



The Cove

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Events Committee News



The Events Committee closed out 2022 with one of our signature events, The Festival of Lights. Held over a two-day period, this year's Festival featured several new events.

House Decorating Contest. There were two categories, individual house (10 entries) and group (4 entries). Our judges, Bruce Allen, Arlene Binkowski, and Pam Hester chose the following winners:

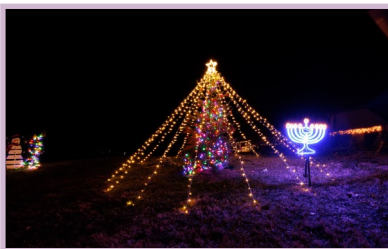
Individual Category: Most Creative- Dave and Eva Holler, Most Whimsical- Jim and Beth Fagan, Best Overall- Paul and Deb Rowe

Group Category: Most Creative- The Cottages at Laurel Ridge, Most Whimsical- Riverview, Best Overall- Triple Fairways

Crafters' Market. Sixteen talented crafters, both groups and individuals, participated this year. A wide variety of crafts were offered, ranging from jewelry to quilted décor pieces to wall art to clothing. Attendance was strong and many participants made generous donations to causes like the Victory Garden (Loose Threads), The Alzheimer's Association (Jill Robbins), and the Salvation Army (Pam Evans). A few of our crafters came to us through Al Vitale's association with the Apple Country Wood Crafters. This group makes and donates toys to underprivileged children in our area and their participation in our event helps support their efforts.



The Cove Tones / Lighting of the Tree. We began Saturday evening with a buffet dinner presented by The Eagle Bar and Grill. Nearly 100 residents joined us for dinner, and many stayed after eating to listen to The Cove Tones serenade us and lead us in some carols. After the Cove Tones, many of our Tesla-owning neighbors had a little surprise for the crowd. They quietly (get it...quietly because they are electric...) gathered along the roadway behind the clubhouse and had their cars play a synchronized version of "Carol of the Bells" complete with flashing lights and dancing mirrors.



Then it was time for the special moment when we light the community Christmas Tree and menorah. Robin led the crowd in a countdown and just like that the holiday season arrived at Cummings Cove.

The festivities continued Sunday with a few new events.

Holiday Cookie Exchange. Twelve bakers gathered and exchanged cookies, recipes, and stories. Delicious samples were enjoyed along with hot cocoa and cider.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. Eight contestants, including one of our youngest residents, created whimsical and intricate gingerbread houses starting with a kit and letting their imaginations run wild from there. Our three judges Lyn Blake, Shauna Bradley (a trained pastry chef), and Bonnie Reuscher surely had a hard time deciding on a winner. In the end they awarded first place to April Bonfanti and Marti Moore, second place to Cher and Hannah Silvius, and third place to The Pazoles Family in the kit with embellishments category. Ava Cara took first place in the kit only category.



Lantern Walk and Social. Sunday evening had two closing events. Robin led a group of walkers from the clubhouse to the Triple Fairways Pavilion for the **Lantern Walk** and **Holiday Social**. Our music staff provided the soundtrack for the Social and two resident volunteers, Cathy MacEwan and Swee Wong led a group in a few line dances set to Christmas music.

The New Year. Looking ahead to 2023, we are planning on introducing some new events to the calendar. Without giving too much away yet, start thinking about unleashing your hidden performer persona in **"Cummings Cove's Got Talent"**! We are thinking of a March date, so you have plenty of time to dust off your tap shoes, take those voice lessons, or recruit a group to perform for us. We will also present our perennial favorites like the **July 4th** games and cart parade and the **Festival of Lights** with a few new twists.

Citizen of the Year—ROBIN VIRBICKIS



Congratulations!! Robin's never-ending energy and enthusiasm for any project before her is amazing. She has exceptional planning and organizational skills. Robin serves our community in so many ways. She is involved in the Social Events Committee, Cummings Cove Cares, Advisory Board of Governors, Design Review Board, Pickleball, and Victory Gardens to name a few. All of her hard work and dedication is one of the reasons this is a great community to live in. We appreciate all you do.

Golf News

New to Cummings Cove and want to join one of our golf leagues?

Our league season runs from mid-April to mid-October and we are always looking for and welcoming new members. If you interested in learning more about our men's and women's golf leagues and how to get involved, please contact the leader directly for the league you are interested in.

