



# *The Cove*

May—June, 2025

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## EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

**TRYON**  
INTERNATIONAL  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



**Wednesday, May 7th** is the outing to Tryon Equestrian Center. A group of residents will enjoy a day filled with most everything the Center offers.

Tryon International is a great destination if you love horses. They are located in the Blue Ridge Foothills of Mill Spring, NC and offer first-class facilities for equestrian events of all levels. They have a wide selection of onsite restaurants, a variety of shops, relaxing lodging getaways, family entertainment, and more.

**Flag Sale:** \$20 for 10 flags (12"x18" w/24" stake). Purchase on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. at the Clubhouse or email [cummingscoveevents@gmail.com](mailto:cummingscoveevents@gmail.com). On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the first Flag Resolution. This resolution officially adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the national flag and states: *Resolved That the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation.* Flying the American Flag on the streets of neighborhoods brings unity to communities. This year the Events Committee will be selling American Flags so we can line our roads this Memorial Day. Most of the proceeds of the sale will go to the Veterans Healing Farm, Hendersonville and to CC Cares.

**Saturday, May 24th—Memorial Day Cookout at 4 p.m.:** Don't forget to come down to the pool/fitness area to enjoy some food, live music, dancing and socializing! **RSVP by May 12th** to [cummingscoveevents@gmail.com](mailto:cummingscoveevents@gmail.com). Please indicate what you would like to eat (burger, hot dog or veggie burger) and the quantity for our purchasing information. **Payment** is due at the cookout. B.Y.O.B. Bring your own chairs. Parking is at the Victory Garden parking lot as well as the lower pickleball parking lot. Golf carts can park on the grass between the Victory Garden and pool area.

**Monday, May 26th at 9 a.m.—Memorial Day Remembrance:** Please join us at the Cove Clubhouse to remember those who have given the ultimate price and our own Veterans who have given so much for our freedoms.

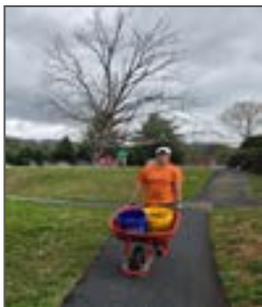
Loose Threads will be presenting Veteran Squares for our Veteran Wall to David Burkard, US Coast Guard, and Jim Curland, US Navy Reserve.

We are honored to have many special guests. Resident Chuck Fangmann will share his memories of serving in the US Army. We will have a representative from the Brevard Veteran History Museum, and two representatives from the Veterans Healing Farm who are attending to receive a donation from the Cummings Cove Events Committee.

Refreshments will be served by Loose Threads and neighbors. Please come and honor, remember, and celebrate all veterans.



## PICKLEBALL NEWS



Most of our colder days have passed and hopefully the wind is leading us to calmer, warmer days to enjoy Pickleball with our friends (old and new, full time and seasonal).

The **Pickleball Maintenance Day** had volunteers working hard to get our courts looking pristine and in good repair for a busy season. Be sure to watch emails and FB blasts for these days in the future...the more that volunteer, the faster the work goes!

The spring **Pickleball social** at Bold Rock had a great turnout. Stay tuned for future gatherings!



**Sign Up Genius (SUG)** is the tool used for scheduling our community pickleball. Please use this tool to sign up for scheduled play, skills and drills, as well as scheduling courts for other organized play. If you have questions about SUG, contact Nancy Radar at [bnrader@hotmail.com](mailto:bnrader@hotmail.com). Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Skills and Drills will start soon so watch SUG for the sign-ups for these sessions.

**Use the white bins located at each set of courts to place *ONLY cracked pickleballs* in for recycling.** Put trash in the gray trash containers, and other recycling in the appropriate containers at your home.

The 4<sup>th</sup> **Annual Cummings Cove Charity Pickleball Tournament** is June 6-8, 2025. This year's beneficiary is The Community Foundation of Henderson County's Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding Fund. To sign up to play or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Robin Virbickis at [robin\\_virbickis@yahoo.com](mailto:robin_virbickis@yahoo.com). I encourage everyone to come down and watch a few games (or many games) and cheer on your friends and neighbors. It is sure to be some excellent pickleball!!!

**REMINDER:** We are requesting all pickleball players to contribute \$15 to help cover the cost of equipment, balls, and court repairs. Please place in an envelope with your name on it and give it to any committee member: Treese Lawlis, Don Stedman, Robin and Tom Virbickis, Dan Moore, Mike and Gina Howenstine, Sandy Bellefeuil, or Phyllis Stocker.

*"Pickleball is better than Therapy"*

## GOLF NEWS

The Cummings Cove Golf Leagues are in full swing now that spring is officially here! League openers took place with much fun and laughter, sometimes despite Mother Nature's indecision about appropriate weather! Shared luncheons added to the celebration of the new golf season.

