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September/October 2005

Madison County Heritage Festival

The Madison County heritage Festival will take place **October 8-9, 2005**, at the **Hays Nature Preserve**. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and will include storytellers, genealogists, music, dancing, and exhibitors. Exhibitors will be selling books, souvenirs, and food.

Saturday, October 8th there will be four main areas of interest: Exhibits, Speakers, Performing Art, and Vendors. On Sunday, October 9th, there will be field trips to local historical sites. Sunday tours are \$5 per person and will begin at 1 p.m. The tour will last approximately 4 hours and includes transportation. There is a limit of 30 people on the tour.

Dr. John Hall of the Alabama Museum of Natural History will speak about "Alabama History: A Naturalist's Perspective." Dr. Hall will be bringing some of his friends who once frequented Madison County, for hunting, gambling, and horse racing--Andrew Jackson and David Crockett.

Dr. Doug Phillips of Discovering Alabama will celebrate his 20th anniversary of the shows beginnings on Alabama Public Television in a presentation entitled "Alabama's Natural Wonders: Past, Present and Future". Dr. Phillips is doing research for a segment of Discovering Alabama on the Flint River. Parts of the Heritage Festival will be filmed for use in the program.

Linda Wright Riley, Author of "Lost Writings of Howard Weeden" as "Flake White" will have a behind the scenes presentation about finding the lost writings. Ms. Riley will take on the persona of Howard Weeden, and will do readings from "Lost Writings, and from Shadows on the Wall: The Life and Works of Howard Weeden."

Nancy Rohr will capture the spirit of a colorful local lady in the "Uncivil War in Madison County 1862-1865: The Lives and Times of Mary Jane Chadick". Indeed she will portray the feisty Lady Chadick herself. Ms. Rohr's brilliant talk about the struggle between north and south in Madison County will be followed by a play entitled, "The Surrender of Bushwhacker Johnston at Trough Springs" written by David Milam. Confederate and Union Soldiers will represent both sides of this historic event which took place on May 11th at Trough Springs on Big Cove Road.

Colonel Given of the Ohio 102nd was a very gracious member of the Union Army, protecting the rag tag rebels during their paroling, from certain elements of the blue coats who might have done it less peaceably. But as the fates would have it, there was much trust and some merriment in the surrender, which took place with a little help from apple brandy. The bands of the 102nd Ohio and the 18th Michigan played "Hail Columbia" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

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**Hampton Cove
Community
Yard Sale**

Oct. 1st

8am to 12noon



Put a white balloon on your mailbox the day of the sale to indicate your participation. See page 4 for Katrina Victim Yard Sale Fundraiser.

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Hampton Cove News

Hampton Cove Garden Club First Meeting

Upcoming Garden Club events:

October 20, 2005- "What is the Hays Nature Preserve?", a presentation by Susan Weber, the manager of the preserve. Where: Cove United Methodist Church, 366 old Highway 431, at 9am-social, 9:30 program and meeting.

November 17, 2005- "Give Thanks" a make-it and take-it hands on floral topiary lead by Kathy Ludwig. Take your creation home with you! Location: To be determined. A small fee for supplies.

For information about Hampton Cove Garden Club meetings, call Marie Hill 534-2050 or Regina Lassiter 534-6299. New members are always welcome!

Prime Timers

Social Group for Hampton Cove residents 50 and above!

October 5th: the first four-some's tee time at 3:24 pm. Prime Time Golf Announcement
No Prizes, no Handicaps, just "Hits and Giggles"

Amateurs – Teal tees
Professional ladies and "girlie men" – White tees
Heavy hitters – Orange tees

Location: Hampton Cove Short Course.

To share giggles, the 19th hole will be at Nikko Japanese Restaurant. For those that do not play, please join us at Nikko around 6:30 pm or so.

For reservations, pairing requests and to reserve your tee time (3:24, 3:32, 3:40 and 3:48 pm), call Ron Hackney or Louise Barlow

at: 519-6968 or e-mail: RonandLu@aol.com or contact Dotty Curran at 533-5497 or email: dottycurran@comcast.net.

day, November 8th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per seat or a maximum of \$20 per family (parents and children).

October 15th:

Canoe Trip on the Elk River on Sat. Oct. 15, 2005. The basic plan is to meet at the Hampton cove Publix parking lot, drive to the river, canoe about 7 miles down the river (with a stop for a picnic lunch) and return to Hampton Cove. Canoes will accommodate two adults.

