

The HCOA Office

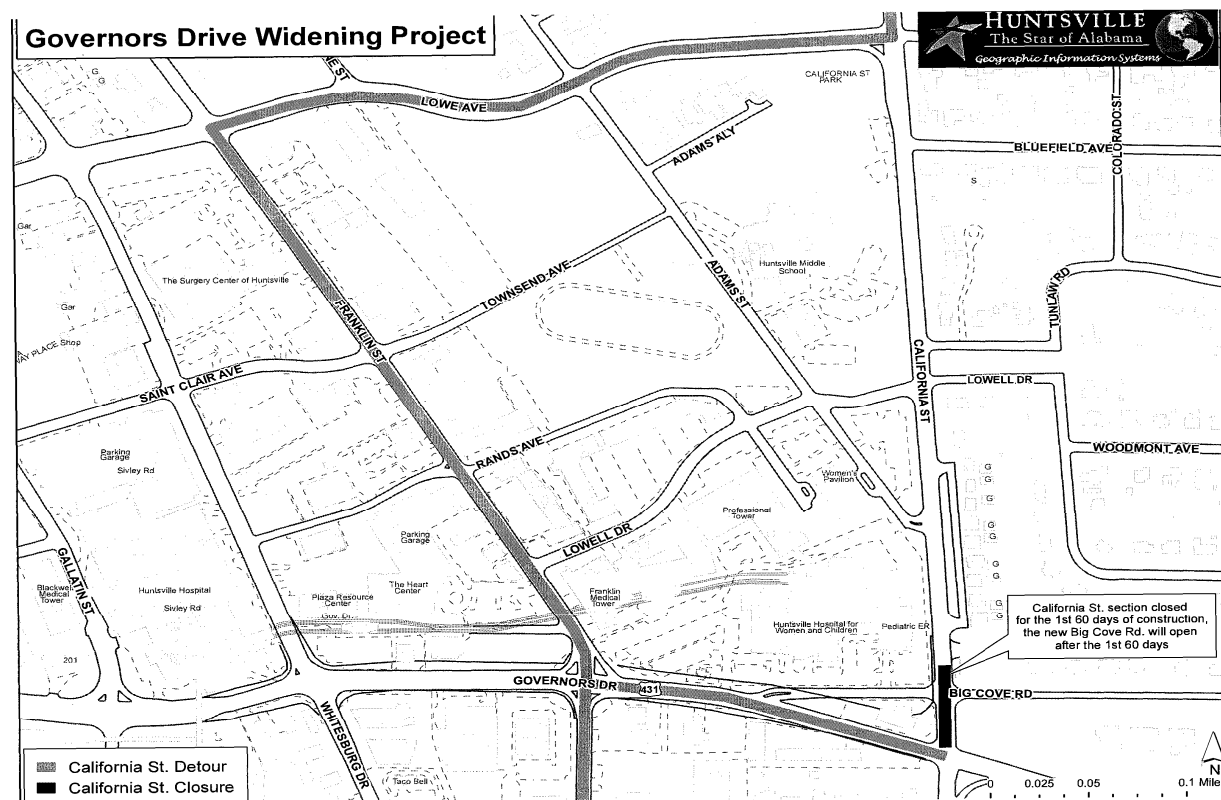
Is located in Hampton Town Centre, at 180 Old Highway 431. This is the complex located right behind Publix, in Suite F. Look for HCOA in large green letters.

Phone number is 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.



Recent Events in the Cove

Few have escaped knowledge of the recent spree of vandalism in the Hampton Cove Community. On Wednesday, June 16, damage totaling more than \$12,000 was carried out against Hampton Cove homeowners. Damage reports were still coming in on Friday and Monday to the Hampton Cove Owners Association and Huntsville Police. The common ground and some entryways were damaged during this time, as well as numerous properties from Deford Mill to Cobblestone Cove.

