

The Cove

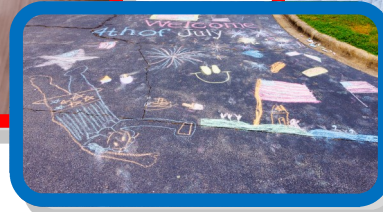
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Fourth of July Celebrations



Kid's
Games
And
Fun!



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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

July 4th Celebrations: We started the day with beautiful weather for the Kid's Games at the Sales Center parking lot. Once again, a variety of games were set up, geared to a variety of ages. This year we had some non-Committee members pitch in to help. Specifically, Carol Cox (Giant Jenga) and Kristie Grove (face painting) and the always helpful spouses of Committee members.

The evening, unfortunately, brought rain like it did last year. We did, however, get to have our Golf Cart Parade and judging. The theme was "Fun in the USA". This year's judges were Donna Izor, Bonnie Reuscher, and James Williams. We once again had some wonderfully creative carts submitted. The awards were as follows:

Most Original - Chase Family (Mermaid Music)

Most Whimsical - Young Family (Minnie Golf)

Best Representation of Theme - Reimels/Hayes Family (Winnebago)

Best Overall - Wall Family (Surfing USA)

Honorable Mention - Black Family (Airplane)

The parade was led by Robin Virbickis, honored as Cummings Cove's Citizen of the Year 2022. Just as the parade finished, the rain began! We managed to give out the awards, then everyone ran for cover.

Steve Dolan, our DJ for the evening, received many requests for rain-themed songs which he played as we waited to see if the rain would stop. Finally, the call was made by the fireworks crew to do the show and we were once again wowed by their work. The crew went to extra lengths this year to put on the show, including having to complete a training course and get licensed. The residents of Cummings Cove appreciate all of you.

This year's fireworks show was dedicated to the memory of Derek (Rocket Man) Spontowiz, who passed earlier this year. Derek was an integral part of bringing the annual show to the Cove.

During the festivities, the Cove Tones led us all in a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Once again, the Etowah-Horseshoe Fire Department was on-site in case of any emergencies; our thanks to them as well.

Looking ahead, we are working on more fun events for the community. To be respectful and allow the new restaurant operators to get settled, we have decided to cancel the Murder Mystery scheduled for October 23. Watch the usual communications for a replacement event that we are planning on doing in its place.

And mark your calendars for the annual Festival of Lights on December 2nd and 3rd. We will once again have a Crafter's Market, a tree and menorah lighting ceremony, carols led by the Cove Tones, and a few new events as well.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

July was another busy month for the Cummings Cove picklers!

THE 4TH OF JULY

The weather did not deter the pickleball group from introducing the game to many soon to be pickleball players. Plenty of volunteers were on hand to work with the enthusiastic group of participants.



CONNESTEE FALLS INTERCLUB PICKLEBALL EVENT

On July 21st Connetsee Falls hosted a fun (but hot and humid) afternoon get together. Twelve players from Cummings Cove traveled to Connetsee Falls for interclub play on Connetsee's newly improved courts. After play was completed, everyone socialized while enjoying the nice spread of pizza and appetizers provided by the hosts.



BREVARD TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Robin Virbickis and Kathy Londa!! Robin and Kathy won Gold in the 3.5, 50+ Women's Doubles pickleball tournament held at Brevard Health and Racquet Club.



The pickleball courts are busy at Cummings Cove. On a recent morning there were 25 Beginner and Intermediate players sharing the two lower courts! The courts are definitely being used a lot this summer, so don't forget to check Sign Up Genius for court availability.

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

Member – Member Tournament: The Member – Member was held on Wednesday July 19th & Friday the 21st. The two-day 36-hole tournament had 21 teams participating. Thanks to all of our members who participated and the volunteers who made this a successful tournament for the community. Please congratulate the winners for this year's tournament!!



