

## April Gardening Tips

The Hampton Cove Garden Club has provided some information to assist with gardening in April. These tips let you know what to do in April for specific types of plants around your home.

- **FRUITS AND NUTS-** strawberry, raspberries, and blackberries planting continues. Start a spray program for all fruits.
- **SHRUBS-** prune spring flowering shrubs after they have flowered, then you may fertilize. Start treating all shrubs with a fungicide, insecticide and miteicide spray. Check shrubs for scale insects. New plantings of shrubs and trees need careful watering.
- **LAWNS-** planting continues. New lawns may need supplementary watering. Also, fertilize at 3- to 6-week intervals. Keep ryegrass cut low, particularly if over planted on Bermuda lawns.
- **ROSES-** watch for insects and diseases, stay on task with your spraying and feeding program. You may still plant container-grown plants.
- **ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS-** plant early started annuals or bedding plants from nurseries or garden centers. Divide mums or root cuttings. Dig and divide dahlias. Start a fertilizing and spray program for your flowers. Be on watch for aphids and slugs.
- **BULBS-** plant gladiolus, fancy-leaved caladiums, milk and wine lilies, and ginger and glorious lilies. Feed bearded iris with super phosphate and spray for borers. Avoid cutting foliage of spring bulbs until they have turned brown naturally.
- **VEGETABLES-** plant vegetable seeds such as beans, corn, squash, melons, and cucumbers. Plants such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, sweet potatoes, and parsley may be put in planting beds or containers.

\*\*\*Carpenter bees are in their active season. These large black bees make their nests in exposed wood. These beneficial insects are active pollinators. They seem aggressive as the males try to protect their nests. They can not sting, but they try hard to intimidate you with belligerent buzzing. Try to be patient during the nesting season as they are a much needed part of our environment.

\*\*\*April is a great time to mulch the planting beds around your home. Mulch inhibits weed growth and retains soil moisture. A couple of inches (1-2) of fresh mulch is also attractive. Avoid piling on too much mulch. The practice of mounding up mulch around trees, as seen in some commercial plantings, to a depth of 10 or 12 inches is not a good idea. This much mulch actually acts as a barrier—it repels water and deprives the tree of oxygen.

## Pet Complaints

- Barking dogs
- Snarling dogs
- Dogs that lunge at underground fences
- Dog waste on common ground and neighbor's property
- Lazy owners (without poop bags)
- Dogs walked without leashes
- Roaming cats

These are the subjects of complaints to the HCOA office about pets and their owners. If you are a pet owner be aware that everyone is not, and some people are afraid of dogs, annoyed (rightfully so) by dogs barking, pooping and lunging at them when they walk down the street. We highly recommend barking collars, dog training classes, and consideration of your neighbors.

We recommend talking to your neighbors when you first experience these problems. Some people are simply not aware that their dogs are barking (our most common complaint). We also asked that you submit complaints in writing with the correct address of the offending party to our office. The number for Animal Control is 883-3788.

Coming Soon...

The playground at Arbor Woods/Sussex  
Quarter

### Hampton Cove Owners Association

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#### Staff:

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#### Board Meeting Dates:

April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

Space is limited please call ahead to attend or be on the agenda.

Spring  
Community Yard  
Sale  
Sat. April 12th  
Community Clean  
Up Day  
Sat. May 10th

April 2008

## Community News

### Garden Club Information

**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](mailto:robfrankienick@hotmail.com) or Jeanne Pierce @ 534-728, [JeanneVRPierce@aol.com](mailto:JeanneVRPierce@aol.com).

### Community Clean up Day for Hampton Cove

Save this date:  
May 10th  
Look for Community Bulletin

### 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 School and you would like to join us, please contact Lauri Matis at 512-9684, or check the website at [MomsInTouch.org](http://MomsInTouch.org).

