

The Cove

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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

On October 22, the Events Committee presented *Once Upon A Murder*. The clubhouse was exquisitely decorated in a fairytale theme. The evening started with themed-based cocktails and dinner, while the suspects interacted with the guests to convince them they were innocent. In other words, point the finger at someone else! Let's give a round of applause to our talented cast: Chuck Barth, Mimi Coffman, Annette Dubrouillet, Rachael Eyer, Sandy Harrison, Blue Haymond, David Jarmon, Cheryl Kent, and Bruce Allen.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Planning for the annual Festival of Lights is underway. This year it will be held on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8. The ever-popular Crafters Market will again be held on Saturday. The weekend will include a festive dinner, followed by the lighting of the community Christmas tree and Menorah at the clubhouse. We will be offering battery operated luminaries for sale, so residents can light their driveways/walkways. Look out for Facebook posts and e-blasts for further details as they become available.

NEW PROJECTOR

To thank the community for all their support over the years, the Events Committee has gifted a new projector. This projector will integrate and complement the existing Bose audio system and projector screen. The Bose system, which is quite portable, can handle both sound and microphone (wired and wireless) inputs, simultaneously. The new Projector/Screen system is installed in the Club House dining room.

Both systems are for the benefit of the Cummings Cove Community. The Events Committee regularly uses the Bose sound system and on occasion, the system is used by the Golf Shop for tournaments. The Audio/Video equipment is available for other community events, but only after a brief training session. A user guide and sign-up procedure to use the system(s) have been created. Please note the systems are not intended for personal use. Please get in touch with Steve Dolan to schedule a training session at (203) 815-2113 or stevedolanhr@gmail.com.

EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thanks to retiring Events Committee members: Mary Gise, Marcia Hern, Arlen Wall, Robert Yancey, and Kathie Yancey, for all your hard work and efforts to make every event successful. And a very SPECIAL THANKS to co-chairs Terry Buonomo and Robin Virbickis, who have expended numerous hours planning, organizing, and executing, everything to do with events. Terry and Robin were members of the Events Committee for 2 years and then co-chairs for 3 years.

Steve Dolan will take on the role of leading the Events Committee along with the remaining members and several new members.

From all of us on the Committee, we wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a healthy 2025!

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Happy Fall! Quite a few players were seen releasing some tension on the pickleball courts the week of “the storm.” As things get back to normal, we’re enjoying the cool mornings on the courts.

PICKLEBALL OLYMPICS

On September 25th, players celebrated the end of skills and drills by participating in the Cummings Cove Olympics, led by the skills and drills coaches. Congratulations to the first place team led by Ross Terradas, with Kaela Bellefeuille, Terri DAngelo, Jim Donnelly, Florence Emanuel, Bonnie Shapiro and Swee Wong.

The Winning Team



SIGN UP

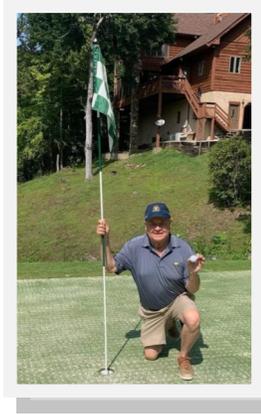
Sign Up Genius is the tool used for scheduling our community pickleball play. Please continue to use SUG to sign up for scheduled play and skills and drills as well as any additional play you organize. If you have questions about the schedule, or how to get involved, contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com.

GOLF NEWS

Congratulations to four golf members on exciting hole-in-ones!



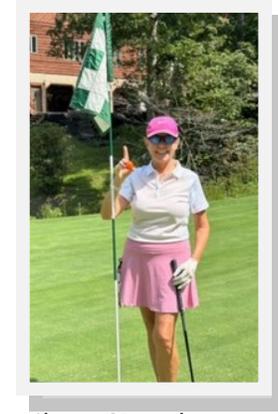
Paul Reuscher, #10
July 10th



Charlie Hilleboe, #8
September 9th



Chris Pazoles, #8
September 11th



Eileen Stoegbauer, #8
September 16th

WOMENS COVE CUP



The Women's Leagues played in their annual Cove Cup competition on August 19th. Team captains Dorothy Donelson and Mindy Schult led the Foxes and Cougars in a close match which ended in a tie! It was an enjoyable day for all!



LEAGUE CLOSING EVENTS

The league closing events have been postponed due to Helene's arrival, as well as the annual Men's Cove Cup.

Golf members are patiently waiting to resume play once the course is open.



