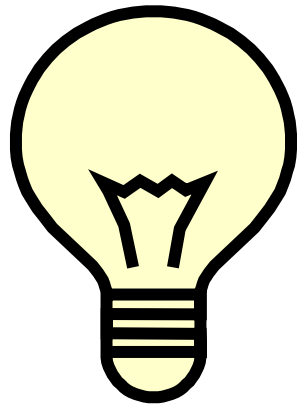


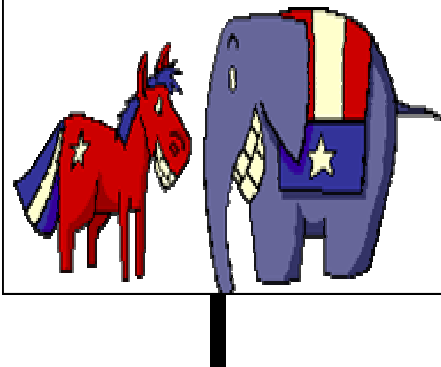
Log on to the
Bulletin Board at
www.hamptoncove.com
and check
community events and
neighborhood activities.



Street Lights Out?

Contact
Street Light Repair
Dept.
535-1324.
Must provide exact
address.

Vote



Sign Rules

Regarding political signs: each resident is allowed one sign for political purposes. Real Estate signs are also limited to one. All other signs must be submitted for approval before placing on your property.

Hampton Cove Women

Anita Beatty, a Hampton Cove Resident, organizes a **children's playgroup** on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:30am to 11:30am. Call Anita at 532-5122.

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.

Play Area Improvements



Plans for a playground to be located at the Arbor Woods/Sussex Quarter/Wren Lake Play Area are under way. Two play units rated for children from 3 to 12 years of age will be constructed. One of the units is pictured above and the other is being made especially for Hampton Cove.

This area is used by the north section of the community, and when the greenway project is finished, it will be connected by walking trails and sidewalks encouraging residents to stroll to the play area. Site preparation is scheduled to begin in February, weather permitting.

The playground will be wheelchair accessible and will utilize a ground cover product called engineered wood fiber (EWF). EWF is recommended as a highly desirable product for modern day play areas because it has a high safety rating and is maintenance friendly. Under the EWF will be a significant drainage system designed to drain water away from the play area.

Spring
Community Yard
Sale
Sat. April 12th

Board Meeting

These are not the actual meeting minutes but an abbreviated version. Please log on to www.hamptoncove.com for the complete minutes. They are under Owners Association at the bottom of the page.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs:

The following were elected to office:

Blake Bentley-President

Reggie Spivey-Vice President

Brian Monroe- Secretary-Treasurer

The following Committee Chairs were appointed:

Water and Land: Robert Vigil

Operation Review: Jose Sanchez

Architectural Review: Reggie Spivey

Finance and Long Range Planning: Teresa Snyder

Nominating: Blake Bentley

Playground-Arbor Woods:

Donna gave an update on the playground process. The sub-committee has met and reviewed plans and inspected the engineered wood fibers which will be used for a wheelchair accessible surface. Site work should start in February weather permitting.

Twelve Stone Pond:

The Water and Land committee will meet with and collect written reports for recommended solutions to the lack of water in the Twelve Stones Pond.

Lawn Care Communities:

Cindy presented year-end reports for the lawn care communities and noted the modest positive ending balances were the result of accumulated late fees, savings on chemical services, interest on bad debt, and bad debt collection. Collections had been good the year 2007.

Secondly, Cindy requested the HCOA again loan money to the LCC's to allow them to prepay for chemical services for 2008 and save 8%. Blake Bentley made a motion to loan the money at no interest to the LCC's. The motion carried.

Again, these are highlights of the meeting and complete minutes are now available on the website. In 2008, the board agreed to approve minutes in a timely manner so they can be posted within two weeks of the board meeting.

