

# The Cove



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#### **EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS**

Coming off March's successful Cummings Cove's Got Talent event attended by over 100 residents, we move onto our next few events.

#### **Memorial Day 2023**

The Events Committee is working on plans for a community-wide Welcome Summer Memorial Day Party on Saturday, May 27. Please note: There will not be a rain date for this event.

We are planning on starting the day with a Veteran's Memorial service to pay tribute to those who served and died for our country. A variety of patriotic remembrances are being created. We will then transition to a Welcome Summer event and will feature games for all ages and a performance by the Gin Mill Pickers. This will take place down in the pool/fitness center/Victory Garden area. Other activities are also in the works, and we will share those details when we can confirm them.

This is an outdoor event, and you are welcome to invite your friends and family to join in.



#### **Asheville Tourists Game**

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will once again have an off-campus event as we go and cheer on the Asheville Tourists at McCormick Stadium in Asheville. Last year's event was well attended, and we listened to your feedback from it. This year, we have reserved the Wicked Weed Pavilion, so we have shade for the entire game! What better way to kick off the summer season than with a baseball game? Cost will be \$26.50 for adults, and includes admission to the park, your meal, and applicable tax. We will need to collect RSVPs as we have a limit as dictated by the Tourists.

#### July 4th Celebrations

In keeping with tradition, the Events Committee will sponsor kids' games on the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sales Center parking lot. You are encouraged to bring down any visiting young ones to play some fun games like Jenga, putt-putt, bowling, ring toss, cornhole, etc. There will be a variety of fun activities geared for the younger set.



Last year we were not able to have the golf cart parade due to heavy thunderstorms. That was a genuine disappointment for all. Hopefully we will have better weather this year! So that you may start your planning early, we are announcing that we will stick to the theme we had hoped to use last year, "Fun In The USA". Maybe some of you kept the decorations you were unable to use, maybe some new residents will join in. There are two categories, Judged and Just For Fun. Once the carts are assembled and judging is done, all carts make a parade through the crowd gathered at the clubhouse. It is a favorite Cummings Cove tradition and we hope you feel inspired to join in.

As always, we encourage you to watch Facebook and community eblasts for full details.

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#### **PICKLEBALL NEWS**

Spring has arrived and outdoor pickleball is back in full swing! Many players have come out of hibernation, or have returned from their winter homes. They've joined our hardy players who continued to play here through the winter chill and wind. The courts will continue to get busier throughout the summer, so remember to check Sign Up Genius for court availability and reserve some court time.

#### Annual Maintenance Day

The annual maintenance day was held on Friday, March 31st. The 20 volunteers made easy work of the many projects that were scheduled for the day. With rakes in hand, workers cleaned up the wood chips around the upper courts. The courts were cleaned, as well as the nets. The umbrellas were taken out of storage and placed at the courts for the season, along with additional





chairs. The windscreens were inspected and zip ties were added or replaced as needed. The team fixed a drainage issue that developed on one of the upper courts. Great work by all of the volunteers!

A voluntary fee of \$10 is collected annually to help cover the costs of improvement to the courts and pickleball equipment. This year the funds have helped with the purchase of six chairs, a new storage box for supplies at the courts, and the ever growing need for additional pickleballs. In addition, we are looking for donations of used towels for cleaning the courts. The towels currently in use have seen a lot of action and could be retired.





Introduction to Pickleball is available to any Cummings Cove resident interested in learning more about this exciting game. An overview of the game was given by our enthusiastic volunteer instructors! If you missed this introduction, contact robin.virbickis@yahoo.com.

#### **Cummings Cove Charity Pickleball Tournament**

The 2nd Annual Cummings Cove Charity Pickleball Tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in June. The proceeds from this event support the Victory Garden at Cummings Cove. Women's doubles will be held on Friday, June 2nd, Mixed doubles on Saturday, June 3rd, and Men's doubles on Sunday, June 4th. For registration information, contact <a href="mailto:robin.virbickis@yahoo.com">robin.virbickis@yahoo.com</a>.

Sign Up Genius is the tool used for scheduling our community pickleball play. If you have questions about the schedule, or how to get involved, contact Nancy Rader at <a href="mailto:bnrader@hotmail.com">bnrader@hotmail.com</a>.

