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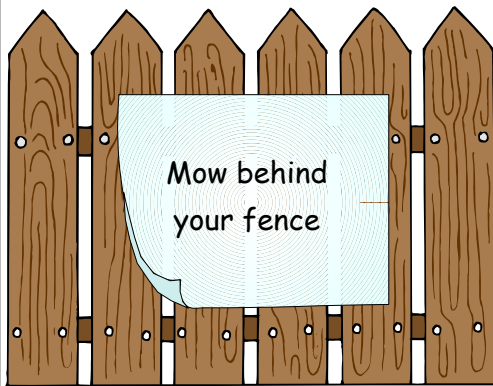
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To access these password protected areas. Follow the directions on the site.

### Enclosed is an Maintenance Review Checklist.

Remember all modifications made to the exterior of your property require approval. A property modification form is available on the website under

Owners Association.

Remember the area behind your fence needs to be mowed and trimmed just like your lawn. It is on the List!



## Hampton Cove Owners Association

6281 Hwy 431 South, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

**Office: 533-6005 Fax: 536-0394**

Hours: Monday to Friday-8:00 to 5:00pm  
[www.hamptoncove.com](http://www.hamptoncove.com)

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## Earth Day is Huge Success



A visitor to Earth Day at The Hays Preserve celebrated pets a baby black bear. Over 500 people attended the Earth Day Celebration on April 21st.

## The April Freeze And Your Plants

**Dear Harvey,**

Now that the hard freeze is over, I'd like to know what to expect from some of my plants. Will my crepe myrtles, whose leaves have turned black, recover this spring? What can I expect from my hydrangeas, hostas, and Encore Azaleas? Despite my best efforts to keep them covered, their leaves have turned limp and mushy. Is there anything I can do to encourage new growth?  
Sincerely, Suzanne F.

**Dear Suzanne,**

Were there any doubts about what this week's column would be about? Unfortunately, you are not alone in questioning what do I do now that we have experienced the extremes of spring gardening (record highs followed by record lows) and what that can do to our landscapes. The good news is that we can recover from this (unlike those that are growing fruit and other agricultural crops) but we must have a little patience. As Ken Creel reiterated this week – we need to let the plants give us some clues on how they will respond. While flowers and tender new foliage was killed by the deep freeze, plant roots should be fine. The soil temperature last Friday was 60 degrees F before the cold weather arrived - on Monday morning the soil temperature was 50 degrees F, a significant drop but plenty warm for the plant roots.

*Remember*

*Mothers Day*

*Sunday, May 13th*

## About your Plants

One thing I can say is that there will be a lot of pruning going on this spring – pruning to remove freeze damage to flowers, stems and foliage. While it is obvious on many plants to see the dead flowers and tender foliage, it may not be so obvious yet to see stem damage. Crape-myrtle is one we have to watch in this regard. I can say that your crape-myrtle is not dead and definitely will send new shoots out as the weather warms up, what I can't say yet is how much you will have to prune out. I have seen many trees without any stem damage – just the leaves being damaged. However, I have also seen bark split beginning on last season's growth, or stems about the diameter of a pencil. If you look closely you will see a split beginning just below the bud where this year's growth began. In this case, this stem is dead also so it will have to be pruned out – make your cut all the way back to where it began growing. If you want to see a great example of the 'urban heat island' effect, look at the crape-myrtles planted in front of the Municipal Building on Fountain Circle. All the leaves are still green and growing with no sign of damage demonstrating how all the concrete keep the temperatures higher in this small area over the weekend.

I have been asked more about Hydrangeas than anything, especially the *Hydrangea macrophylla* selections (the ones that bloom blue or pink). All the plants that I have seen are damaged from top to bottom. I expect them to put out new growth from the base but it will be several weeks before this happens. You will not see any flowers this year unless you have planted a remontant blooming type like 'Endless Summer' or 'Penny Mac'. The Oakleaf hydrangeas appear to be fine as do the *H. paniculata* selections and the *H. arborescens* cultivars.

While your Encore azaleas have mushy flowers right now, you should expect them to recover and treat you to flowers as early as July but definitely in the fall. It is important to fertilize them well now and make sure that they receive adequate moisture throughout the summer. The same can be said for all your damaged plants, we need to give them enough nutrients so that they can set new buds and create new foliage to make food for the plants. They have been stressed enough now so let's not make them work so hard throughout the summer.

