



The Cove

January—February—March 2024



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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Festival of Lights Weekend, December 2 & 3:

On Friday, a group of judges toured The Cove and selected their choices for the winners of our decorating contests.

In the individual house decorating: **Most Whimsical:** Rowe, 103 Mountain Sunset Trail; **Most Creative:** Silvius, 246 Mountain Sunset Trail; and **Overall Winner:** Fagan, 1861 Riverview Court.

In the group category: **Most Creative:** Heron Pond; and **Overall Winner:** Riverview Court.

In the mailbox category: **Most Whimsical:** Ockovic, 141 Whistlewood Lane; **Most Creative:** Haymond, 4510 Cove Loop Road; and **Best Overall:** Mobley, 44 S. Crestview Court.



Saturday featured the Crafter's Market. Seventeen crafters, most Cummings Cove residents, offered a wide variety of their work, including jewelry, woodworking, quilting, chocolates, pottery, painting, and home décor items. The market was a huge success with many crafters nearly selling out.

Saturday evening, we enjoyed a buffet meal prepared by Palmers II. Santa Claus made a special appearance, and The Cove Tones lead the room in a series of holiday songs. We then lit the Christmas tree and menorah, officially starting the holiday season.



On Sunday, we enjoyed watching seven entrants complete a gingerbread house kit. The rules were that the kit house we provided had to be included, but then anything could be added as long as it was edible. In three hours, we had seven completed houses to be judged. In the category of "Kit Only" the winners are Fred and Cindy Forrest. In the "Kit plus embellishments" the winners are:

First Place: Cher and Hannah Silvius; **Second Place:** April Bonfanti, Marti Moore, and MaryEllen Terradas; and **Third Place:** Cathy MacEwan.



EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS (continued)

We ended the weekend with a Holiday Social at the Triple Fairways Pavilion with music, dancing, and refreshments.

The Birthday Cake Kit drive was a huge success. Seventy-seven kits were donated and delivered to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at Etowah Methodist Church. Thank you for your generosity.



Once again, the Events Committee thanks all those helpers who stepped forward to help us with this event. From the decorating of the clubhouse and the exterior area of the community, to the setup and breakdown of clubhouse rooms, to the loaning of a wide variety of items like tables and coffee makers, to donations of cookies...the community once again stepped up and helped us make each event something special.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Although summer might be over, there's still lots of pickleball being played in Cummings Cove. When the temperature is below 45 (yes, you'll see players out there) please remember to use the Onyx balls as the Franklin X's crack very easily. The Onyx balls are located in buckets at the lower courts.

The tennis players have priority on the lower courts on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. If they are not planning on using the courts, the courts will be released the day before. See Sign Up Genius for updates.

Information is being gathered and will be shared regarding the possibility of offering additional pickleball training opportunities for Cummings Cove players. This would be provided by an outside training group.

The 3rd Annual Cummings Cove Charity Tournament is scheduled for June 7, 8, and 9, 2024. Look for more information in the coming months. This has been a very successful and fun event in the past, so mark your calendars and plan to participate!

Sign Up Genius is the tool used for scheduling our community pickleball play. Please continue to use SUG to sign up for scheduled play and skills and drills as well as any additional play you organize. If you have questions about the schedule, or how to get involved, contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com.



GOLF MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations Go To....



Cal Violette who had a Hole in One on November 8th on hole number 5!!

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 2024

Please join us in welcoming our league leaders for the 2024 season:

9-hole ladies: Allison Violette (aviolette23@gmail.com) & Michelle Chenard (mjchenard1@gmail.com)

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

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

18-hole men: Cal Violette (calviolette@gmail.com) and Ed Movic (edmovic@msn.com)

Save the Dates

March 25-28 – Spring Aeration

April 3 - 9-Hole Women’s Opener

April 9 – 18-Hole Women’s Opener

April 10 – 18-Hole Men’s Opener

April 11 – 9-Hole Men’s Opener

April 15 – 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 15th. These scrambles are a great way to meet other golfers in the community. If you are interested in helping out and co-chairing one of the monthly scrambles, please contact Jane Young (jeyoung2033@gmail.com) or Keith Stewart (kgstewart295@gmail.com).

