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March/April 2006

Earth Day at The Hays Preserve

Earth Day will be celebrated at the Hays Nature Preserve on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an "Early Bird" birding hike set for 7:30 in the morning. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn about planet earth, up close and personal. Live wild animals will be on hand as well as experts to explain why their numbers are declining. Eco-games will be available for children. Exhibits about local issues as well as conservation organizations will be in the cool shade down by the river. There will also be eco-tours led in the Hays Nature Preserve and in the Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary. This event is free, and participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to be enjoyed by the Flint River.

Sale

Start Cleaning Out Your Closets!

Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, April 8

8am to 1pm

Mark your Calendar!

If you are participating place a balloon on your mailbox. The office will place an ad in the Huntsville Times the week prior to the sale.

Mulch Alert!!!!

If you use mulch around your house be very careful about buying mulch this year. After the Hurricane in New Orleans many trees were blown over. These trees were then turned into mulch and the state is trying to get rid of tons and tons of this mulch to any state or company who will come and haul it away. So it will be showing up in home stores at dirt cheap prices with one huge problem; Formosan Termites will be the bonus in many of those bags. New Orleans is one of the few areas in the country where the Formosan Termites have gotten a strong hold and most of the trees blown down were already badly infested with those termites.

Now we may have the worst case of transporting a problem to all parts of the country that we have ever had. These termites can eat a house in no time at all and we have no good control against them, so tell your friends that own homes to avoid cheap mulch and know where it came from.

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<http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/termites>

Read the
Community
Bulletin Board

on

www.hamptoncove.com

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Hampton Cove Garden Club News

On Thursday, March 16, at 2914 Madrey, Lane Suzanne McKinney will present *"Ikebana, The Art of Japanese flower arranging"*. She is a master gardener, and will share how it relates to current floral design within the garden club.

On Thursday, April 20, 2006 at Cove United Methodist Church, Pat Hamilton will present *"It's Not Rocket Science,"* a free flowing interactive program. Pat will provide information on container gardening and proper plant placement. All Meetings start with a 9am social and the presentation starts at 9:30am.

On Sat. May 20, 2006 "Scents of Spring" a Tour of Gardens in Hampton Cove will be presented from 1pm to 5pm. Tickets ar \$10 and this event will go on regardless of the weather. A box lunch will be available at Cove United Methodist Church for
For details about meetings of the Hampton Cove Garden Club or reservations call Marie Hill 534-2050 or Regina Lassiter 534-6299.

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

Prime Timers

Social Group for Hampton Cove residents 50 and above!

The Hampton Cove Prime Timers co-chairs for 2006 are Dotty and Larry Curran and Cherie and Julian Allred. A number of events have already been planned. Anyone interested in joining this group should call Dotty at 533-5497 or Cherie at 534-4861.

IMPORTANT! If you were on the email list last year and your email address has changed, please call Dotty or Cherie with your new email address. Email is our main communication tool, and if we don't have your correct address, you will miss announcements about activities.

For more information call Dotty Curran at 533-5497 or Nancy Corbeille at 532-4038. Complete details will be forwarded to the Prime Timers email list.

Activities at Hays Preserve

For more information, call Ecologist Soos Weber at 427-5116, or go to www.huntsvillepreserves.com

March 25th Nite Ecohike at the Hays Nature Preserve. We meet promptly in the parking lot at 7 p.m. for the 2 mile Ecohike.

Encounter beavers, owls, bioluminescent critters, and constellations on our nite hikes. Free and families are welcome. Call (same number and URL).

For more information, call Ecologist Soos Weber at 427-5116.

Zoning in Huntsville

To learn the zoning classification of a piece of land within Huntsville, call the Planning Division at (256) 427-5100 or the Inspection Division at (256) 427-5331.

For information concerning zoning or zoning variances, or for the current agenda of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, contact the Inspection Division at (256) 427-5331.

Report Suspicious Activity

Unlocked doors and windows, open garage doors, and cars parked on the street, are invitations to criminals and vandals. Pay attention to suspicious noises that occur in the middle of the night. If you have significant reason to believe a crime in progress call 911. Huntsville Police Non-Emergency Number 722-7100.

Keep HCOA Posted

Please keep the HCOA posted if you move, sell your house or rent your house. This allows the HCOA to keep you posted on community events and allows you to receive community publications like the Heron.

An updated electronic directory is also a benefit of keeping the HCOA posted. If you have moved into Hampton Cove in the last twelve months check the label of this publication and see if your name is correct. If it is not correct contact the HCOA office and your file will be updated.

Phone numbers for your home can be listed in the directory or listed with the HCOA office only.

The office would contact you directly if it was a significant issues like the property that was struck by lightning recently.

