

Use the following addresses to email us with your questions and concerns:

complaints@hamptoncove.com

— to register a complaint

cindy@hamptoncove.com —

regarding general HCOA issues, common ground and finances

tracey@hamptoncove.com —

regarding violation notices and architectural standards

frontdesk@hamptoncove.com —

regarding payment of annual dues and lawn care fees

Community Watch Program

Some residents have indicated interest in serving the neighborhood through an organized community watch program. If you are interested in committing to this project please contact Lane Wilson at lane@hamptoncove.com. Lane is a member of the HCOA Board of Directors, and he will organize a group of coordinators to work with Huntsville Police. Additional information will be provided at the annual meeting Dec 13.

What is community watch?

Community watch is a group of

concerned, responsible citizens working together to provide greater peace of mind and freedom from criminal activity. It is NOT a vigilante group.

The groups serve as the eyes and ears of the police department. Neighbors volunteer time and talent to aid in early detection and reporting of suspicious activity. The goals of the program are improved safety, security and crime prevention through timely reporting to local law enforcement.

HCOA Office

is located in Suite F of the Hampton Town Centre at 180 Old Highway 431. This is the complex behind Publix. Look for HCOA in large green letters.

Phone: 256-533-6005

Fax: 256-533-6259

The HCOA Board of Directors meets the fourth Monday of each month. Please notify the office if you plan to attend. The annual meeting on Dec. 13 will serve as December's board meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 24.

Annual Meeting

The date for the annual meeting has been changed to Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Hampton House Community Room. Current HCOA Board members will be introduced at this time.

December 2010



A view of Hauns Lake shows the nuisance vegetation that threatened to overtake the lake before the restoration project began.

Hauns Lake Restoration

HCOA board member Robert Vigil oversaw the completion of a major effort in Hampton Cove this summer and fall with the restoration of Hauns Lake, which borders the communities of Lake Pointe, Sussex Quarter and Mallard's Landing. Robert reports on the project:

The Hauns Lake Restoration Project was undertaken to achieve three goals:

- Restore the storm water retention capacity of the lake to sustain a 10-year rainfall
- Remove aquatic nuisance vegetation from the north end and shores
- Improve the recreational and natural activities at the lake

The project was originally designed to:

- Drain the lake to allow for excavation and drying of silt
- Clear the unmanageable vegetation from the northeast end of the lake

- Excavate approximately 7,500 cubic yards of silt and debris
- Double the size of the overflow box to improve drainage

The work was performed by Rox Plus with minimal disturbance to the surrounding communities and the existing trees and common grounds.

The project went well enough that the HCOA Board of Directors approved the excavation of the south end of the lake, the completion of the sidewalk on the east side of the lake and the installation of two 24-inch culverts in the worst-eroded inlets. Three previously unknown inlets were also discovered and cleared.

In all, over 5,000 linear feet and 15,000 cubic yards were excavated with a two-foot child-proof shelf and a four-foot fishing shelf.

The entire project was completed in approximately three months from draining the lake until the final landscaping is completed.

Midnight Run

Start off the new year in a healthy way and help your community at the same time by joining in the Terrame New Year's Eve Midnight Run at John Hunt Park and the Jaycee Building.

The 5K race and 1K fun run are being organized by Operation Green Team and Terrame Day Spa as a fundraiser for Hays Nature Preserve. Proceeds from the event will help create a 5-acre sunflower field and a handicap-accessible natural playground with a treehouse, fort and areas where kids can explore the woods and learn about native animals.

The event starts at 10 p.m. and includes live music by the Brent Morgan Band, food, snacks and drinks provided by local compa-



nies, and children's activities.

The 5K starts at 11:30 p.m. on a luminary-lined course that winds past Joe Davis Stadium, the Jay-

cee Building, under the Airport Road overpass to the city tennis center and back again. Runners will try to finish the race in time to see a fireworks display at midnight.