League leaders for 2023

Please join us in welcoming our league leaders for the 2023 season

9-hole ladies: Nancy Ciolek (nancyciolek@icloud.com) & Carol Cox (ccox68@gmail.com)

18-hole ladies: Cheryl Kent (cheryl.kent1953@gmail.com)

9-hole men: Doug Thomson (dougthomson99@msn.com)

18-hole men: Mike Herrick (mike.herrick@gmail.com) and Kevin Harrison (Harrison.kevinh@gmail.com)

Save the Dates

March 27-30 – Spring Aeration

April 5 - 9-Hole Women's Opener

April 11 – 18-Hole Women's Opener

April 12 – 18-Hole Men's Opener

April 13 – 9-Hole Men's Opener

April 17 – Member Opening Scramble – 18 Hole event with dinner

Opening Member 18-hole Scramble & Dinner

Our opening 18-hole Member scramble & Dinner will be on Monday, April 17th. These scrambles are a great way to meet other golfers in the community. Many thanks to Mindy and Wayne Schult for running our first event. If you are interested in helping out and co-chairing one of the monthly scrambles, please contact Jane Young (jeyoung2033@gmail.com) or Charlie Hilleboe (chilleboe@aol.com).

League Times-effective April 3rd:

Monday

Men's 18 hole League at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies 9 hole League starts on #7 at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m.

Men's 9 hole League at 9:30 a.m. following the ladies league

Wednesday

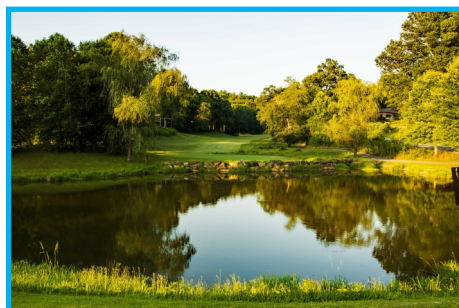
Men's 18 hole League 9:00 a.m.

Ladies 9 hole League 9:00 a.m. off the back 9

Thursday

Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m.

Men's 9 hole League 9:00 a.m. off the back 9



Pickleball News

We are obviously a golf community, but Pickleball? What is Pickleball? For those new to Cummings Cove, Pickleball is a court sport played on a badminton-sized court with the net set to a height of 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic ball and composite or wooden paddles about twice the size of ping-pong paddles. It can be played indoors or outdoors and is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. In addition, the game has developed a passionate following due to its friendly, social nature, and its multi-generational appeal. Pickleball can be played as singles or doubles. New players can learn the basic rules quickly. No special apparel is needed – just something comfortable and appropriate for a court sport. Equipment is inexpensive and easily portable. Watch for announcements this spring for the annual Cummings Cove Introduction to Pickleball event.

Our Pickleball courts are now less crowded than in the summer months. Some of our regulars have headed to warmer weather for the winter, but the dedicated core players continue to take advantage of decent temperatures to enjoy exercise and socialization. This means more playing time and less waiting for an available court! Check out who plans to play using SignUpGenius.



The popular skills and drills sessions have stopped for winter, and everyone is maximizing what they learned. Some of our residents have done extremely well in some local tournaments. Lane and Trang Martin took GOLD at the Hendersonville Country Club round robin on Friday October 14th. (See picture). Neil Londa and his partner Angie Gant took GOLD at the Asheville Racquet Club tournament on Saturday, October 15th. Don Stedman and partner Drew Head took SILVER at the 8th Annual Lake Keowee Classic Pickleball Classic in South Carolina, on October 7th.

Below is a list of several nearby indoor pickleball locations to check out during cold weather.

Henderson County Athletics & Activity Ctr 708 S Grove Street, Hendersonville

See <https://henderson.recdesk.com/Community/Program> for playing schedule. Scroll down list.

Brevard Health and Racquet Club, 1325 N. Country Club Road, Brevard

Sign up for Round Robin play on PickleballDen.com. For full program information, email

ConstantPickleball@gmail.com

Hendersonville Racquet Club, 88 Oak Creek Lane, Hendersonville

See <http://hendersonvillerracquetclub.com> and search for current pickleball information.

If you have any questions about the pickleball play schedule, or how to get involved in this great game, contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com. For pickleball news and hints and tips, log on to the Cummings Cove Pickleball Facebook page.

The Victory Garden, A Story of Love



A few years back Chad & Jeremy sang "A Summer Song", a fine metaphor and love story for the Cove Victory Garden.

While we toiled in the spring preparing the beds and planting seeds and veggies, trees swayed in the breeze. The warm summer nights (and downright hot days!) gave way to growth and abundant produce. We've distributed over 6,400 lbs. to 3 groups: Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry in Etowah, The Sharing House in Brevard, and The Free Clinics in Hendersonville. You don't have love until you give it away. Hundreds of our neighbors benefited from our efforts.