Remember Meg

On Feb. 1, 2008, our own, Meg Ingram, lost her courageous battle with cancer. She will long be remembered for her Never Give Up attitude. She was a 4.0 student at the University of Alabama as well as a cheerleader for the Crimson Tide and a Pi Beta Phi Sorority Sister. She will be missed. Memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, Clearview Cancer Institute or the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

"Friends of the Preserve..."

The Hays Preserve and was donated to the City of Huntsville in 1999 by John Hays, the developer of Hampton Cove, and his mother, Annie S. Hays. The property borders the Flint River and is an excellent plan to learn about wildlife. For that reason, the Huntsville City Council recently hired Bird and Kamback Architects to design a classroom building. The building will be located next to the lake near the preserve's front gate.

This 1600 square foot building will cost about \$400,000 dollars, \$200,000 of which has been raised by Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The primary use for the building is to provide young people a place to learn about nature. The building will be environmentally friendly as evidenced by the use of items like gutters that feed rainwater into a green garden and lights that are designed to reduce light pollution. Soos Weber, the one employee and ecologist of the Preserve, wants to bring in children and teach them the wonders of nature.

An organization called the *Friends of the Preserve and Sanctuary* has been founded to assist the Hays Preserve and the Goldsmith-Schiffman Bird Sanctuary. They exist:

- To provide the perpetual stewardship for the lands encompassed in both areas.
- To add to the outdoor learning environment by protecting and restoring habitat that has long disappeared from the urban landscape—the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem.
- To expand Huntsville's greenways system, and the county canoe trail system.
- To provide responsible interaction with nature and recreational use opportunities.
- To encourage use of the Preserve and Sanctuary by a broad citizenry, from elementary school aged children to their parents and grandparents, and college students.
- To nurture through nature a land stewardship ethic.

If you or your family are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Preserve and Sanctuary please contact Soos Weber at 7153 US 431 South, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 or call at 427-5116.

Garden Club Information

February 21st @ the Hampton House. 9AM Social Time; 9:30 am-11:30 am. "PESTS and getting your Garden ready for Spring and Summer."

Ken Creel, from the Alabama Cooperative Extension of Madison County, will speak to us about pest problems common to this area and how best to prepare our gardens for a bug free year. He will then open the floor for your questions.

March 20th @ the Hampton House. 9AM Social Time; 9:30 am-11:30 am Meeting and Program.

"Daylilies- America's #1 Perennial"

Randy Stephens, a Master Gardener Speaker, will speak to us about the easy care of these favorite flowers and the new varieties coming to our garden centers.

April 17th @ the Hampton House. 9AM Social Time; 9:30 am-11:30 am Meeting and Program.

"Fabulous foliage"

Kimberly Cockrell, a Master Gardener Speaker, will show us wonderful ways to add foliage in our gardens for year round beauty.

May 15th @ "End of Year" luncheon at 2906 Honors Row from 10am to noon.

Bring a salad to share and join us as we install our new officers and celebrate another special year together.

For information and reservations please contact Frankie Black@ 534-4086, robfrankienick@hotmail.com; or Jeanne Pierce @ 534-7287 JeanneVR-Pierce@aol.com.

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Banana Sour Cream Bread

Sour Cream gives enough tangy bite to take the edge off this banana bread's sweetness. Dusting the baking pans with cinnamon sugar gives these small four loaves a gentle spice undertone.

- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup butter
- 3 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 6 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 (16 oz.) container sour cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

1. Grease four 7x3 inch loaf pans. In a small bowl, stir together 1/4 cup white sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Dust pans lightly with cinnamon and sugar mixture.
2. In a large bowl, cream butter and 3 cups sugar. Mix in eggs, mashed bananas, sour cream, vanilla and cinnamon. Mix in salt, baking soda and flour. Stir in nuts. Divide into prepared pans.
3. Bake for 1 hour, until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

(from www.allrecipes.com)