To be added to the Prime Timers email and announcement list, please email Mary Beth at mbwalker@mindspring.com and put "Prime Timers" in the subject line, contact Dotty Curran at 533-5497 or email: dottycurran@comcast.net.

Hampton Cove Middle School News

The HCMS Community Talent Show is an annual fundraiser for the HCMS Band. PROFESSIONAL Judges selected from a wide range of talent on Wednesday, October 26th. The lineup will be showcased on Tues-

August Yard of the Month Winners:

**Ralph And Sandra Jones
3200 Dry Stone Circle**

**Michael and Selina Thome
2918 Tantallon**

Report Suspicious Activity

ANY suspicious activity observed by residents should be reported the Huntsville Police Department.

All residents should report acts of vandalism to the non-emergency number of the Huntsville Police Department at 722-7100. Even if an act has already occurred, it is advantageous to report it so that a pattern of activity can be documented.

HCOA Board

The Board of the Hampton Cove Owners Association operates on an annual basis and serves from January 1st through December 31st.

Elections are held in the Fall for the board that will take office in January. Six Board members are elected to two year terms and three positions are chosen by the developer each year. The Six elected members have overlapping terms so that 3 seats in the board can change each year.

The nominating committee is still interviewing interested candidates for consideration in the upcoming election. The nominating commit-

tee will provide interested candidates information about the time and commitment required of board members.

In general the committees meet at least monthly as does the board. The HCOA Board meets monthly on the third Monday of each month.

If you are interested in more information, contact the HCOA office at 533-6005.

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A play about the Trail of Tears, will be enacted by Native Americans from the Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes, and several drum, singing and dancing sessions will take place, plus crafts inherited and passed down as part of their culture will be demonstrated. Black history and culture will be featured in exhibits by A&M University and Oakwood University. Also, the little known former tenant farmer community of Berkley will be honored in story and exhibit. and skills demonstrated by

For more information, contact the Hays Nature Preserve at (256) 427-5116. A website is available where you can find more information at www.hsvcity.com and look under "Tourist Info" for the Hays Nature Preserve.

Modifying Your Property? Adding a fence? Altering your landscaping?

You must submit plans prior to the beginning of construction for approval. Check www.hamptoncove.com for a Property Modification Form.

Contact
Donna Hays at HCOA 533-6005

Mail Box Maintenance - Mashburn and Company
931-433-2357

What to do.....

Bridge Club: Hampton Cove has active party and duplicate bridge groups. Anyone interested in playing and/or substituting can contact Angie Arora 534-6829 or Pat Malone at 536-8656.

Dining in Club: The "Dining In Club" meets approximately every 6 weeks. Anyone interested in joining can call Betsy Briley (512-0953) or Sherry Carroll (512-0007)

Garden Club: see side

Prime Timers: An over 50 group that communes in fellowship and friendship, and has fun in wholesome activities without the feeling we need to impress anyone. Please call Dotty Curran, (533-5497) or Mary Beth Walker (536-2683) if interested. We invite you to join us. See below.

Community Bible Study: Call Fran Storey at 539-4131 or Janet Cashion 518-9932.

Moms in Touch: We invite all Moms of Hampton Cove Elementary students to come and pray for them and the school on a weekly basis. Please contact Laura Parris @ 535-2235 for more information.

Motorcycle Club: Anyone interested in forming a motorcycle club in Hampton Cove? Call Tom Norkus— 536-8661 for more information.

Scrap bookers: Scrap bookers meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30pm. A holiday party will be held Dec. 3rd from 5pm to midnight. Call Jerie Harrell at 534-9174 if you would like to reserve a spot.

Children's Playgroup: Come meet other Moms and kids. We get together the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Call Denise Kimmel at 539-7088 if interested.

Seeding and Preparation of Common Ground

Currently the HCOA is in the process of fall grass seeding. Several areas in the community have been prepared for seeding by an application of round up which kills unwanted vegetation. The ground is further prepared by tilling or aerating equipment and seed is then applied giving it the best chance for maximum growth.

This is the time of year to seed your own yard particularly if you have fescue. It is also the time to plant trees. The following information regarding seeding and tree replacement is provided for your convenience.

