www.campsprings.com).

All members of the community are invited to attend meetings, help out with committee tasks and consider nomination to the board. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Camp Springs News* some of the current board members introduce themselves.

Camp Springs Initiative has accomplished many things, especially when it is taken into consideration that all the board members have work and family obligations beside their board membership. Here are just a few things that CSI has accomplished in the past few years:

- Sponsored four Camp Springs Days
- Adopted a stretch of Four-Mile Pike
- Received a \$100,000 grant for bridle, walking and bike trails
- Erected signs at either end of Camp Springs

January's board meeting is scheduled for January 11, location TBA. If you are interested in becoming active with the Camp Springs Initiative, please contact the board president for 2010, Bill Allender, at 635-4600.

## Pancake Brunch—Save the Date

Camp Springs Initiative is pleased to announce a Pancake Brunch to be held on **February 21, 2010** from 11:30 to 1. Plans are to hold the event at St. John Lutheran, 5977 Lower Tug Fork Road, but you are encouraged to watch for publicity closer to the event date or call Harriet Arrasmith at 635-7845.

## Camp Springs Is Focus in Heritage Keepsake

A sixteen-page article in a recent issue of *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine* tells the history of Camp Springs and of its stone houses.

Beginning from the area's Indian days prior to 1768 to the present day, author Betty Maddox Daniels chronicles the region's history, including the period when the stone houses which now characterize Camp Springs were built.

The article contains descriptions and construction details of the twenty-five stone houses and four churches with accompanying photos by local photographer Don Wiedeman.

This keepsake issue of the *Northern Kentucky Heritage Magazine* with the Camp Springs feature is available for \$10 at the Camp Springs Vineyard, 6685 Four Mile Road (Fri. 5-9, Sat. 1-8 and Sun., 12-6) and StoneBrook Winery, 6570 Vineyard Lane (Fri. 5-9, Sat. 1-6 and Sun. 1-6). Camp Springs 2010 desk calendars are also available for sale.

## Meet the CSI Board Members

**Carolyn Allender:** My family and I have been part of the Camp Springs community for about ten years. I have always loved old houses and for a long time wanted a stone house. When the Four Mile Inn went up for sale, we thought it was a long shot that we might get it. Ten and a half years later, we continue the remodeling and run a Bed and Breakfast. I think it is important to maintain the agricultural heritage in our community. So many other areas have lost that. Preservation of the stone houses and the development of the trails are also reasons that I have felt it important to be a part of CSI. Through CSI, I have made a lot of friends and met some wonderful people.