During the seasons of the garden Cove volunteers dedicated themselves to lovingly tending the plants and weeding. It seemed like the kale never stopped growing and giving, the eggplants grew taller than most volunteers and the okra seemed to touch the sky!

All good things must end someday and the garden is entering into its season of rest, and we can dream of seasons to come.



The Kent's Christmas Open House



Bill and Cheryl opened their home to the residents of Cummings Cove to benefit the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. In fact they collected over 332 pounds of food. They greatly appreciated everyone's food donation.

Their home is beautifully decorated and illuminated. Each room has a different theme. Bill and Cheryl's love of family, the holiday season, and their creativity is present throughout their home. Thank you for opening your doors to us and collecting/donating food!



Activities Calendar January, February & March

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Dinner at 5; Game at 6 pm

Hand & Foot: The Sobkoviaks, 595-9579
Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13

Mexican Train: Caryl Mobley, 891-9709
Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27, Dinner at 5; Game at 6 pm

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6

ABOG Meetings:
No meeting in January
February 14 and March 14

CCCA Meetings:
January 17, February 21 and March 21

DRB Meetings:
January 25, February 22 and March 22

Tennis News



Come out to play tennis with the group or practice to improve your game with the ball machine on the hard court. Scheduled weekly tennis will be played on the hard court in the afternoons as the weather permits. The clay courts are closed for the winter season (they will open again in April).

To stay up to date on days and times for organized tennis events contact Craig Swenson at cjswenson123@gmail.com.

For tennis lessons contact Roy Riley at 828-551-1227.

A New Year's Note From Candy...

2023! How many of you are like myself and wonder how is it possibly 2023? Seems like just a matter of moments ago we were celebrating a new millennium and ushering in the year 2000! I vividly remember singing the insanely popular song by Prince about partying like it's 1999! How was that 23 years ago? Life can sneak up on you.... The days move slow, but the years speed by.

I like to view the new year as a clean slate. Personally, I like to set a focus or intention for the upcoming year. I believe what you focus your attention on will grow. Naturally, I really wish that to be true in the summer months when caring for my Cherokee Purple tomato plants! Joking aside, take a moment and ponder your focus for 2023? If, by chance, your focus or intention or resolution (whatever you like to call it) is to get healthier in the upcoming year, the fitness center is an excellent place to start.

We have fitness classes that offer a little something for everyone. Some of our weekly classes include: Strength training, functional fitness, pilates, yoga, chair yoga, and balance work. I am available by email or you can catch me in the gym before or after classes for questions, or to be added to the sign-ups. I love to talk to people about their lifestyle goals as I believe health and happiness go hand in hand! I wish you all a healthy and happy 2023!



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All of us at Cummings Cove Realty wish all of you cherished memories from the 2022 Holiday Season and a most Happy New Year for 2023. We want to thank all those who put their trust in us to sell or purchase property within Cummings Cove this past year. It is our singular mission to serve all our clients in the most knowledgeable, ethical, and successful manner that our years of certified and licensed expertise can provide.

In the past few issues of The Cove, we have highlighted some of the many advantages of using Cummings Cove Realty. Such as, per MLS rules, no other realty firms, as part of their promotional efforts in any MLS Property Listing, are allowed to utilize any of the marketing materials or work product produced by Cummings Cove Company or Realty. No other local firm invests more in continuous local and national promotional marketing for any single community than we do for Cummings Cove, marketing that promotes our client's listings. We also participate in many of our community's charitable efforts because we are the "Home Team". We know Cummings Cove and we are available for on-site assistance 7 days a week. While the other firms just put lock boxes on a door, we attend every showing for our client listings. Escorting showings does solve all the gate code security concerns and community rules of identified gate access. Attending every showing provides us an opportunity to thoroughly promote our listings and the community. We can also promote our firms' listings to everyone who visits our information center. Please understand that unless CC Realty is the listing firm or represents an interested buyer, CC Brokers cannot ethically promote any listing that is not represented by Cummings Cove Realty. We do not identify outside listings on our website, or in our hand out literature packets, or on our welcome center locator map. As required by our license laws, and as ethically should be, we always fully and properly place our client's interest first and foremost. The most expertise, exposure, and opportunity clearly resides with Cummings Cove Realty. If you are thinking about selling your property, give the "Home Team" a call for a free consultation and experience why we are so successful at what we do.

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