Type of Seeding:

Some residents choose to use the same type of seed as the common ground. This year the type of seed being used is *Five Star tall fescue*. *Five Star* represents an all star team of the best available varieties of tall fescue. The varieties chosen for Five Star are selected to provide the best possible turf quality under diverse management practices and under different environments.

Tree Replacement:

All homes have requirements regarding the number of trees that are to be in the lawns. Each community has different requirements. Trees that die must be replaced if they are helping you meet the number of trees required for your particular community. Call Donna Hays at 533-6005 if you have questions or email her at donna@hamptoncove.com.

Katrina Relief Project

HCOA Board Action

Two significant actions were taken by the HCOA Board on Monday

In a letter to the Editor, The Heron

Subject : Hampton Cove Fundraisers for NCAC

In early spring, several discussions were begun with NCAC representatives, local business leaders, and community volunteers to review past activities and to refine future plans for NCAC fundraisers at Hampton Cove.

These discussions were supported by several who have been involved in past Home Tours, and were facilitated by Nancy Corbeille and Shirley Logston, chairwoman of the last two Home Tours. There seemed to be a general consensus that interest in supporting the Home Tour had waned over the years, and it was time for a change. Ideas were solicited and the following suggestions seemed possible:

- 1. NCAC solicitation by letter to the community at large. To enhance this idea, there was discussion about recognizing contributions with a yard or mailbox ornament and perhaps hosting a large-donor reception at a Hampton Cove residence.*
- 2. Hampton Cove cookbook. Previous cookbooks*

were very popular and the idea was to publish one again to sell at Hampton Cove functions and local businesses. The sales could be year round. After expenses, the proceeds would go to NCAC.

- 3. Interior Marketplace and The Greenery may want to have a pre-Christmas sale, with a percentage of the proceeds being donated to NCAC.*
- 4. A festival for the children of Hampton Cove that could be a day long activity at the Hampton House, featuring activities to raise money for NCAC.*

As we see summer ending, no firm plans have been developed with and NCAC representatives. We are furnishing this information in the event that any volunteers wish to step forward to refine these ideas and /or implement other NCAC fundraiser activities in the future. It should be noted that all the above efforts were expended prior to the recent newspaper articles about NCAC.

*Shirley Logston
Chair, 2004 Holiday
Home Tour*

*Nancy Corbeille
Chair, 2003 Holiday Home
Tour*

Article V, Section 2. Owner's Maintenance Responsibility.

Each Owner shall maintain or cause to be maintained in a safe, clean and attractive condition all property subject to this Declaration which is owned directly or indirectly by such owner in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. Such maintenance obligation shall include, without limitation, the following:
Prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and waste; lawn mowing on a regular basis; tree and shrub pruning; watering landscaped areas; keeping improvements, exterior lighting, and maintenance facilities in good repair and working order; keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive; keeping driveways in good repair; complying with all governmental health and police requirements; repair of exterior damages to improvements; and, if appli-

cable, striping of parking areas and keeping roads and parking areas in good repair.

As the community ages, residents need to look at whether its time to **clean the roof, repaint the home, etc.** Take a good look at your landscaping, **sometimes shrubs can overtake a home and a good pruning job is not the answer.** You may find the need to replace some old plantings with new shrubbery. If you have a wooden fence, **walk the perimeter of your fence from the outside as well as the inside.** In many cases the backs of fences are in dire need of being painted, but because the homeowners don't see it daily, they simply don't think about the need. If you have a back door neighbor and you are tired of looking at paint peeling off the wood, **mention it to your neighbor.** Like I

say, in many cases they simply have not thought about the project, because they don't see it every day! If you ever have questions don't hesitate to call the office or by email at paige@hamptoncove.com.

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**Future Board Meeting Dates: Oct. 17; Nov. 21, Dec. 19th
Annual Meeting: Dec. 5th. At Hampton Cove Middle School.**

In the HCOA Office:

If you need.....

Architectural review, advice about building "any" structure outside or attached to your home, or landscaping information-
Contact: donna@hamptoncove.com

Questions answered about items related to existing homes like the upkeep of lawns, location of garbage cans, or satellites, or other "use" issues -
Contact: paige@hamptoncove.com.

Questions about publications, content for the newsletter, or services related to Stoneleigh, Mallard's Landing or Eastern Shore-
Contact: cindy@hamptoncove.com.

The Hampton Cove Directory is on line at www.hamptoncove.com and the bulletin board on line has community news of interest to everyone.