Mike Liddell & Charlie Hilleboe
1st Place—1st Flight



Jeff Christianson & Matt Riddell
1st Place—2nd Flight



Dick Schaad & Rod Hansen
1st Place—3rd Flight



Sally Gauntlett & Donna Izor
1st Place—1st Flight



Linda Mulligan & Michelle Chenard
1st Place—2nd Flight



Nancy Ciolek & Judi Hilleboe
1st Place—9 hole

Upcoming Member Events

Aeration is planned for Sept 5th – 9th
Member 9 Hole Scramble Sept 24th
Member 18 Hole Season Closing Scramble
Oct 30th

Women's Golf

Ladies Cove Cup – Sept 21st
9 Hole Women's Closer – Oct 4th
18 Hole Women's Closer – Oct 12th

Men's Golf

Men's Cove Cup – Oct 9th and 11th
Men's 9 Hole Closer – Oct 12th
Men's 18 Hole Closer – Oct 18th

Travel Teams

Men's Results: The Cummings Cove Men's Interclub Team won at Hendersonville Country Club on June 26th with a score of 92 to 88. They also won against Etowah on July 31st.

Men's Upcoming Events: Hendersonville at Cummings Cove on 8/23 for the final match of the season.

Women's Results: We hosted Carolina Ladies on July 11th – our ladies took 1st place overall. Our top three participants were Judy Movic, Donna Izor and Mindy Schult.

Women's Upcoming Events:

Sept 11th – Blue Ridge Ladies at Reem's Creek
Sept 18th – Carolina Ladies at Reem's Creek
Oct 16th – Carolina Ladies at Etowah Valley

Thank you, Julie Christianson, for coordinating the school supply drive across the ladies' leagues for Etowah Elementary and thank you ladies for your generosity.

AT THE VICTORY GARDEN...
THE HEAT HAS BEEN ON & ON & ON

“Congratulations!” and a major “thank you!” are in order to each of the angels who worked so hard in the Victory Garden and survived the massive heat wave of 2023!!

June was hot, but July was unbelievable! The hottest month on earth! And yet so much was accomplished! As of early August, 5,000+ pounds of fresh vegetables have been harvested and shared with local food pantries. Hundreds of our neighbors have received and enjoyed the healthy and nutritious food. And this food is much appreciated by them. Recently IAM and the Sharing House thanked our Victory Garden for the hundreds of pounds of fresh produce they received for their clients. It's a joy to provide the produce. Thank you!

Also, the gardeners have been very busy upgrading areas within the garden. Have you been by to see the beautiful new pergola? It looks professionally installed! Actually, our guys and gals are pros!! A beautiful new brick ramp was installed at the entrance so that wheelbarrows can be moved in a much safer manner. The flowers are amazing and the butterflies and hummers are so happy now! Lots of nectar and lovely plants to feed upon.

Looking to the future...we will be adding The Free Clinics to our food pantry recipients! Last year our community, through the Cummings Cove Cares event, raised funds for them to start a jobs program. They've hired a chef who is now training future chefs who have graduated from IAM programs and plan to give back to the community.

This is the “Circle of Life” that we all want to participate in!!!



4TH OF JULY FLAG TOURNAMENT

Despite the storm affecting the finish for the last two of our eleven groups most people were able to plant their flags.

Women's Division:

First place: **Michelle Chenard** who finished near the #10 green.

Second place: **Grace Munchel** who finished on the #10 fairway.

Third place: **Jane Young** also on the #10 fairway.

Fourth place: a tie between **Tami Valentine** and **Lyn Blake** who both finished in the hole on #9.

Men's Division:

First place: **Dick Munchel** who finished 3 inches from the pin on #10 green.

Second place: **Baird Blake** who finished on #10 green.

Third place: **Bill Halliburton** who finished in the water during a heavy downpour on #10.

Fourth place: **Ed Movic** who finished in the Hole on #9.

Congratulations to all!

