

March 2009

Prepare for Spring Get Ahead

- Clean the dead weeds and foliage out of the beds.
- Start chemical treatment especially for onions and early growing weed grasses. Pulling them works too.
- Remember trash items that do not go in your green garbage can should be put out on Sunday night.
- Get a paint or stain color approved to paint you fence.
- Get any other plans approved for home improvements.

The Mission of the HCOA:

To serve as agents to the Association in the management of its finances, its common properties, and its member compliance with community covenants for the greater good of the community as prescribed by the by-laws of the Association. As volunteer elected officials of the Hampton Cove Community, we shall represent the Community by planning, executing, and monitoring Association activities to ensure that resources are used in the most effective means possible to improve property values, provide fair and consistent enforcement of covenants, mitigate risks to the Association members, and communicate important information with the residents. Our position is one that supports the maintenance of programs and policies that will make our community the community of choice within our market and price range."

The HCOA Board typically meets the third Monday of each month. Due to space limitations, please notify the office if you will be attending. Call 533-6005.

HCOA Staff:

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Assistant Director: Katie Lyles
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Plan Ahead to Improve Your Home

The availability of products and services to modify your home is currently higher than it has been in years. Some Hampton Cove residents are in the position to modify their homes when prices are negotiable and in some cases reasonable. However approval is required for any modifications or additions to the exterior of the home by the HCOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

Please see the covenant Article VI, Section 10 at www.hamptoncove.com. Also, look at the Property Modification Form under the Owners Association on the website: www.hamptoncove.com.

Several homeowners have contacted the HCOA office reporting that some contractors are stating that their work or product is always approved by the ARC. This is not the case. Each submission is reviewed individually.

We are informing homeowners that the requirement to get HCOA approval is the sole responsibility of the homeowner and not their contractor. This responsibility cannot be delegated. We highly recommend that homeowners do not give deposits for products or services before approval is received. Additionally, detailed plans for modifications or additions are also required. Insufficient plans will not be reviewed. Read the requirements on the Property Modification Form thoroughly before submitting.

Community Yard Sale

Dates

Sat. May 2nd

Sat. Sept. 12th

8am-1pm

The timing has changed because the size of our event now requires a city permit.

Hampton Cove Community Clean Up

The Water and Land Committee of the HCOA will organize regular community clean up schedules each year.

*Watch for more information regarding the community clean up scheduled for the week of **April 4th through 11th, 2009.***

Your family or organization can participate.

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HCOA Involvement

The Board of Directors for the Hampton Cove Owners Association has Committees to oversee the entire operation of the Association. This is a New Year and a New Board, and we are asking YOU to get involved and to volunteer to participate on a Committee. While extensive expertise is not required, it is advantageous in some areas. Having time to invest and availability is also necessary. Innovative methods of addressing the many challenges of operating a community of nearly two thousand (2000) homes. This experience would benefit you by giving you a clearer insight in the workings of the Association and the qualifications needed to run for the Board of Directors.

The current Committees are the Architectural Review, Finance and Long Range Planning, Operations Review, and Water and Land Management.

Here is a brief description of the committees. If any fit your particular area of interest, experience or desire for growth contact information is at the end of the article.

Architectural Review

The Committee reads modification and construction plans submitted by homeowners. They conduct site visits and inspections. They are responsible for the development and writing and executing of community wide standards as outlined by the covenant. They assure that all construction activities meet the standards of the Covenant and the specifications required.

Finance and Long Range Planning

This Committee ensures the accuracy of the financial reports. They also establish how to fund and distribute the Capital Reserve. They review funding for short and long term projects. They develop and document long term plans. An inventory of equipment, property, assets, buildings, and trees/shrubbery is created and maintained. The location, plan, and acquisition of a permanent office for the HCOA are under their authority. They will develop a plan for the long term maintenance and improvement of Hampton Cove.

Operations Review

This Committee is concerned with the daily business operation processes. They are responsible for the policy manual and the documentation of new and modified policies. Oversight of liens, compliance processes, contracts, and operations guidelines are reviewed.