All runners will receive a T-shirt, an inaugural ornament and about \$500 in services and discounts from local merchants.

Registration is \$50 for adults and \$30 for kids 14 and younger. After Dec. 19, the price will increase to \$60 and \$35. Register for the race online at huntsvillemidnightrun.com.

Participation in the New Year's Eve midnight festivities is not limited to runners. Tickets to the event without entry to the race are \$30 at the door.

What's Your Pet Saying?

Judging from the number of calls to the HCOA office, the canine members of our community are making themselves heard — and not in a good way.

Dog owners, remember that early-morning, late-night and persistent barking is a nuisance. If your dog has a lot to say, please allow him to say it inside your house. Another option is to invest in a barking collar. Provide the attention your pet needs to prevent him or her from being the talk of the neighborhood.

To report ongoing animal issues, call the City of Huntsville Animal Control at 256-883-3788.



Covenant Corner

Article VI. Section 15.

Clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, etc. All clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment, air conditioning compressors and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate.

Calcium in Your Water

Several customers from the Hampton Cove area have contacted Huntsville Utilities with concerns about the amount of calcium that is present in their water.

The calcium in our water is a result of ground water being drawn from limestone aquifers and solution cavities in the area. The amount of calcium in the water being served to the Hampton Cove area is not a health hazard and poses no threat or adverse health effects. Calcium is a dietary requirement for humans and is required for bone and teeth structure. In fact, the National Research Council states that water containing calcium actually contributes a small amount toward total human dietary needs.

Huntsville Utilities recently completed a new transmission pipeline into the Hampton Cove area along U.S. 72. This additional transmission main was necessary for additional capacity and water availability in this area, which is the fastest growing area we serve. The water being supplied through this new line is from our Lincoln-Dallas Water Treatment Plant, which is a groundwater source and has a higher naturally occurring amount of calcium than that which has historically been supplied to the Hampton Cove area. This was necessary to meet the increasing water demand in the area and ensure water availability. Also, it only serves as a supplemental supply and will not be the sole source of water for that area. The new

water transmission main also serves as an alternate supply in the event of an emergency.

Calcium deposits are often the result of the dissolved calcium in the water returning to a solid state when heated — such as from water heaters, dishwashers and coffee pots. While dealing with (calcium) hard water in our homes can be a nuisance, there are some tips that can make cleaning the white deposits easier. Lowering the temperature of your water heater and, if possible, your dishwasher can help to reduce the amount of residue formed by hard water. Also, distilled vinegar mixed one to one with water or citric acid is effective at dissolving deposits on faucets, appliances, cookware, etc. This vinegar and water solution can also be used in coffee makers and can be used to soak drinking glasses to remove any film that might be present. There are also commercial products available that work very well to remove hard water spots and buildup. Water softening systems are also available to prevent hard water inconveniences.

Huntsville Utilities wants to assure you that we are concerned about the safety of the water you drink and hopes this letter helps to explain the situation. If you have any further questions, the Huntsville Utilities Water Quality Lab can be reached between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 256-650-6374.

— Provided by Huntsville Utilities

Luminary Night

\$10 per kit

Presented by

The Hampton Cove Garden Club

Sunday, Dec. 12

Rain Date: Dec. 17

4:30 until 10 p.m.

Profits will go to the beautification of Hampton Cove and to local charities.

Please consider an extra donation to support the placement of luminaries for the common areas.

Recruit a neighbor to put out your kit if you will be out of town.

Questions? Contact

Kathy Jones at 256-683-8365 or easternshore@comcast.net.

Check out The Hampton Cove Garden Club online at web.me.com/kathyj4/HCGC/Welcome.html

Please cut out and mail the order form below with a check (make payable to HCGC) to Marcia Miller, 2820 Eastern Shore Drive Hampton Cove, AL 35763

Name _____

Neighborhood (example: Arbor Woods) _____

Address _____

No. of kits _____

Cost for kits \$ _____

Donation for common areas:
\$ _____