



The Cove

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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS



Memorial Day Celebration, Saturday, May 27: With a rainy day forecast, we sadly had to cancel the Welcome Summer Party we had planned. Wanting to honor the significance of the day, we moved the Veteran's Memorial service earlier in the day. Over 100 residents gathered at the fitness area to commemorate those who died in the service of their country. Led by Kathie Yancey, the Events Committee set up the area with flags and bunting. A Remembrance board featured quilted squares made by Kathie allowed residents to leave a written tribute; many did so. The service included the playing of Taps by Kim Taylor, several passages read by Arlen Wall, singing of patriotic tunes played by Steve Dolan and culminated in a flag retirement service. The flag was retired in accordance with official guidelines which state that the flag shall be burned to ashes and the ashes then buried. Two Cove veterans, Bill Kent and Jerry Moran, honored the flag by bringing it forward and placing it into the fire to be consumed. It was an emotional moment.

Asheville Tourists Game, Sunday, June 4: Seventy-one Cummings Cove residents, family, and friends went to cheer on the Asheville Tourists at McCormick Field. We had the Wicked Weed Pavilion to ourselves and enjoyed a picnic lunch prior to the game. It was a good game for the Tourists as they defeated the Wilmington Blue Rocks 9-6.

July 4th in the Cove: The tradition continues as Cummings Coves celebrates Independence Day with a variety of fun events. The day will start with games for the younger kids at the Sales Center and Pickleball for the older kids on the Pickleball courts at the fitness area. We have a variety of activities for the little ones like bubbles, beanbag toss games, giant jenga, putt-putt, bowling, and hula hoops. Members of the community Pickleball Group will be on the courts providing an introduction to the game for the older kids. These activities take place from 9-10:30 AM. All are welcome and there is no charge.



The evening features two great events. We begin with the Golf Cart Contest and Parade. There will be two categories: Judged and Just for Fun. Guest judges will pick the winners in several categories, and then all the carts will drive among the crowd in the Golf Cart Parade. Once the sun sets, the Cove will explode with fireworks and music. Our resident team has been working hard to get the details in place so they can once again wow us with a wonderful fireworks show. There will be some changes in the location of the show platform this year and there will be some adjustment to the viewing area, so please watch Facebook and email blasts for details.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Pickleball is back in full swing in Cummings Cove! Cove picklers have been busy taking Skills and Drills, and playing morning, afternoon and evening. Players have participated in two tournaments here in the Cove, as well as tournaments on the road.

2ND ANNUAL CUMMINGS COVE CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Robin and Tom Virbickis put together this fantastic 3 day event. The tournament drew players from the Greater Asheville/Hendersonville area, Charlotte, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The Victory Garden was presented with a check for \$5,000 from the proceeds from this event.

The medalists from Cummings Cove were the teams of **Rob Radcliff** and **Gina Howenstine**, winning Silver in the Mixed Doubles 3.0, **Neil Londa** and Jaynie Tank-Dillingham won Silver in Mixed Doubles 4.0, **Ed Baw** and Neil Price won Silver in Men's Doubles 3.0, and **Ross Terradas** and **Tom Virbickis** took the Bronze in Men's Doubles 3.5. Congratulations to all!



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GOLF MEMBER NEWS

Member – Guest Tournament and Summer Solstice Tournament: Our Member – Guest and Summer Solstice Tournaments were a success this year with 33 teams competing in the combined two events. Good golf and friendly competition were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all of our members, guests and sponsors who made this another successful tournament. Please show your appreciation to our sponsors by thanking them and supporting their businesses. Our sponsors this year were: Advantage Golf & Learning Center, Appalachian Golf Cars, Carolina Blinds, Construction Specialties & Design Builders, Precision Pro Wash, Fireside Golf & Learning, Summey Plumbing & Heating, Raymond's Lawn & Garden Center, Raymond's Landscaping, Cummings Cove Realty, Garrett's Landscaping, CORA Physical Therapy, Wine Sage & Gourmet, Gator Nation, Men's 18 Hole League and Women's 9 & 18 Hole Leagues.

Cummings Cove Club Championship: Our annual club championship is a two-day event and will be held Wednesday, August 16th and Thursday, August 17th. More information coming soon!!