League Times—effective April 1st:

Monday	Tuesday
Men’s 18 hole League at 10:00 a.m. Ladies 9 hole League at 11:00 a.m.	Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m. Men’s 9 hole League at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Thursday
Men’s 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m. Ladies 8 hole League at 9:00 a.m. off the back 9	Ladies 18 hole League at 9:00 a.m. Men’s 9 hole League at 9:00 a.m. off the back 9

THE VICTORY GARDEN’S WINTER MUSINGS

The comfort of winter is upon us...homes warmed by the fireplace, sipping hot tea, hot chocolate, wassail, whatever suits us, as we relax and enjoy the comfort of quiet days and nights. It’s the time we reflect on the year past...was it really that hot last year, 2023? It’s amazing that we rose from our sleep so early in the morning excited to pick weeds, watch beans, squash, eggplants and many other veggies grow before our very eyes! Oh, the friends we met and shared time with! Time went by quickly while planting starters and sowing seeds, fertilizing, harvesting, and weeding. Each team excitedly weighed their harvest throughout the season with the knowledge that many lives would be positively touched by this fresh food lovingly grown for them.

The many lessons learned, shared, and discussed...WOW!

Just before Christmas the final tally of our harvests was announced: 9,947 lbs. of vegetables were harvested and shared during the season of 2023! Hearing the news, we all jumped for joy, knowing that we had worked hard, sweated hard, and produced more than any other year. And the winners will always be the clients of the food pantries who receive our fresh and lovely harvests throughout the season.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS! The names and faces of our volunteers may change through the years, but the dedication to serve others, make friends, and laugh a lot together is just one of the many delightful traits of the residents of Cummings Cove! You are welcome to join us! Contact Rod Hansen, Joani Robson, Barbie Fricker or Blue Haymond. For now we are dreaming of spring!



This new VG pergola is a work of love & persistence by our muscle men led by Rod Hansen!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Larry Mobley a/k/a Lightnin’ Larry was named Cummings Cove Citizen of the Year at the annual meeting of the Cummings Cove Community Association followed by a standing ovation. Harry Grymes, Executive Director of Operations presented the award, recognizing Larry's many contributions over the years that has enriched the life of all the residents at Cummings Cove.

NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER

WELCOME 2024!! As we step into the new year, it's the perfect time to embrace positive changes, and what better way than focusing on improved health and fitness! Cummings Cove Fitness Center offers a variety of training equipment as well as fitness classes. Our fitness classes offer a variety of options, such as strength training, yoga, Pilates, balance and mobility work. Check out the link below for the class descriptions and sign up for my newsletter for free wellness tips! If you have any questions, email me at candypricewellness@gmail.com. Make 2024 a great one!!

<https://harvestinghealthandhappiness.com/fitness-classes-sign-ups/cummings-cove-fitness-classes/>

See you at the fitness center! Candy

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 be open again in April or May, depending on when the reconditioning of the courts is completed).

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

OPEN HOUSE



The Annual Christmas Open House at Bill and Cheryl Kent's on Friday evening, December 8 was a community success once again for Cummings Cove. Many new Cove residents as well as established neighbors visited and brought 397 pounds of non perishable food items that were donated to the Etowah Fishes and Loaves Food Bank. It was a time of renewing old relationships and making new friends. Laughter, sweets and wassail were enjoyed while visiting with the Kent's and hearing stories of their families and decorated rooms for Christmas. Thank you again, Cummings Cove for your generosity!