Upcoming events include the 18 Hole Member Opening scramble planned for Sunday, May 4th, contact Mike Herrick for details. In addition, the Crazy 3s tournament is scheduled for Sunday, May 25th, more information to come. Both are fun events! Come spend some time with your golfing neighbors!



New to Cummings Cove and want to join one of our golf leagues? If you are interested in learning more about our men's and women's golf leagues, please contact the league leaders directly:

### **9 Hole Ladies:**

Allison Violette ([aviolette23@gmail.com](mailto:aviolette23@gmail.com)) & Michelle Chenard ([mjchenard1@gmail.com](mailto:mjchenard1@gmail.com))

### **18 Hole Ladies:**

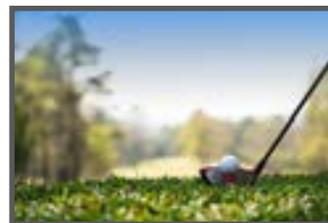
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**OH, THE MANY JOYS OF SPRING!!**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Plant Sale on April 26th. Our plant sale each year is always a fun time, seeing friends and meeting new residents. Many thanks go out to the folks who helped support it with purchases and donations as well as to our many Victory Garden volunteers.

Our community's Victory Garden continues its wonderful work as it has for the past 15 years. In the midst of sometimes chaotic times and circumstances in our lives, our garden continues to provide an earthly oasis, importantly providing thousands of pounds of very needed vegetables to those less fortunate in our surrounding communities.

In March our volunteers planted hundreds of vegetable seedlings as well as hundreds of seeds. Come by and see our garden bursting with vegetables like cabbage, collards, radishes, kale and others! If you stay long enough you might just see them grow before your very eyes.



If you are interested in learning more (there are lots of benefits!) about the Victory Garden or volunteering contact Robin Virbickis, Barbara Fricker, Charlene Weaver, Blue Haymond or Rod Hansen. It's a great place to learn new gardening techniques and get to know your neighbors.



## NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER

We're excited to welcome both year-round residents and our seasonal homeowners back to beautiful Cummings Cove for the summer season in the Western North Carolina mountains! As the days grow longer and warmer, we're moving into our summer fitness schedule with classes offered four days a week. Strength-based classes, yoga, Pilates, and chair-supported options will continue indoors at the Fitness Center for those with the fitness package.

Water aerobics returns to the pool starting **Wednesday, May 28th**, and will be held every **Monday and Wednesday from 10:00–10:45 AM**—no sign-up needed! Just bring your sunscreen, hat, water, and meet us poolside. Water aerobics is included in the social package. For questions email [candypricewellness@gmail.com](mailto:candypricewellness@gmail.com).

MONDAY:	10 am	Water Aerobics
	11:15 am	Pilates
TUESDAY:	11 am	Total Body Strength
Rotating	11 am	Chair Fitness/Strength & Stretch
WEDNESDAY	10 am	Water Aerobics
	11:15 am	Standing Strength
THURSDAY	10 am	Total Body Strength
	11 am	Yoga Flow



## 👉👉👉 POOL OPENS MAY 15TH 👉👉👉

The swimming pool and hot tub will open on May 15th. The pool facilities are open each day from 7am to dusk through October 1st. Please remember that the pool facilities are for the use of Cummings Cove members only and are not available to friends and family that live locally. Please abide by the posted rules regarding use of the pool and hot tub.

## SPRING 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 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 [cjswenson123@gmail.com](mailto:cjswenson123@gmail.com).

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

**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**Euchre:** The Howenstine’s 937-470-7796  
May 19, June 16

**Hand & Foot:** Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776  
May 12, June 9

**Mexican Train:** Steve & Mary Culp, 770-329-9975  
Maureen Handy & David Martine, 908-319-1738  
May 26, June 23

**Shanghai:** Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776  
May 5, June 2

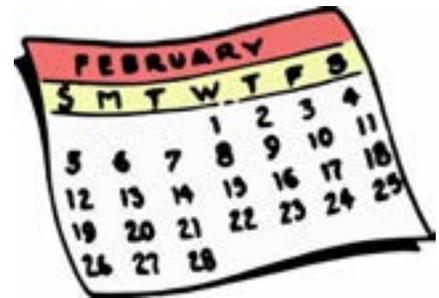


**ABOG Meeting:**  
May 13, June 10

**CCCA Meeting:**  
May 20, June 17

**DRB Meeting:**  
May 6, June 3

**CUMMINGS COVE COMMUNITY CALENDAR**



The Advisory Board of Governors (ABOG) has switched to an online Google calendar that can be updated continuously to keep residents up-to-date with the latest scheduling for events hosted by the Events Committee as well as other ABOG-related events (e.g., golf and pickleball tournaments).