Read the rest of Harvey's article at [www.hsvbg.org](http://www.hsvbg.org) (printed with Harvey Cotton's permission)

### **Mailbox Installation, Maintenance and Repair**

*Mashburn and Company 931-433-2357*

## In Hampton Cove

### The Garden Club

Meeting, Thursday May 17, 2007

10:00 am at 2906 Honors Row

Annual Officer Installation Luncheon

For reservations and meeting details call

Helen Lamar at 509-7915 or

Regina Lassiter at 534-6299

### Garden Tour:

The Hampton Cove Garden Club is sponsoring a fundraising garden tour Sunday, June 24th, 2007. If you know of a garden in Hampton Cove that should be included in this year's tour, please contact Lisa Bishop at 536-4336.

### Yards of the Month

3105 Haddonstone Drive —Ward & Tabby Ragland

3105 Honor's Row —Tommy & Donna Harris

2913 Mill Run Road —Tres & Celeste Childs

### Greenway Expansion Update

Recent information received from the City of Huntsville indicates that the greenway expansion will most likely not begin until 2008. All the property must be acquired before construction can begin because the project is funded with federal funds.

### Hampton Cove's Final Phase

The last neighborhoods to be developed in Hampton Cove are well underway. Cobblestone Cove is working on Phase II and has residents already. The Mallard's Landing Phase II (garden homes) just received their first residents April 30th.

Eastern Shore has over 50% of its homes complete at this time and Phase I of Mallard Landing (town homes) are full. A few homes still remain to be built in Arbor Woods but most are complete.

Hampton Cove celebrated its 15th year in April and will possibly be built out by the end of the year. As of April 30th Hampton Cove has 1780 homeowners.

## Community News

### Free Safety Seminar for Kids

A seminar called "Green, Yellow, and Red Lights of Safety" is being offered at no charge in the Hampton Cove Community. The purpose of the seminar is to teach children about the appropriate responses in certain situations. By teaching children that there are deferent levels of safety and those levels depend on the situation we are in and the decisions we make in those situations, we can better train them to use their instincts, intuition, and even fear as safety tools. The seminar is being offered free of charge at Alexander's Martial Arts located at 6511 Highway 431 South in Owens Cross Roads across the street from Lowe's. The first seminar is scheduled for May 26, 2007, and will be offered continuing on the 4th month of the year. Call if you have questions: 256-539-8175.

### Burglars Shop While You Are On Vacation

Picture this: you and your family are returning from a fun filled vacation, ready to unpack and update the photo album. Only when you get home, you find the front door open, the back window broken, and valuables missing from all over the house, including your "clever" hiding places in the dresser and in the back of the freezer. You're not alone. Each year, nearly 5 million families become victims of household burglary, often while they've been away on vacation.

#### Your Home Sends Signals

According to the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA), there are some simple steps you can take to make your home less attractive to would-be burglars. The best way is to combine the list of ideas below with a professionally installed and monitored electronic security alarm system in your home. Before you leave on your trip, pack your sun block and be sure to:

- Get a trusted friend or relative to "house sit." Or, make sure your neighbors know your plans.
- Have a neighbor pick up your newspapers and your mail for you daily, or cancel the paper and have the post office hold your mail.
- Lock all doors and windows, and secure the garage door.
- Leave a car parked in the driveway, or ask a neighbor to park in your driveway.
- Leave a house key— and number where you can be reached—with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Use timers to turn lights on and off at certain times, altering lighting patterns, to create an occupied look.
- Leave drapes and shades open as normal. (Closed blinds during the day are a sure sign of an empty house, plus they allow a burglar to attend to his business unseen by neighbors.)
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed.
- Be sure your tree and hedges have been trimmed. This gives burglars fewer places to hide.
- Replace any burned-out lights in your yard. Consider upgrading outdoor light fixtures with devices that have built-in motion detectors, which turn on the lights whenever anyone walks past.

Creamed Corn &  
Fried Onion Casserole

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- One 8 oz package of cream cheese
- One 10 oz package of frozen corn, thawed
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- One cup ( 8 oz) French fried onions

Grease a 7" baking dish or casserole dish. Spread the cream cheese evenly on the bottom of the pan. Top with corn – pressing the corn into the cheese. Season to taste with salt & pepper. Spread the onions evenly over the top.

Bake for 30 minutes.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

**Hampton Cove  
Fall Yard Sale  
Saturday, Oct. 21st  
8am to 1pm**

The HCOA will purchase an ad in The Huntsville Times on Fri. Oct. 20th.

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