FALL TENNIS NEWS



Remember that game tennis? It's still fun and challenging! There are a lot of tennis players out there who would find it easy to get back into the game. Like riding a bike, whether you have played recently or haven't in a while. So, have you thought about playing again? The time is now! Go ahead, step out and come back! So, 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 is being played on the clay courts in the morning as 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 SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
September 18 & October 16

Hand & Foot: The Sobkoviaks, 595-9579
September 11 & October 9

Mexican Train: Caryl Mobley, 891-9709
September 25 & October 23

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
September 4 & October 2



ABOG Meeting:
September 12 & October 10

CCCA Meeting:
September 19 & October 17

DRB Meeting:
September 27 & October 25

NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER



Summer is winding down but the water aerobics will continue strong through September! So far, we have had a great year with great attendance! The schedule is 10am on Mondays and Wednesdays with Candy and 10am Thursdays with Carol.

In addition, indoor fitness classes are offered as well. We offer the following weekly classes:

Pilates: Mondays 11:15 –12:00

Total Body Strength: Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00-10:45

Gentle Yoga Flow: Wednesday 11:15 -12:00

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays 11:00-11:45

Functional Fitness: Thursdays 11:00-11:45

Enjoy this beautiful time of year in Western North Carolina!





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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Real estate across the country continues to be a regional market story. Markets attracting buyers remain inventory starved for buyer desired offerings. As of the end of July, in Cummings Cove, the total buyer traffic count was 180 visitors, which is 40 less than last year at the same time. Of those visiting, very few buyers are finding resale homes that fit their price points with desired size and/or features. However, if a home is priced and marketed properly it will still, in most cases, eventually find a buyer. As the overall buyer pool slowly continues to decrease, the remaining buyers are becoming far less likely to settle for anything that does not fully fit their overall criteria of wants and needs.

YTD closed property sales in Cummings Cove as of 08/10/23 are as follows:

1. Of the eight (8) lots sold, seven (7) were listed by Cummings Cove Realty (CCR). Six (6) of the seven (7) CCR listings, CCR representing both the sellers and the buyers in Dual Agency.
2. Of the twelve (12) homes sold, seven (7) were listed by CCR. CCR was involved in eight (8) of the sales. In five (5) of the seven (7) CCR listings, CCR represented both buyers and sellers in Dual Agency. Additionally, seven (7) of the CCR listings went into contract in less than 5 days of their marketing date.

The above statistics speak for themselves as to the performance, ability, and expertise available through Cummings Cove Realty to any Cummings Cove property owner wishing to sell. The same is true for any buyer wanting the best community specific guidance. Cummings Cove Realty's success and specialized dedication to the wellbeing of Cummings Cove real estate is second to none. Experience and knowledge are cornerstones of success, and the numbers speak for themselves. The following numbers are from a recent analysis of Cummings Cove Realty's sales activity since 2017 through the end of the first quarter of 2023: 236 properties sold for a total sales revenue of over \$87 Million. From that revenue Cummings Cove Realty annually invests around \$40,000.00 in local and national advertising to promote client listings and the community as a wonderful place to do life. Cummings Cove Realty is also a supporting participant in many community efforts such as the Member Guest Golf Tournament, July Fourth and Cummings Cove Cares.

Cummings Cove Realty Multiple Listing Service Listings as of 8/10/23:

1. MLS- 4055689: 185 Sports Village Dr. \$549,000 (1,650 HSF 3br/2bth)
2. MLS- 4012900: 104 Copper Creek Ln. \$615,000 (1,908 HSF 2br/2bth)
3. MLS- 4022532: 3104 Cove Loop Road \$699,000 (2,469 HSF 2br/3bth)
4. MLS- 4055194: 40 N. Cove Summit Dr. \$824,000 (2,916 HSF 4br/3bth)

If you have not already decided what realty firm you wish to use and you are thinking about selling your home, or know of someone wanting to purchase in Cummings Cove, please contact Cummings Cove Realty and explore the expertise available. The overwhelming historical track record of Cummings Cove Realty speaks for itself.