The Hampton Cove residents were quick to contact police, and several residents reported circumstances that assisted the police in a quick arrest. A Huntsville Utilities employee was in the area working and also alerted police to observations that assisted in their investigation. The quick resolution of this investigation is a credit to the many people who chose to get involved. The community pulled together to assist neighbors and authorities.

The Board of the HCOA encourages neighbors to continue to be hypervigilant regarding vandalism and unlawful behavior in your community. The most productive input always comes from citizens in the area. If you or a neighbor suffered damage on this date you may still make a report to the police at the non-emergency number 256-722-7100.

It is summer and more people are in the neighborhood on a daily basis, especially youth who are out of school, and a variety of summer visitors.

The National Crime Prevention Council has published the following tips for parents:

Know where your children are.

Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.

Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.

Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children go to their home, and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them.

Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.

Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

July 4th Holiday

Remember that Hampton Cove is within the Huntsville City limit, and fireworks are illegal inside the city limit.

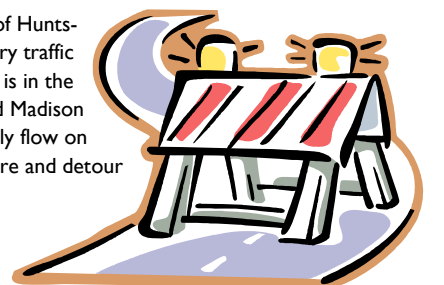


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Governors Drive Update

The second phase of improvements to Governors Drive is well under way. The project involves widening the existing five lanes of Governors Drive to seven lanes from just west of Madison Street up to Bassett Street. The finished product will match the first phase of Governors Drive improvements from just west of Madison Street to Memorial Parkway. Completion of the project is expected to take about 18 months.

To minimize traffic disruptions during construction, the City of Huntsville has rerouted traffic through the area, installed a temporary traffic light at Bassett Street and Governors Drive and has added or is in the process of adding additional northbound lanes on Franklin and Madison streets to handle the excess traffic volume that would normally flow on California Street in that direction. A map illustrating the closure and detour route is included as a part of this mailing (see map on page 4).



FAQ'S and Community-Wide Standards

Information about your community

HOME
COMMUNITY
NEIGHBORHOODS
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
ONLINE DIRECTORY
BULLETIN BOARD
COMMUNITY WIDE STANDARDS
F.A.Q.'s
CONTACT US
MEMBER LOGIN: <input type="text"/> Login

Why did I get a notice to hide my garbage can? It's not on the street. According to covenants garbage cans may not be "seen from the street or neighboring properties." No one wants to see your garbage can; place it in the garage or in an area hidden from surrounding eyes.

I've lived here 15 years. Why do I now have to screen my AC unit? Our community is aging, and the Board of Directors wants to ensure that the aesthetics of the community remain in top shape. The Board wants to ensure that **everyone** is adhering to the covenants, and screening your AC unit is one of them.

Can I have a satellite dish? Although the Restrictive Covenants of Hampton Cove disallow satellite dishes, the FCC overrides our restrictions, therefore allowing them. There are placement restrictions such as they must be attached to the back of your home out of view from the streets and neighboring property. They are not allowed to be placed on stakes or poles. We ask you to be at home when the satellite company is installing the dish to ensure the most discreet location is used.

What process must I go through to make changes to the exterior of my home? All changes to the exterior of your home must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for approval. A copy of the Property Modification Form is available at www.hamptoncove.com under the Owners Association tab. Approval is not necessary to replace and repair any existing structure to its original state

(i.e. repainting your house trim the original color). The covenants allow up to 45 days for processing, so plan in advance!

Can I have a play structure in my back yard? The Board has chosen to allow play structures no more than 14 feet high in your back yard. They must be located beyond the most rear dwelling and behind your house.

Can I have a shed/storage unit in my back yard? Sheds and storage units of any type are not allowed in Hampton Cove.

What about an outdoor fireplace? These must be approved by the ARC. The Property Modification form is available online.

