

Plan Ahead to Plant a Tree

Trees are a beautiful and valuable addition to your home landscape and should be chosen and placed with care. The mature size of a tree should be considered as well as the variety. Many of you did not build your home, so you may not be aware that there is a tree requirement for every home in Hampton Cove. In most neighborhoods 4 large trees and 3 small trees are required in the front yard. In the back yard, most neighborhoods require 2 large trees and 1 small tree. A variety of trees may be selected. Deciduous trees are some of the best trees for fall color, summer shade and winter light.

The chart of requirements is available on the Hampton Cove website. It is the third page of the Architectural Review Form located under Owners Association in the list of blue hot links. Just click on the blue words "Architectural Review Form" and print the form to your home computer.

If you have lost a tree this summer, we are now approaching the ideal time to replace the tree or any landscape material. Trees transplant better when they are dormant (in the winter) and then they can get the advantage of spring growth. When planting trees in Hampton Cove, it is best to loosen the soil all around the root ball and set the tree several inches above ground level so it will drain. The tree will settle and then be at the appropriate level for best growth. Place gravel in the bottom of the hole to assist with proper drainage as the soil in Hampton Cove retains moisture. Select healthy trees from the nursery for the best results. Some bargain trees are not bargains at all.

Stake the trees until they have had an opportunity to grow adequate foundation roots for stability - this takes a year or so. Do not remove the stakes and the guide wires before they grow into the tree. Normal irrigation systems are not adequate for watering a newly planted tree, especially due to recent droughts. Daily soaking and consistently moist soil is best for your tree in the early stages. A two inch cover of bark mulch will help retain moisture.

If you have any questions please call Donna @ the HCOA office.



Hampton Cove

Community Yard Sale is Saturday, Oct. 20th

8am to 1pm

The HCOA will purchase an ad in The Huntsville Times
on Fri. Oct. 19th.

To make your house noticeable you may attach a white balloon
to your mail box the day of the sale.

Happy Selling and Shopping

Community News

Garden Club Information

The upcoming meeting for the Garden Club are:

Oct. 18th-Judy Masters of Master Landscape Design - "**Bones of the Garden**". Judy will share with us ways to create good foundations for the gardens.

Nov. 15th -Linda Eberhart of Wild Birds Unlimited - "**Attracting Wild birds to Your Gardens**". Linda will show us ways to attract and feed wild birds in our yards.

Contact Frankie Black at 534-4086 or email rofrankienick@hotmail.com.

Yard of the Month Recipients:

June:

Rick and Cindy Isaac - 2835 Winterberry Way
Curtis and Kristie Phillips-3204 Slate Stone Way
James and Roberta Hays- 3111 Haver Hill
Frank & Natalie Deluca -3049 Flint Mill Run

July:

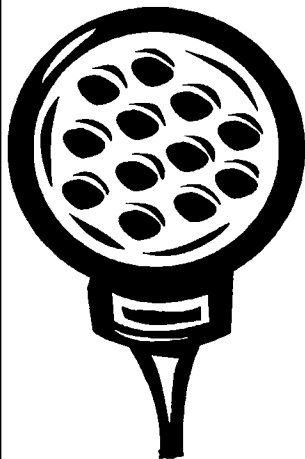
Stephen and Stephanie Lee-201 Slate Stone Way
Jim and Janet Henderson - 3113 Greystone Drive
Julian and Cherie Allred - 3202 Tenker Creek Lane
Tom and Mimi Potthoff-3008 Boundary Oaks
Geoffrey & Janice Embry -3021 Lake Hampton Dr.
Joe & Holly Johnson -3103 Fieldchase Road

August:

Tim & Karen Norton - 3100 Arborshade Trace
Lester & Margaret Brol - 2705 High Bunker Court
Susan and Peter Beucher-3023 Hampton Cove Way

September:

Bob and Dee Ahlquist - 2841 Winterberry Way
Larry & Stephanie Burn - 3013 Twelve Stones Rd
Carol Wilmoth -3028 Lake Hampton Drive



Golf Course Improvements

You may have noticed some changes on the Highlands Course of the Robert Trent Jones golf course. The golf course is in the process of creating natural grass areas.

Look for more information in the next Heron.

Halloween Safety



Children Should: Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks, never cross the street between parked vehicles, never go into a stranger's house, watch out for cars backing or turning, wear bright colored clothing and use a flashlight.

Drivers Should: Watch for children who forget the rules, use caution when traveling and obey posted traffic signs especially in neighborhoods.

Parents Should: Instruct children not to open candy until they return home, inspect **ALL** candy for tampering, adults should accompany children, discuss the route their children should be taking and most important, explain the difference between tricks and vandalism.

Home Owners Should: Remove obstacles from lawns to avoid injuries and do not use candles in ornaments that could set a fire, close garage doors, and lock cars in driveways. Turn on all lights to guide those walking in the neighborhood.

For Hampton Cove Women

Denise Kimmel, a Hampton Cove Resident, organizes a **children's playgroup** on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30. Call Denise at 539-7088.

Moms in Touch is an international organization that gathers moms together to pray for their children and schools. If your children attend Hampton Cove Middle or Elementary Schools and you would like to join us, please contact Lauri Matis at 512-9684, or check the website at

MomsInTouch.org.