Travel Teams

Men's Results: Men's Interclub lost to Connetsee away on May 24th and played them at home on June 5th where CC men won convincingly 101.5 to 78.5. The overall home/away series was won by Cummings Cove.

Men's Upcoming

July 10th vs Cherokee Valley @ Cummings Cove
July 31st vs Etowah Valley @ Cummings Cove
August 23rd vs Hendersonville @ Cummings Cove

Ladies Results: Carolina Ladies @ Black Mountain our ladies took 2nd place – top three players Mindy Schult, Sally Gauntlett and Cheryl Kent.

Ladies Upcoming

July 11th - Carolina Ladies @ Cummings Cove
July 13th – Blue Ridge Ladies Golf @ Maggie Valley
August 7th – Carolina Ladies @ Crooked Creek
August 23rd – Blue Ridge @ Wolf Laurel

White Squirrel Challenge: The Cummings Cove Ladies brought home the White Squirrel Trophy. After completing a two-day event held on June 6th & June 8th. Day 1 the ladies played at home and took a resounding lead with Cummings Cove up 14 ½ to 3 ½. Day 2 the ladies traveled to Connetsee Falls where they completed the challenge winning 7 points making the total 21 ½ to 14 ½. **Way to go ladies!!**



Come, Smile, Breath Deep and Enjoy the VICTORY GARDEN!



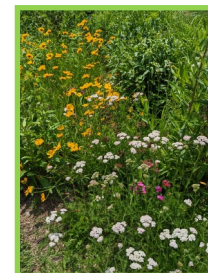
Have you been to the Victory Garden recently? Remember to stop by the Pollinator Garden. It's beautiful and the birds and butterflies know it. Soon you will too! Oh my gosh, you can watch the plants growing right in front of you!! The garden is one of those places you can go to and watch the clouds sail across the sky. Problems can be solved; dreams can be created. You can rest your weary feet or your mind as you stop by and appreciate the beauty of the Victory Garden and all it beholds.

As of the beginning of June, over 1,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious vegetables have been harvested and delivered to the Fishes & Loaves food pantry in Etowah and The Sharing House in Brevard. A lot of people benefit by receiving the kale, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, etc. The summer (warm temperature) plants and seeds are being put into the ground now. There's a lot more to come!

I've been thinking about the importance of good nutrition lately. Our veggies are harvested several times a week, and they're distributed to the food pantries as soon as possible. That means the clients get the best vitamins, minerals, fiber and taste the plants offer. Our neighbors are receiving the best food for brain health, body health, and they know these veggies are being grown just because we care, even if we don't know them. That translates to them feeling worthy, cared for and recognized by others they don't necessarily know. Neighbors matter!

There are teams that gather at the garden most weekday mornings at 8:00ish. If you're curious or interested in volunteering, call Rod Hansen, Joani Robson, Barbie Fricker or Blue Haymond. They're more than happy to share info about the workings of the Victory Garden and where you are needed.

Many, many thanks to the Cove Pickleball group who held their 2nd Annual Tournament recently. This year \$5,000 was raised to support the Victory Garden! What an amazing gift!



NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER

Hello Summertime! It is a wonderful time of year in Western North Carolina! The days are long, warm, and full of activities!! Speaking of activities, have you tried the water aerobics class yet? If not, you are missing out! Water aerobics is offered every Monday and Wednesday at 10am and is included with the social package! Meet us at the pool. No sign-up is required. The cardiovascular and strength workout is 45 minutes and is a lot of fun! Class details are listed below. See you at the fitness center! Candy

PILATES— Mondays 11:15-12:00: A full body workout done while standing, sitting, and lying. Uses body movements to improve strength, balance, posture, and flexibility in the body. A great workout for the core and entire body. Meet inside the aerobics room.

TOTAL BODY STRENGTH—Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-10:45: A full body strength beginner friendly workout for all levels using your body weight as resistance as well as light weight work. Class will use body resistance to build strength and stability. All equipment provided. Meet inside the aerobics room.

GENTLE YOGA FLOW—Wednesdays 11:00-12:00: A beginner friendly all level yoga class focused on flexibility, strength, and breath work. The class will offer options and variations to meet everyone where they are in their bodies. Meet inside the aerobics room.