To access the calendar go to the Cummings Cove website (<https://www.cummingscove.com/owners>) enter the login and password, and click on the "Cummings Cove Community Calendar" link at the bottom of the page. It is recommended that you bookmark (or "favorite") the site so that you can have easy access to it in the future. If you have questions, you can send an email to [mike.herrick@gmail.com](mailto:mike.herrick@gmail.com).



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Once you are in the calendar, some entries will have a further description of the event when you click on the entry:

This screenshot shows a calendar event detail for "CCC Pancake Breakfast (tentative)" on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 to 10:30am. The location is "Pool complex". The description includes details about the breakfast, the price of \$12, and the purpose of the event (Hurricane Helene relief). It also provides an email for RSVP and notes that payment is by cash. At the bottom, there are links for "More details" and "Copy to my calendar". To the right, a calendar grid shows the event on the 26th, with a tooltip listing "8:30am Victory Garden Plant Sale" and "8:30am CCC Pancake Breakfast".

**CCC Pancake Breakfast (tentative)**  
Saturday, April 26 · 8:30 – 10:30am

Pool complex

- Pancake Breakfast:** From **8:30-10:30 AM** at the pool complex. Enjoy unlimited pancakes (gluten free too), toppings, sausage, orange juice, and coffee for \$12. The proceeds will go to CCC Hurricane Helene relief efforts. **To help with food planning, please email [meg.stadtler@gmail.com](mailto:meg.stadtler@gmail.com) to RSVP by April 17th.** Payment is by cash (exact change preferred) at the event.

[More details](#) [+ Copy to my calendar](#)

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- 8:30am Victory Garden Plant Sale
- 8:30am CCC Pancake Breakfast

This screenshot shows a calendar event detail for "Tryon International Equestrian Event" on Wednesday, May 7. The location is "TRYON INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER: May 7th -- 12 p.m.". The description invites friends to join for a fun-filled afternoon with lunch at Campagna Italian Restaurant and shopping at WNC Main Street. To the right, a calendar grid shows the event on Wednesday, May 7, with a tooltip listing "Tryon International Equestrian Ever".

**Tryon International Equestrian Event**  
Wednesday, May 7

TRYON INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER: May 7th -- 12 p.m.

Grab your friends and join us at the Tryon International Equestrian Center for a fun-filled afternoon. Enjoy lunch at Campagna Italian Restaurant, which will be exclusively reserved for us (with a maximum capacity of 60). Shop at WNC Main Street, which features vendors from Chimney Rock State Park.

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Tryon International Equestrian Ever



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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

### Why Open Houses Are Largely Unproductive

**An Insightful Examination:** Open houses have long been a traditional method used by real estate agents to showcase homes to potential buyers. The concept seems straightforward: open the doors, invite everyone to have a look, and ideally, someone will fall in love with the property and make an offer. However, despite their use open houses often fail to sell homes. Here are several compelling reasons why open houses are not a great idea especially in Cummings Cove.

**The Illusion of Interest:** Some of the reasons open houses are done have nothing to do with selling the property but to give the illusion of interest to satisfy sellers while creating an opportunity for listing firms/agents to farm for future clients. However, visitors in many instances are not serious buyers; they may be just curious neighbors, casual browsers, thieves or even other agents checking out the competition.

**Lack of Personalization:** Selling a home is best done as an intimate transaction that creates a personal connection between the buyer and the property. Open houses lack this personal touch and so does the use of Lock Boxes for showings. With strangers wandering through a home simultaneously, potential buyers may feel rushed or uncomfortable. They might not take the time to envision themselves living in the home, which is a crucial step in making a buying decision. Many firms also relegate open house duties to agents that know little about the home or community.

**Security Concerns:** Open houses raise security issues. With strangers entering home and community, there is added risk. Homeowners and neighbors must be mindful of real time or after event theft; folks out and about also need to be mindful of strangers driving around unescorted and unfamiliar with the community and speed zones. Potential buyers and residents can rightly question the security of a gated neighborhood when its gates are left wide open during open houses.

**In Conclusion:** While open houses can generate some buzz and attract visitors, they are often ineffective at selling homes. Serious buyers prefer private, personalized viewing where they can connect with the property on a deeper level. Past experiences in Cummings Cove with other firms holding open houses have yielded community complaints due to signs being placed inside and outside the community for extended periods before and after the event and the security gates being open to anyone wanting to check out the neighborhood at any speed for whatever reasons. Cummings Cove Realty has chosen not to be part of any such possibilities of negative community impact. Our experience and track record of sales has proven that open houses in Cummings Cove are not needed for a successful sale. All our showings are personalized! We do not use lock boxes! We provide escorted home and community tours to all prospective buyers interested in our listing clients' properties. Since 2015 over 250 Cummings Cove Realty involved closings have taken place without the use of open houses. If you have not chosen a realtor to sell your home, why not choose the best proven firm in this community, choose Cummings Cove Realty.



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