

## **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

Fax number: 256-533-6259

**In 2010 the HCOA Board will meet the fourth Monday of each month.**

**Due to space limitations, please notify the office if you will be attending. Call 533-6005.**

## **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."*

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

candidate@hamptoncove.com - to nominate and submit bio to run for the board

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

## **Serve Your Community on the Board of Directors**

Are you looking for a way to contribute to your community? Do you have great ideas on the direction you think the community should go? Have you lived here many years or just a few? We need you to help us. The HCOA is looking for people to run for election to the Board of Directors. We want people who want to work hard to protect their investment ... their home.

The time investment is several hours a month for a monthly board meeting and committee meetings. We are looking for people who have many different areas of expertise. We welcome you to run for election.

For the year 2011, there will be four director positions open on the Hampton Cove Owners Association Board of Directors. Five current members have another year to serve. Elections will be held in November for the open seats.

All you need to do is submit a short bio to the nominating committee by Oct. 25, and plan to attend the board meeting that night. Candidates must be in good standing with the HCOA. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact us at 256-533-6005 or email us at candidate@hamptoncove.com. We would love to talk to you and answer any questions you might have.

### **Eastern Bypass Update**

Construction continues on the Eastern Bypass, with work now in the final phase. We'll keep you updated with information on the progress as we receive it. Please be cautious and drive slowly through the construction area.



*September 2010*

## Traffic Plan for September 11th Yard Sale

The following traffic plan will be implemented for the community-wide yard sale on Sept. 11. The Huntsville Police Department will create one-way streets in Deford Mill, Deford Mill Estates, Treyburne and Hampton Cove Estates. All traffic on Deford Mill Road and Whistler Lane will be one-way in a west-bound direction. Traffic will exit Deford Mill either by Audubon Lane (to the south) or northward on Featherstone Lane from Deford Mill Estates. Traffic entering Treyburne will be one-way westward on Treyburne Drive and then proceed onto Tantallon Drive to merge with the traffic on Audubon Drive. Traffic on Oakleigh Lane will be one-way. Police officers will be stationed at the busiest intersections, and others will patrol throughout Hampton Cove. Traffic direction signs will also be posted throughout these communities.

## Check Your Sprinklers

Please take the time to check your sprinkler heads to assure they are not watering the streets and driveways. Also try to be considerate of children walking to and from school bus stops and keep your sprinkler systems off during these times.



## School Bus Stop Etiquette

Parents, please teach your children to be cognizant and respectful of residents' property while walking/riding to the school bus stop or waiting for the bus. Riding bikes and walking through yards (intentionally or not) should be avoided. Please respect the neighbors whose homes are near school bus stops. Also, please be mindful of the noise level, as not everyone has children of school age or has to get up early in the mornings.



## Vandalism

Please remember to report all vandalism to the non-emergency police number. That number is 256-722-7100. We appreciate your calls to let us know here at the HCOA, but we cannot report vandalism that takes place on your property for you. We do maintain a report of community issues for the HCOA Board of Directors.

## Political Signs

Please remember to keep the number of political signs in your yard to just one. You can alternate them as you wish, but to keep the community looking beautiful, please be mindful of this. Also, remember to remove the signs as soon as the elections are over.

## 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

### Tips for Saving Water

Set up different areas for plants with different water needs. Plant high water plants like annuals in one area so they are easy to water. Drip lines are very helpful with these plants. For very low water plants, a temporary system can be used for the first 8 to 10 weeks. They will probably be established by then. Make a large portion of your plants those that need little watering. Mulching your flower beds and trees helps hold the moisture, prevents weeds, and adds organic matter to the soil. Keep mulch away from tree trunks and plant stems. Putting mulch too close to the trunk of a tree could cause it to rot. Apply 3 inches of mulch on top of the soil after planting. Water your plants only when they are thirsty. Create shade. Shady areas can be 20 degrees cooler than sunny spots. Plants need MUCH less water in shade than in sun. Use drip irrigation where possible. Plant shrubs and trees in the fall rather than spring or summer. Fertilize correctly. Over fertilization causes plants to either get sick or go into

hypergrowth, using more water than they need. Use slow-release fertilizers so plants get a steady dose of plant food.

*From Easy Gardens for the South, Harvey Cotten, Pamela Crawford, & Barbara Pleasant, 2009*

The first 2010 – 2011 meeting of the Hampton Cove Garden Club will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Hampton House. We invite anyone who would like to learn more about gardening to come join us.

Please put Luminary Night in Hampton Cove on your calendar for Dec. 12. Let's make it another beautiful

night in our community.

For more information about the HC Garden Club, please email Kathy Jones: 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.

Sept. 25 – Splash for Trash Clean Up

Oct. 9 – River Revival

Oct. 19 – Regular Meeting

Dec. 14 – Annual Christmas Party

## Covenant Corner

### YARD TRASH

To keep our streets looking nice, please remember not to put out trash bags and yard waste (tree and shrub pruning, heavy residence trash, etc.) until the evening before it is to be picked up (Monday or Tuesday depending on where you live).

Thanks for making Hampton Cove a beautiful place to live.

## Save the date

A White Linen & Wine fundraiser to benefit The Russel Hill Cancer Foundation will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Nov. 20 at Clearview Cancer Institute. Activities include a high-end wine tasting, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and live music by Juice. The evening is a celebration of Brian Rogers and Russell Brown. Dress is white linen or dressy casual attire. Tickets are available online at [www.russelhill.org](http://www.russelhill.org), at Tortora's in Hampton Cove and at other local shops and businesses.