CHAIR YOGA—Tuesdays 11:00-11:45: A gentle chair yoga class focused on increasing mobility with the support of a chair. Class will incorporate stretches, strength building with body resistance, all while utilizing the chair for stability and support. Meet inside the aerobics room.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS—Thursdays 11:00-11:45: A beginner friendly class focused on exercises that improve strength and balance. Stretches will also be a considerable portion of the class with a focus to improve mobility and efficient body movements. Class is performed in a standing position. All equipment provided. Meet inside the aerobics room.

WATER AEROBICS—Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00—10:45: A full body workout done in the swimming pool during warm weather, usually late May through September. This is a heart pumping class utilizing the resistance of the water for a strength and cardiovascular workout. Water weights are available for extra resistance. This class is included in the social package and is a lot of fun! Meet at the pool a few minutes early.

SUMMER 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 clay courts in the morning as the weather permits. 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

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR JULY-AUGUST

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
July 17 & August 21

Hand & Foot: The Sobkoviaks, 595-9579
July 10 & August 14

Mexican Train: Caryl Mobley, 891-9709
July 24 & August 28, 5pm dinner, 6pm game

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
July 3 & August 7



ABOG Meeting:
July 11 & August 8

CCCA Meeting:
July 18 & August 15

DRB Meeting:
July 26 & August 23

PICKLEBALL NEWS (continued)

ROUND ROBIN

The first Round Robin of the season, led by Don Stedman, was held on May 23rd for Cummings Cove players. The winners were: Group 1: Chuck Barth, Group 2: Leigh Stewart, Group 3: Lorraine Francioni, Group 4: Bill Campbell.



PPA NORTH CAROLINA OPEN

Don Stedman represented Cummings Cove at this tournament. Don and his partner, Rick Shrier, won Silver in the 60+ 4.0 bracket. Don also took home the Silver medal in singles.



POTLUCK

Treese Lawlis organized the group's annual potluck which was held on May 17th. This event is a nice way to mingle with players and their significant others, and share some good food and drink.



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.





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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Nationally the real estate market continues to shift due to many diverse market pressures and situational trends that are not generally favorable to increased listing and sales activity. We keep a close market watch at Cummings Cove Realty and have the advantage of feeling the pulse of the market within our gates in a very precise real-time manner. That is an important aspect when understanding what buyers are looking for and willing to pay for it when they show up interested in our community. Especially when headlines like the following are continuing to present themselves:

Survey: 43% of Americans No Longer Sure If or When They Will Buy a Home-
WRE 06/05/23

Affordable Homeownership Strangled by Tighter Credit, Low Inventory- Black
Knight Inc. (NYSE:BKI)

Mortgage Application Activity Down for Fourth Consecutive Week...-WRE
06/06/23

"One-Third of U.S. Homebuyers Are Paying in Cash, the Highest Share in Nearly a Decade" *"Competition among homebuyers is a smaller but still noteworthy reason for the uptick in all-cash sales. A lack of homes for sale is prompting competition in some metro areas, motivating buyers to make all-cash offers to win homes. High mortgage rates are the main cause of today's inventory shortage because they're making homeowners stay put to hang onto their comparatively low rate. Even though high rates have pushed many buyers out of the market, they've pushed out even more would-be sellers; that means the buyers who are out there are often competing for the few homes on the market."*

REDFIN 06/07/23

Cummings Cove remains a unique place that is not losing much of the equity gains brought on during the pandemic and remains a very sought-after place to live. Even with a considerable reduction in buyer traffic, there are still more interested buyers than there is properly priced inventory inside our gates. May of 2021 and 2022 equally had 37 interested buyer parties visit, 2023 only had 20 and at the time of writing this article, June numbers are significantly down. Additionally, the buyers now showing up have more well-defined parameters of what they are wanting and willing to settle for.

Computer pricing models cannot factor in the real-time shifting of buyer sentiment within any community nor all the real time aspects of any specific property. Cummings Cove Realty has the on-site real-time expertise needed for consistent positive results. Properly pricing a home involves many factors that are ever shifting. A properly priced home is not one that is undervalued or overvalued but is priced so it will sell as close to its true market value as possible. Proper and strategic marketing is also key. No other realty firm understands the Cummings Cove market better than Cummings Cove Realty. If you are thinking about selling or have a friend thinking about buying, give Cummings Cove Realty a call.