Please update your information with the HCOA.

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 periodically throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining can call Sherry Taylor (536-8710) 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 Cheri Alred. See below .

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

Letter Regarding Entrance Audubon-Old Hwy. 431

To: HCOA Board and Residents

From: T.J. Lee

Hampton Cove Christian Academy
Owner/Founder

Re: Intended Usage of Property Directly Adjacent to HCCA

The purpose of my letter is to cordially respond to several inquiries I have received over the past few days, and to clear up any misinformation, regarding my wife and I's intended usage of the property directly adjacent to Hampton Cove Christian Academy.

As some of you may know, Hampton Cove Christian Academy purchased this property from John Hays, the developer, 1 ½ years ago. Our concern was then, and still is; "who is going to be HCCA's neighbor?" We calculated that, since C-1 commercial zoning is fairly liberal in what types of business can be built, the only way to ensure any control over this process was to purchase the property ourselves.

Our primary goal was then, and continues to be today, to seek 'family friendly' neighborhood businesses who share our Christian values and who support and cater to this community's families and children.

Although HCCA intends to utilize a portion of this space for expanding HCCA's programs and services, the reality is that it must also pay for itself. I am open as to the types of businesses, retail or destination, but I am highly interested in attracting such as gymnastics/ music/ art studios, tutoring/counseling offices, dentists, doctors clinics, coffee shop/deli etc.

One thing you can be sure of, as you disseminate this information to interested parties is that, like Hampton Cove Christian Academy, this project will be first rate and tastefully done. Our deeded agreement, when the property was purchased from John Hays 1 ½ years ago, set forth certain building restrictions and covenants in keeping with this community's character. It is our full intention of honoring that promise in every way.

Please feel free to distribute this letter, in its entirety, to whomever you wish.

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 special holiday party will be held December 3rd from 5pm to midnight. Call Jeri Harrell at 534-9174 if you would like to reserve a spot at either event.

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.

Put me away... I should not be visible from the street.

**Covenant
Corner**



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 view of neighboring streets and property.



**Visit www.hamptoncove.com
for a full set of
Restrictive Covenants for
Hampton Cove.**

**This is the number one usage
violation in Hampton Cove.**

**Hampton Cove Owners Association 6281 Highway 431 S
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 256-533-6005**

Covenant Corner



Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times, Except during times of ingress and egress from the garage.

No fencing or fencing type barrier shall be erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the community **without the prior written consent** of the board or its designee. No chain link fences will be allowed. Fences should be maintained and painted an approved color.

Fishing is permitted in HCOA lakes so long as a license is obtained from the appropriate governmental authority. **Swimming**, ice skating, and **water skiing shall not be permitted**, except as permitted by the board. Retaining walls and similar structures shall not be installed without the prior written approval of the board or its designee. Boats shall be stored in an enclosed structure only and shall not be left to remain in the water of any lakes unattended.

No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any property. Exterior sculpture, fountains, flags, and similar items must be approved by the board or its designee. **No crushed brick or lava stones** will be permitted.

Except as may be permitted by the board or its designee, **above ground swimming pools shall not be erected.**

For a further list of the covenants related to uses and restrictions go to www.hamptoncove.com and print the covenants.

Supplemental Declarations are available in hard copy in the HCOA office.

To Access The On-Line Directory Or Bulletin Board

1. Log on to www.hamptoncove.com
 2. Click on the Online Directory (or Bulletin Board) link at the top of the screen.
 3. Enter your Lot # from the mailing label of this newsletter.
 4. Enter your house number (street number) and click the "Login" button.
 5. The first time you log in, you will be prompted to enter your own password. We recommend you create a new password.
- In the future, you should use your Lot # and your password to access the Online Directory or Bulletin Board.

(Clip and Save)

Satellites: Do's and Don'ts

- Do place it on the roof.
 - Do consider all the options available to you.
 - Do consult with the HCOA office before installation.
 - Do be present when the company does the installation.
 - Do conceal the satellite from all street visibility.
 - Do chose a satellite that is 18 inches or smaller in diameter.
 - Don't allow the satellite to be visible from the street.
 - Don't place it on the front of the road or house.
- (See "Do" number one)
- Don't place it on a pole/stake in the yard without prior approval and landscape concealment.

Mail Box Maintenance

Mashburn and Company

931-433-2357

(provides the mailboxes, parts and repairs required by the covenant)



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HCOA Board Meetings

Generally scheduled for the 3rd
Monday of each month

March 27th
(due to Spring Break)
April 17th
May 15th

At 6pm

6281 Hwy 431 South,
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

HAMPTON COVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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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: katie@hamptoncove.com.

Questions about publications, content for
 the newsletter, or services related to
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