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#### **GOLF MEMBER NEWS**

<u>Congratulations!!</u> Lisa Calitri records a hole in one on number 8 on March 10th. Way to go Lisa!!!

**Thank You!** A BIG Thank You to Mindy & Wayne Schult for organizing and running our Opening Member 18-hole Scramble & Dinner held on Monday April 17th.



#### **Upcoming Member Events**

Nine & Dine Event Dates: May 16th, June 5th and June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Crazy 3's Fun Tournament:** This year the Blakes will be hosting Crazy 3's on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. More information on where and how to register and awards dinner details will be coming soon! We look forward to seeing you out there for a crazy – fun time!

**Member – Guest Tournament and Summer Solstice Tournament**: The member-guest will be held on Friday, June 23rd & Saturday, June 24th. The two-day 36-hole tournament is for member-guest teams only (men's and ladies divisions). In addition, the Summer Solstice Tournament is for member-guest or member-member teams. Summer Solstice teams can be two men, two ladies or a mixed couple, and you can sign up for 18 or 9 holes. Both tournaments will have a shared Awards dinner on Saturday, June 24th.

If you would like to sponsor a hole for this event in memory of someone, or if your neighborhood or golf group would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Cheryl Kent at cheryl.kent1953@gmail.com. More details on this event to follow later in May.

**July 4th Flag Tournament**: This event is for Members and their Guests and will be hosted by Sally and Terry Gauntlett this year. Stay tuned for more information on this fun community event.

#### **Travel Team Dates**



#### Ladies

May 9th - Blue Ridge Spring Meeting @ Cummings Cove

May 23rd - Carolina Ladies @ Black Mountain

June 6th - White Squirrel Challenge Day 1 @ Cummings Cove

June 8th - White Squirrel Challenge Day 2 @ Connestee Falls

June 19th - Blue Ridge @ Etowah Valley

June 27th – Carolina Ladies @ Connestee Falls

#### Men's

May 24th vs Connestee Falls @ Connestee Falls June 5th vs Connestee Falls @ Cummings Cove June 26<sup>th</sup> vs Hendersonville CC at Hendersonville CC Around the Cove Page 5

# THE VICTORY GARDEN



It seems that when Spring arrives our eyes, ears, and spirits all rise to the beauty of each day. Have you noticed that there are so many variations of green! The spring peepers serenade us in the evenings, along with the frogs. And we find a spring in our own steps as we walk all around the cove, the golf course, or wherever!

May and June are very busy months in the Victory Garden. The garden beds have been carefully prepared by rototilling the soil, mixing in compost, planted with spring vegetables and seeds. Weeding is always a group project! Oh, the joy of watching the

results! One can almost watch some of these veggies grow right in front of you. It's so thrilling!

In addition to the veggies growing, the milkweed and the pollinator plants are beginning to show their smiling faces. The butterflies are coming around now. It's a great time for you to plant pollinator plants in your yards!

Nature's delicate balance surrounds us. Take time to stop, look, listen and reflect on this wonderful gift.

On another note, recently three volunteers drove to a wonderful plant nursery about an hour away, in the pouring rain. The purpose of the trip was to purchase flats of spring vegetables that would be planted - planted for the purpose of feeding others who don't have the resources to buy fresh veggies. This nursery, this extraordinary nursery, upon learning what the plants were for, offered us a deeply discounted price. How humbling.

We are truly surrounded by so many people who recognize the importance of offering helping hands to others, whether we know them or not.

#### **GENEROSITY brings ABUNDANCE, which leads to JOY and GRATITUDE**

Come down to the Victory Garden and check it out! Consider joining the Victory Garden team. Feel free to contact Rod Hansen, Joani Robson, Barbie Fricker or Blue Haymond if you are interested in learning more.



#### **CUMMINGS COVE FITNESS CENTER CLASSES**

Happy warm weather season from the fitness center! The longer days loaded with sunshine bring quite a buzz of excitement to the fitness center! However, I would like to take a moment to share what has been going on recently in our classes! As many of you know, we offer a variety of workout classes, such as strength training, yoga, pilates, and more. I must say, the progress being made in gaining strength, cardiovascular health, and improving balance and coordination has been substantial! Our students continue to amaze me with the gains they have made and continue to make in improving their mobility and stamina! Therefore, I wanted to spotlight them in this newsletter for their commitment to bettering their health daily by showing up and working hard! Way to work! Of course, it goes without saying, I enjoy my time helping them achieve their goals while having a lot of fun too! To learn more about fitness classes email me at candypricewellness@gmail.com.