Water and Land Management

This committee seeks to monitor, preserve and improve the quality of the waterways and common areas in Hampton Cove. They develop land and lake projects such as seawalls, parks, water treatments, drainage and cleanups. If you are interested email me at robert@hamptoncove.com. I will be glad to discuss your interest and the needs of the community. Thanks.

Robert D. Vigil, Vice President

Annual Dues



If you have not paid your annual dues to the HCOA the matter has been turned over to the HCOA attorneys and a lien will be filed on your property. This will increase the amount due because legal fees, late fees and interest will be applied.

Resolving a lien usually cost the homeowner over \$600.

Recycle Centers

At the following locations you can recycle additional items that cannot be put in the recycling bins:



**Berkley Club at
1617 Old 431 Highway,
Owens Cross Roads
(256-776-0108)**

This facility is located just minutes from Hampton Cove, past the ball fields but before Christian Road.

**Allied Waste Recyclery at
1004 A Cleaner Way,
Huntsville (256-830-2467)**

This facility is located off Triana Boulevard SW, just past Johnson Road and behind Huntsville Animal Services.

Stay Informed

Use the code on your address label to login to the Bulletin Board at www.hamptoncove.com and get news quickly. Check each category for resident postings and HCOA postings, and other news.

**Mailbox Installation,
Maintenance and Repair**

Mashburn and Company

931-433-2357

Garden Club Information

March 19, 2009

Social Time 9am

Meeting & Program 9:30-11:00

Where: Hampton House Speaker:

Julia Sutton from the Huntsville Camellia Society Program: **All about Camellia's** Julia will speak to us and also give a slide presentation on this Official Alabama State Flower. This will also be the club horticulture report for the study about Alabama.

April 16, 2009

Social Time 9am

Meeting & Program 9:30-11:00

Where: Timber's Edge Ranch Condo's

Club House Speakers: Lucile Adams, Benita Hines, Sherry Carroll and Helen Lamar Program: **Flower Arrangements for Any Occasion** These talented ladies will show us the art of making simple but beautiful flower arrangements for our homes. Using flowers and greenery from our own yards we will learn how to successfully make arrangements for any oc-

casation. Materials needed TBA.

May 21, 2009

Where: 2906 Honors Row Way

10:00am Social Time

Meeting. 11:15am Lunch

Program: **Bring a Salad to Share Luncheon** A great time with great people

and great food in a great atmosphere- what more could you ask for? Bring a salad to share (along with the recipe) and join us as we install our new officers and celebrate another special year together.

For more garden club info call or email Frankie Black @ 534-4086, rob-frankenick@hotmail.com or Kathy Jones @ 539-1922, kathy@hamptoncove.com



Spring Break

Exercise caution and drive slowly, children will be playing.

March 16-March 20

Pets, Pets, Pets

It is important for dog owners to determine why their dog is barking. Is it genetically prone to barking as most herding dogs are? Is it bored? Lonely? Is the barking stimulated by territorial disputes? Is your dog afraid? If you know why your dog is barking, then it is much easier to know how to resolve the problem. Your veterinarian or a pet behaviorist may be necessary to help you make this diagnosis and develop a plan of action.

For more information: Huntsville Animal Services
http://www.hsvcity.com/animal/animal_barking_dog.html
Address: 4950 Triana Blvd.

Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 883-3782
Dispatch: Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 883-3788

Earth Day at the Hays Preserve



The Hays Nature Preserve will host the 39th Annual Earth Day Celebration April 18th

from 10-3 p.m. with a birding hike at 7:30 a.m. with John Ehinger, a reptile show at 10 a.m. and a special native mammal presentation at 11:30. At 1:30 the Alabama Wildlife Center will release a rehabilitated raptor. This is a family friendly event sponsored by the Friends of the Preserve and Sanctuary and Operation Green Team. Each year we have had the luck of having wild animals that have been rescued or born in captivity for each child to appreciate. Earth Friendly vendors and conservation exhibitors will be under a natural canopy of trees by the Flint River, and food will be available courtesy of one of our Eagle Scout candidates. Nature hikes for all ages will seek out the wildlife haunts in the Preserve and the Sanctuary. Please join us! Our long range goal is to bring children and their families back to nature at the Watershed and Wetland Education Center on the Flint River, and their own sense of environmental stewardship will follow them through their lives.

Call 427-5116 for more information.