

Downtown Camas Association Camas First Fridays - Event Summary



Event overview

The Downtown Camas Association (DCA) hosted the April edition of Camas First Fridays, a monthly DCA community event where Camas residents can explore downtown, shop, and learn more about the community. The DCA set up a table representing the Community Advisor Group (CAG) at 314 NE Birch Street to answer community questions about the cleanup at the Georgia Pacific Mill in town.

Date: April 3, 2026
Time: 5 – 8 p.m.
Location: In person, downtown Camas

Participation and staffing

CAG members Caroline Mercury, Steve Sylvester, Mahsa Eshghi, and Zach Linn participated. Alan Hughes, Principal Geologist, participated from Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA).

CAG and MFA members worked in shifts, so there were always two to three people with diverse knowledge of the site and environmental investigation and cleanup process staffing the booth and talking with community members. Throughout the event, they spoke to at least 60 people.



CAG members Caroline Mercury and Steve Sylvester speak with community members during the April 3 First Friday event.

Community questions and interests

CAG members and MFA staff responded to questions and received a variety of input from booth visitors. A summary of these questions, comments, and interests is captured below:

- Community awareness of recent parts of the mill that are being demolished, and interest in what else was set to be demolished.
- Several attendees were new to the area and learned about cleanup for the first time.
- Questions around the timing of the investigation, and when results will be known.
- Questions about the next steps after the results from the investigation are understood.
- Inquiry about whether the mill will shut down and/or sell property.

In addition to the interests and inquiries outlined above, booth attendees picked up several of the informational cards and handouts that were available. The MTCA cleanup process handout, in particular, was one of the most frequently taken. Booth attendees also signed up for the DCA's newsletter that is released via email regarding updates on the Mill.

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Outcomes

Interactions	Newsletter signups	Project web page data (April 3 – 16, 2026)
Approx. 60	11	Views: 90 Users: 77 Users increased by 88% after the event compared to the same timeframe in early March 2026.

Resources

Sign up for email updates and learn more at: www.downtowncamas.com/camaswamillinfo

Email questions and comments to Caroline Mercury, CAG Chair Past President:
camaswamillinfo@downtowncamas.com

Read more about the Georgia Pacific Mill Cleanup site on Ecology's website:
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/15156>

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