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## 2010 Annual Dues

are \$355.00 Due January 1, 2010

\$100 penalty if received after January 31, 2010

## The HCOA Office

*The HCOA office has moved to Hampton Town Centre, at 180 Old Highway 431. This is the complex located right behind Publix, in Suite F. Look for HCOA in large green letters.*

*Phone number the same: 256-533-6005*

*New fax number: 256-533-6259*

**In 2010 the HCOA Board will meet the last Monday of each month. Due to space limitations, please notify the office if you will be attending. Call 533-6005.**

**Next meeting– Feb. 22nd.**

## The Waterfall and a Winter Wonderland

What a winter in Hampton Cove! The waterfall is not operational but the lakes are full of ice. Some Hampton Cove residents are accustomed to seeing the waterfall out of operation from time to time. This current operational failure has extended for several weeks. During these weeks the Board has had several diagnostic items executed.

An engineering study has been conducted by a local geo tech firm to assist in identifying areas of repair for the different pools that make up the waterfall. A new screen has been made to filter water entering the pumps and a break in the pump lines will soon be repaired.

While these items are being accomplished, the next strategy is to find and repair the water leak to stop the water loss. We hope to have the waterfall fully operational in the next 30 to 60 days, but it may be closed again this year for additional maintenance. The community has been very patient with this process and the board requests that you continue to bear with us as we enter 2010.

We are also experiencing one of the coldest winters since the 1940's. During the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> we saw sub-freezing temperatures and the formation of ice on the lakes. While this produced some Kodak moments around the neighborhood, some residents chose to walk, skate, or bicycle on the treacherous ice.

The Association would like to raise the awareness of the dangers of venturing out on thin ice and not taking suitable precautions to avoid hypothermia or possible drowning.

Recent events in Georgia and Northwest Alabama have resulted in the deaths of youngsters breaking thru the ice and drowning. We would like to remind everyone that going onto the lake when it is frozen is similar to swimming in the lake when it is not frozen. It is not permitted and not safe. Even with precautions being taken, the possibility of reaching or rescuing someone in the freezing water is almost non-existent.

Hampton Cove has seven lakes which we use for recreational activities. We wish to alert parents and adults to be on guard about water and ice safety and instruct our youngsters about the hazards of risky actions.

Time to pay

HCOA

Dues

Please pay by January 31st to avoid a \$100 late fee. A secure mail slot is in the door at our new office location at Hampton Town Centre, Suite F, on the Bypass.

Jan. 2010

## 2009 Plans and Results

- **Plan:** Increase implementation of wildlife management plan for over-population of muskrats. **Result:** HCOA employed two contractors that minimally impacted population. We are reassessing our approach.
- **Plan:** Assess and implement landscape replacement in several overgrown areas. **Result:** Deford Mill Estates: removed overgrowth and replanted. Cumberland Cove: Moved stone sign to improve visibility and planted area to enhance entrance.
- **Plan:** Eastern Shore/Bypass/Stone Leigh and Glen Eagles median landscaping plan to be completed. **Result:** \$14.5 K investment from Eastern Shore second entrance to Oakleigh. Removal and replanting of Mill Run Medians- \$30K project.
- **Plan:** Conduct Long-Range Planning, Capital Fund and Operating Reserve. **Result of Survey:** Resident's top three interests were: 1. Care and maintenance of common grounds and waterways, 2. Covenant enforcement, 3. New projects that improve the community.
- **Plan:** Collect engineering plan for improving water level in Twelve Stones Lake. **Result:** The abundance of rain has filled the lake although no engineering plan was implemented. A Twelve Stones committee of volunteers did some work on the spillway and the Board committed funds to execute esthetic improvements which will be completed soon.
- **Plan:** Enhance lake management chemical plan to avoid excessive growth. **Result:** Additional treatments were added in 2009, but found to be inadequate. A complete contract is under negotiation for 2010 to treat: Whip-poorwill, Hauns, Twelve Stones, Whistler and Wren for excessive growth.
- **Plan:** Evaluate impact of water loss on waterfall and solicit engineering plans to solve the loss and repair current damage. **Result:** A study was conducted by OMI and the results were presented last week. Evaluation of cost to repair water leakage and a priority action plan is underway. This is a complex issue and will probably take several years to complete.



Decorations should be taken down and stored away each year by January 15th.

consider this your post card-you know who you are. 😊

### Making Property Modifications?

Homeowners are responsible for getting approval for modifications to their homes. This may not be delegated to a contractor. Homeowners must sign all documentation and submissions to the HCOA and be certain of approval prior to executing work at their homes.

Plan ahead and remember, the covenant allows the HCOA 45 days to respond to all submissions. Few, if any submissions can be approved immediately by the HCOA staff. So again, plan ahead to allow for allotted time. Log on to [www.hamptoncove.com](http://www.hamptoncove.com) for a property modification form.

#### **ATTENTION!**

**If you are thinking of painting your brick house (painting over the brick) the color MUST be approved first or you may find yourself re-painting it. Save yourself the hassle, get approval first!!**

## Notes of Gratitude

On September 8, while we were on vacation, our Hampton Cove home was completely destroyed by fire. When we returned we learned that several of our neighbors, friends and even people we had never met spent the days following the fire picking through the rubble and extracting everything that could be saved.

It is difficult to find words to adequately describe how grateful we are for the outpouring of caring and support we have experienced during this difficult time. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful, supportive community. Thank you all so much for everything you have done.  
Sincerely,

Chris and Terry Roal  
2906 Allen Ben Rd. S.E.

### From the Garden Club

The Hampton Cove Garden Club would like to thank our residents for participating in "Luminary Night in Hampton Cove". Even though the weather tried to scare us with fog, we were still able to have a beautiful night here in our community.

A special thanks to all the area captains for making sure everyone in the neighborhood received their luminary kits. We would also like to thank Dr. Debi Edwards, principal, and all the students of Hampton Cove Middle School for bagging the sand for us. What a big help that was for our club.

We are beginning to look at possible projects to do in both Hampton Cove and at the schools. If you have a suggestion, please let us hear from you by emailing Kathy Jones, [easternshore@comcast.net](mailto:easternshore@comcast.net) Any suggestions you may have to make the luminary night even better would also be appreciated. If you are interested in helping with the luminaries next year, contact us using the email listed above.

The Hampton Cove Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of the month, August through May. We welcome visitors and those seeking to be a part of a fast growing, enthusiastic, accomplished club. We are more than a bunch of pretty faces. We get things done. Come grow with us. For more information, call Kathy Jones at 683.8365.

## Hampton Cove Playgroup

We're Back!!!!

The Hampton Cove Playgroup meets the first and third Friday of every month. The group gathers at a different member's home each time, where moms are able to connect with one another while their children meet new neighborhood friends.

Membership is free and new members are always welcome! Please contact Anita Beatty at 532-5122 for more information.