## "What to Recycle"

The following items may be placed in your blue bin AW/BFI recycling Bin:

1. Dry newspapers and inserts. Please remove plastic wrappers, AW cannot accept wet newspapers.
2. Dry magazines printed on glossy paper.
3. Fiberboard (cereal boxes) Please break these down. Do not place corrugated cardboard in your bin. Please recycle corrugated cardboard at one of the local recycling centers. The nearest recycling center to Hampton Cove is the Berkley Senior Center (Care Center).
4. Empty steel cans  
Food cans must be rinsed. Aerosol cans must be empty. No paints or poisons
5. Empty aluminum cans
6. #1 (PETE) narrow-neck plastic bottles
7. #2 (HDPE) plastic bottles and containers. Please remove all caps, lids, pumps, and triggers. Rinse and crush all jugs, 2-liter and water bottles to conserve space on the truck. Bottles that are labeled (3-7) cannot be recycled.
8. Dry phonebooks (collected every January)
9. Dry office paper and brown paper bags
10. Household dry cell batteries may be placed in a zip-lock bag on the ground next to your bin. Call 880-6054 for information on proper disposal/recycling of automotive batteries.
11. Used motor oil must be in a clear plastic container with a screw top lid. Place the containers beside your bin.

#### Items that are NOT collected:

Glass, ceramics, scrap metal, aluminum foil, mirrors, plastic grocery and trash bags, gift wrap, paper towels, plastic wrap, plastic fruit or food containers, black plastic, wood, toys, clothes, styro-foam, buckets, cups, trays, auto products, light

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(2467)**

**[www.swdahsv.org](http://www.swdahsv.org)**



## Board Meeting Highlights

They voted to allow the Hampton House the authority to discuss the location of two parking spaces on common ground near the new addition to the Hampton House.

It was reported that the playground is partially done and a date will be determined for the installation of the equipment.

Members of the board will meet with the developer of Eastern Shore to determine future plans since the primary builder has filed bankruptcy on the remaining homes there. The developer has items that have not been completed.

The next item was the property on Caldwell that was the subject of an email from a resident. It was agreed that the office would write Wade Hays a letter about the general complaints and asked for a solution.

Jose submitted the Bid Process Proposal and after some discussion it was decided that the board consider this practice and table it for the next meeting.

Kathy made a motion that the Community Clean-up day be scheduled the second Saturday of May. Reggie seconded. Jose pointed out that this was Mother's Day weekend. After discussion the motion passed.

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

*Reprint of Letter to the Residents Dated March 27, 2008*

*Dear Hampton Cove Homeowners,*

*The Hampton Cove Owners Association Board felt it was important to inform you that on March 20, 2008, Donna Hays was asked to step down as Director of the Hampton Cove Owners Association, Inc. We want to assure you that business will continue in the best interest of our area and your investment in the Hampton Cove Owners Association is secure.*

*The Board is presently in the process of assessing procedures and policies and is looking forward to establishing a sound and productive environment in which Hampton Cove can grow and flourish.*

*Please be patient as we move forward and rest assured that your elected Board is looking out for your best interest. Best regards, HCOA Board of Directors*

#### HCOA Board Officers

**Blake Bentley**

President

**Reggie Spivey**

Vice President

**Brian Monroe**

Secretary/Treasurer

#### HCOA Board Directors:

**Russ Beshirs**

**Diane Harris D'Andrea**

**Kathy Jones**

**Teresa Snyder**

**Jose Sanchez**

**Robert Vigil**

## Broccoli Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 head broccoli
- 6 to 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup raisins, optional
- 8 ounces sharp Cheddar, cut into very small chunks
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Trim off the large leaves from the broccoli stem. Remove the tough stalk at the end and wash broccoli head thoroughly. Cut the head into florets and the stem into bite-size pieces. Place in a large bowl. Add the crumbled bacon, onion, raisins if using, and cheese. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, stirring well. Add to broccoli mixture and toss gently.

Courtesy Paula Deen

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and check  
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