Are you interested in getting in on a little of this fun? Come try out one of our water aerobics classes offered this summer and see what all the excitement is about!







#### **TENNIS NEWS**

Come out to play tennis with the group or practice to improve your game with the ball machine on the hard court. Hopefully the clay courts have been reconditioned by the Whalen Company of Asheville for the season and should be good to go. If not, they should be completed by early or mid-May.

Scheduled weekly tennis will be played on the clay courts or the hard court in the mornings as the weather permits. To stay up to date on days and times for organized tennis events contact Craig Swenson at <a href="mailto:cjswenson123@gmail.com">cjswenson123@gmail.com</a>.

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

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#### **ACTIVITIES CALENDAR MAY—JUNE**

**Euchre:** The Howenstine's 937-470-7796 May 15 & June 19, 5pm dinner, 6pm game

Hand & Foot: The Sobkoviaks, 595-9579

May 8 & June 12

Mexican Train: Caryl Mobley, 891-9709 May 22 & June 26, 5pm dinner, 6pm game

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776

May 1 & June 5



#### **ABOG Meeting:**

May 9 June 13

#### **CCCA Meeting:**

May 16 June 20

#### **DRB Meeting:**

May 24 June 28

#### **Cummings Cove DOES HAVE Talent**

#### A Big THANKS to everyone...

...who worked so diligently on organizing and putting together a fun night!

...who shared their exceptional talents with their neighbors and friends!

...who came together to enjoy a night full of laughter, talent and fun!













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#### **First Quarter Cummings Cove Real Estate Update**

**Tax Assessments:** Many have let our office know that making Tax Appraisal Appeals has been a mixed bag of success and failures. Whether or not you made an appeal of any consequence, it is hoped that the County will follow through on its publicized intent of lowering the tax rate in a way that will factor any assessed value increases into less impactful tax billing increases. The Cummings Cove Realty "Home Team" greatly values all the feedback and appreciation expressed by Cove Owners for the sales information the "Home Team" provided to assist in appeal efforts.

#### Active Re-Sale Home Listings as of 04/09/23:

104 Copper Creek Lane, MLS# 4012900: Listed by Cummings Cove Realty,
Days on market 14

100 Titleist Way, MLS# 4001112: Listed by an outside agency,

Days on market 46

1051 Linkside Drive, MLS# 4002483: Listed by an outside agency,
Days on market 54

#### Homes Under Contract as of 04/09/23:

Eight Constructing GolfView TownHouses, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty – All Closing by 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2023

149 Copper Valley Lane, Listed by an outside agency, Days on market 311

29 Cove Park Lane, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty, Days on market 0

92 Whistlewood Lane, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty, Days on market 2

14 Cove Loop Road, Realtor Purchase, Days on market 2

#### Homes Sold 01/01/23 to 04/09/23:

4121 Mountain Meadow Drive, Listed by an outside agency, Days on market 62 2030 Golfside Lane, Listed by an outside agency, Days on market 32

#### Lots Under Contract as of 04/09/23:

260 Mountain Morning Lane Lot 67, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty 103 Sanctuary Trail Lot 7, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty 00 Mountain Sunset Trail Lot 33, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty

#### Lots Sold 01/01/23 to 04/09/23:

174 Mountain Morning Lane Lot 69, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty
76 Triple Fairways Drive Lot 5, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty
37 Sanctuary Trail Lot 9, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty
63 Sanctuary Trail Lot 8, Listed by Cummings Cove Realty

**Summary:** The outlook remains challenging, but encouraging for properties properly priced and marketed in Cummings Cove as we head into the Spring/Summer real estate cycles. First Quarter 2023 first time visitors to our Real Estate Office/Information Center totals 52 with an additional 17 returning visitors. Compared to the 2022 First Quarter numbers of 62 first timers and 13 additional folks returning. Construction remains very active with several new custom home projects in the planning stages. Please do not hesitate to contact the Cummings Cove "Home Team" with any questions regarding any of your Cummings Cove real estate buying or selling needs.