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR JANUARY—MARCH

Euchre: The Howenstine’s 937-470-7796
Jan 15th | Feb 19th | Mar 18th

Hand & Foot: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
Jan 8th | Feb 12th | Mar 11th

Mexican Train: Steve & Mary Culp, 770-329-9975
Maureen Handy & David Martine, 908-319-1738
Jan 22nd | Feb 26th | Mar 25th

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
Feb 5th | Mar 4th



ABOG Meeting:
Jan 9th | Feb 13th | Mar 12th

CCCA Meeting:
Jan 15th | Feb 20th | Mar 19th

DRB Meeting:
Feb 6th | Mar 5th

HONORING CUMMINGS COVE VETERANS



Veterans Day started at the clubhouse to honor our Veterans and their loved ones. Light refreshments and many handshakes, thanks and smiles were shared. Thank you Veterans for your service, as we know...Freedom is not Free!



Loose Threads Quilting group worked all year in the effort to honor our Cummings Cove Veterans. We have included residing Veterans and our Gold Star Veterans whose spouses are residing in the Cove. I would be amiss if I didn't thank all the hands and hearts that made this day a reality. I know I cannot thank everyone, but you know who you are, and I truly believe it takes a



village...and that is what we had. The year began with a list compiled by Dave Taylor and Jerry Moran and from there our Cove Block Captains surveyed their assigned areas and collected further Veteran names to add to the list. That list began the creative portion of the assembly of the blocks by the Cummings Cove Loose Threads group.



Loose Threads honored over 75 veterans in our Cummings Cove Year of the Veteran with personalized blocks to be on display in the Clubhouse foyer wall. The quilt is designed to add and remove blocks as needed. If a veteran relocates from the Cove, they will be able to take their block with them as a remembrance of the appreciation Cummings Cove has for the service they gave to their country. This sacrifice has allowed us to enjoy the freedom that we enjoy in our lives. The quilt will be updated on a timetable of Memorial Day and Veteran Day each year. Please contact kathieyancey@gmail.com as the contact point for this on-going project.



Pictured (L-R): Caryl Mobley, Cindy Salter, Carol Cox, Lori Johnson, Kathie Yancey, Barbara Campbell, Jan Wamsley, Jodi Foster, and Judy Stover). Absent from the picture: Karen Carter, Carol Hindman, Janet Shaver, Jill Robbins.



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REAL ESTATE NEWS



Once again Cummings Cove Realty wishes all of you cherished memories from the 2023 Holiday Season and a most Happy New Year for 2024. We thank all those who put their trust in us to sell or purchase property within Cummings Cove this past year. As of 12/02/23: 14 sold Lot Listings plus 15 sold Residential Properties in 2023. "Days On Market" for all sold residential listings this year was under

15 days. We have great gratitude in serving all those we have had the privilege to help achieve their goals. It's our singular mission to serve all our clients in the most knowledgeable, ethical, and successful manner that our many years of certified and licensed expertise can provide. We customize to do things differently and we do them right! Here are a couple comments from this year's clients:

Email Review 11/01/23- Listing and Sale of 40 N. Cove Summit Drive:

My wife and I couldn't be happier with our experience working with Andrew from the moment we considered selling our property in Cummings Cove until the day we closed. He remained a true business partner from end to end. His thorough approach helped not only as we contemplated the listing but also as we prepared it by providing us with meaningful input about how best to highlight the attributes of our property that would appeal to prospective buyers. He provided us with both market and neighborhood-specific feedback that was practical as well as instrumental in taking our home to close. His approach to presenting and marketing our property truly differentiated itself from nearly all our past home sales experiences. His professional and collaborative guidance along with his management of the sales process all the way to close gave my wife and I a great deal of peace of mind and helped us accomplish our goal of getting a fair price for our home and allowing us to quickly move on to the next phase of our lives. As a result, we have no reservations in recommending Andrew to help sell your property!
Lane & Trang Martin

Email Review 10/13/23- Listing and Dual Agency Sale of 148 Sports Village Drive:

Andrew, now that we are settled in our new home, we wanted to tell you that it was a pleasure to work with you over the course of the last year to find our home in Cummings Cove. You were the consummate professional in every aspect of our home search and purchase. You took time to get to know us and what we were looking for. That, combined with your extensive knowledge of the Cummings Cove Community and Hendersonville, helped us to reach our goal. It is nice to know we will continue to see you around the neighborhood!
Barb & Jesse Roth