Can I have a POD or other type of temporary storage unit? You may have a POD for no more than one week (seven days) twice a year. You must contact our office at least 24 hours in advance and let us know when it will be dropped off and when it will be removed. For extenuating circumstances (flooded house, etc.) call us at the office, and we will work with you.

What type of fencing can I erect in my backyard? All changes to the exterior must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for approval, including the installation of any fence. There are different requirements depending on the neighborhood you live in. Cobblestone Cove, Twelve Stones and Flint Mill have a separate form from the rest of the communities. The lawn care communities - Eastern Shore, Stoneleigh Terrace, and Mallard's Landing - all have specific fencing guidelines. No chain link or vinyl fencing is allowed in Hampton Cove. You can find the applicable form online at www.hamptoncove.com under the Owners Association tab.

Do I have to paint my fence? All fences in Hampton Cove must be painted or stained. Unless you are painting your fence the same color as your trim, you must submit your color choice to the HCOA office for approval. You may also repaint the original color without approval.

Do I have to maintain the area behind my fence? Unless the land is owned by the City of Huntsville or the Hampton Cove Owners Association, the area behind your fence is your responsibility and must be properly maintained.

Can I place a sign in my front yard? Signs need approval from the ARC before being posted in your front yard or any other portion of the Community. The Covenant allows for one standard-size real estate sign per yard. In reference to political signs, you may erect ONE political sign per yard.

Who can fish in the Hampton Cove lakes? Hampton Cove members and their guests may fish in the Hampton Cove lakes with the appropriate fishing license.

For a complete list, go to the Community Wide Standards button and FAQs at www.hamptoncove.com

Fire Hydrants

A message from our local fire station:

Fire hydrants must be kept free and clear of long grass, shrubs, flowers, etc. for a minimum of 30 inches around the hydrant. Please make sure that if you have one on your property it remains clear of obstacles. The fire department has



commented that if hydrants are not clear the department will come in and clear the area and possibly issue citations. And please do not paint hydrants; they are painted specific colors for a reason.

Please prune any hydrant on your property by Sept. 1, 2010, to avoid having it pruned by the fire department.

From the Garden Club

Garden Tips of the Month

- Prune spring flowering plants after they bloom.
- Deadhead bearded iris after blooming so energy isn't wasted on seed production.
- Watch for slugs, aphids, and Japanese beetles. Consult with local nurseries for methods to control.
- Plant heat-loving annuals such as periwinkle, coleus, begonias and lantana. Summer bulbs such as caladiums can now be planted.
- Roses: Spray or dust for insects and disease. Use complete fertilizer or special rose food monthly.
- Deadhead annuals regularly to encourage flowering throughout the season.
- Plant container-grown flowers.
- Mulch beds to conserve moisture and to keep the root zone cool. Remember to use brown mulch. No colored mulch should be used.
- Systemic insecticides are good for controlling white flies and lace bugs.
- Keep shrubs and trees properly pruned for good street appeal.



News

If you would like to participate in Garden Club activities, please consider joining the club. Membership dues are \$30 and are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 year.

For more information, please contact Kathy Jones at easternshore@comcast.net.

Flint River Conservation Association

Update your calendars! The FRCA board has put together a synopsis of FRCA's big events for the rest of 2010. More details will be announced closer to each scheduled event via Currents and on our website: flintriverconservation.org. We may add a few more events to the list depending on interest and availability.

Aug. 17 – Regular Meeting

Aug. 28 – Green U

Sept 25 – Splash for Trash Clean Up

Oct. 9 – River Revival

Oct. 19 – Regular Meeting

Dec. 14 – Annual Christmas Party

Flags

Why was my request for a flag pole denied?

The Community Wide Standards state that no flagpole structure will be approved. A flag may be placed on the front/side of your house (see example below). If you had a flag pole structure before the CWS was developed, you may be asked to remove it, and if it becomes a maintenance issue you **will** be asked to remove it.



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