AWAKEN YOUR HEART...How about a spiritual spa day to refresh your soul? Awaken is uniquely designed to be an experience. Join us on October 20th, 2007 for a day of spiritual refreshment from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Cove United Methodist Church in Hampton Cove. The price is \$30, which includes a box lunch. Register online at www.awakenmyheart.com or by calling Marlina Martin at (256-519-3585) or Megan James at (256-533-0770).

A Chance to Serve Your Community

This year the developer relinquishes his "Declarant's" rights in the Hampton Cove Community. The developer will no longer appoint directors to the HCOA Board. This necessitates a change in how directors are elected to the board. The board will still be composed of nine directors, but they will be elected in alternating years as groups of four or five members, each serving two year terms. This year there will be 6 members elected to complete the 9 member board. Three of the current directors have another year to serve.

Board members are elected at large from nominations submitted to the nomination committee. To be nominated, members must be existing Hampton Cove home owners and be in good standing with the association. The Nominating Committee is charged with seeking members that best represent the overall interests of the community. Ideally, we seek members with both long and short-term vision along with a sound fiscal management acumen. The nomination committee reserves the right, under provisions provided for in our by-laws, to select candidates from all applications submitted.

If your desire is to help Hampton Cove continue to be the best community in North Alabama, we ask that you confirm your intent to run by submitting biographical information to the HCOA office. Please include a description of your background and experience and a statement of your vision for Hampton Cove. You may nominate someone else, but please confirm their desire to run first, and then submit your nomination in writing with a bio. Please submit all nomination the board no later than October 15 th, to provide time for the Nomination Committee to finalize the selection and distribute the ballot.

Are you qualified to run? A trick question: most important is the desire to make Hampton Cove better in the future. We have 5 working committees: Architectural Review, Water and Land Management, Operations Review, Financial, Long-Range Planning, and Nominating. The HCOA is a non-profit organization; but small business experience is very valuable in the organization. Experience in home building, grounds management, municipal operation, land development, and reserve planning and management implementation are very useful. Further, experience dealing with city and county governments is a plus. Time to invest is also a requirement: a minimum of two hours a week plus two hours a month. Finally, we need people who are willing to go into the field to investigate problems as they arise. We do not manage from an "ivory tower".

Please forward a bio with experience noted and statement of your vision for Hampton Cove via email to cindy@hamptoncove.com, or mail to the address noted above. We thank you for considering these positions in support of the best community in North Alabama.

Donna Hall, President, HCOA

The "Do Not Call" List

The highly advertised "Do-Not-Call" list began in 2003. This list is organized by the Federal Trade Commission and you can also connect at www.donotcall.gov. If you signed up that your request was good for 5 years. If you want to remain on the "do not call" list you need to renew you request by June 1, 2008. However, there is a bill before congress to make the request permanent, since a lot of people think it is already.

Look for information on this to be out next spring and you may call 1-888-382-1222 to stay on the list or use the website listed above.

Santa Fe Soup

Serves 8 to 10

- 2 pounds ground round
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 packages dry Hidden Valley Ranch dressing
- 2 packages dry taco seasoning
- 1 can each Pinto beans, great northern beans, kidney beans and black beans
- 2 cans Rotel tomatoes
- 1 large can whole tomatoes
- 2 Cups water

Brown ground round and onion and drain. Add taco seasoning and ranch dressing. Stir well. Add remaining ingredients and simmer. Serve with crushed tortilla chips, grated cheese and sour cream on top.

Works well in a crock pot.

Modifying your Property?

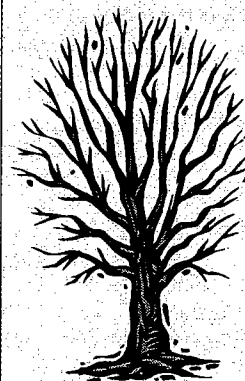
Adding a room or porch,
landscaping, trees?

Log on to www.hamptoncove.com for
a Property Modification Form and
submit to

Donna Hays

533-6005

Allow two weeks for processing.



Hampton Cove will have a contractor working on tree maintenance on common ground. They will be primarily removing dead wood, dead trees or diseased trees in Stoneleigh medians, Cobblestone, and Twelve Stones.

Logon to the
Bulletin Board
at

www.hamptoncove.com

And check out whats new:

There are dogs for adoption,
cars for sale,
neighborhood jobs listed,
upcoming community events,
and many other items of interest
including a lost bicycle.

This site is for use by the
neighborhood. Residents can post
items there anytime, so please
check it out frequently.

Hampton Cove Owners Association

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Office: 533-6005 Fax: 536-0394

Hours: Monday to Friday-8:00 to 5:00pm

www.hamptoncove.com

HCOA Board Officers

President: Donn Hall

Vice President: Diane Harris D'Andrea

Treasurer: Brian Monroe

HCOA Board Members:

Blake Bentley John Hays Wade Hays

Jose Sanchez Reggie Spivey

All email addresses are available on the website.

Staff:

Director: Donna Hays donna@hamptoncove.com

Assistant Director: Cindy Norton cindy@hamptoncove.com

Assistant Director: Katie Lyles katie@hamptoncovem.com

Landscape: Joe Tuck and Ronnie Allen

Next Board Meeting: Oct. 15th & Nov. 19th

Space is limited so please call if you plan to attend.

Annual Meeting: Mon. Dec. 3rd at 6pm

Hampton Cove Middle School AV Room