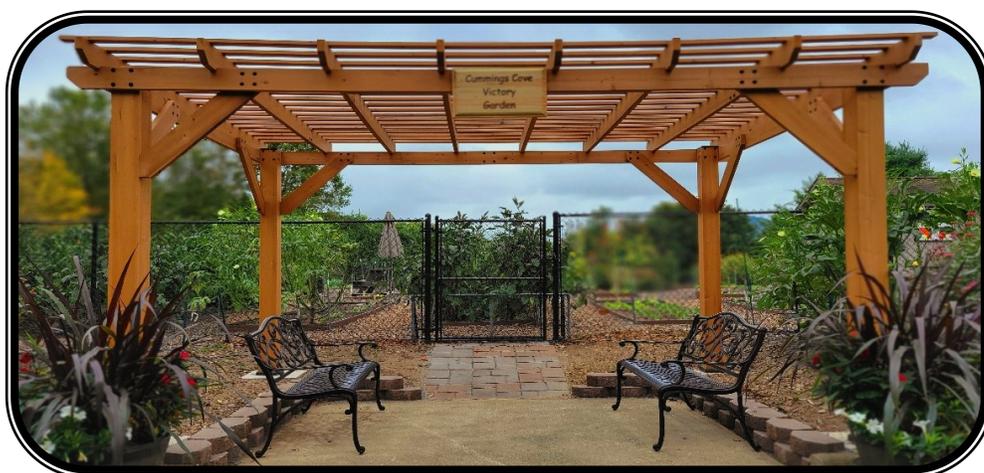
VICTORY GARDEN – AUTUMN 2024



My goodness, September ended with a BANG, and October is keeping up with the weather race! In Cummings Cove we were overcome with 20+ inches, many downed trees and even landslides! All Thanks to Hurricane Helene. Our community became its very own victory garden. Neighbors were helping neighbors by offering refrigeration, home cooked meals, even helping trim and move trees from roads and property. Thankfully, through all the damage, Cummings Cove residents thrived by sharing stories and listening ears, helping each other, laughing together and being so filled with gratitude. Some of us also struggled with guiltitude...a mixed bag of gratitude and guilt. Our emotions were all in a swirl as we put our lives together, while being concerned with many others' lives.

In the Victory Garden, with amazement, all the vegetables were unharmed by the elements of the storm. The Victory Garden, whose sole purpose is to feed and care for our neighbors, came through unscathed! Harvesting continues as the volunteers continue their efforts to let our neighbors know that we care about them, their health and nutrition. Our volunteers really show us how to carry on and consider the needs of others. The value and purpose of the Victory Garden – helping others, feeding others – is much greater than we have ever considered in the past. WOW!

If you're interested in learning how you can help in the garden, and meet your neighbors while having fun, feel free to contact Rod Hansen, Joani Robson, Barbie Fricker, Blue Haymond, Robin Virbickis or Charlene Weaver.



NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER

Stay active this winter with Cummings Cove fitness classes. A variety of classes are offered every Monday through Thursday morning to keep you energized and fit throughout the holiday season! Check out the winter season schedule below:

Tai Chi—Monday 10am:

Jill McMillion teaches a Tai chi class that offers flowing exercises on both left and right sides of the body. Tai Chi puts all the elements of breathing, posture, and movement into a beautiful flowing dance-like exercise.

Pilates—Tuesday 11am:

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.

Total Body Strength—Tuesday 10am; Wednesday 10am; Thursday 10am:

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.

Chair Fitness/Strength & Stretch—Wednesday 11am (alternate weekly):

Chair Fitness includes strength, stretching, and balance. This is a well rounded class offering a seated and standing portion.

Strength & Stretch offers standing strength training work with dumbbells and body resistance. A chair is used as a prop but the majority of the class will be done in a standing position. This will offer a well rounded class focused on building strength, flexibility, mobility, and balance.

Standing Strength—Wednesday 12pm:

A full body standing strength and light cardio circuit workout. This is a beginner-intermediate class using your body weight as resistance as well as dumbbell work. The entire class is done in a standing position. Each class offers a portion focused on balance and stretches. All equipment provided.

Yoga Flow for Mobility—Thursday 11am:

All-level yoga flow class for mobility. This class offers yoga poses and dynamic movements that relieve tightness and stress. Each class offers a seated and standing sequence on the mat. Plenty of modifications are offered.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Euchre: The Howenstine’s 937-470-7796
November 18, December 16

Hand & Foot: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
November 11, December 9

Mexican Train: Steve & Mary Culp, 770-329-9975
Maureen Handy & David Martine, 908-319-1738
November 25

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
November 4, December 2



ABOG Meeting:
November 12, December 10

CCCA Meeting:
November 19, December 17

DRB Meeting:
November 5, December 3

OPEN HOUSE AT THE KENT’S



Bill and Cheryl Kent at 35 Wedge Court in the Cottages invite you to come and walk through their Christmas decorated home. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 1st from 4:30-7:30 pm. Bill and Cheryl ask that you do not bring a gift, however, a non-perishable food item will be accepted to give to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry in Etowah. Last year, 397 lbs. of food was donated to this local food pantry from this event.

Bring your neighbors, family and friends to this annual celebration. Enjoy some Wassail, cookies and chocolates that will get you in the mood for the Holidays. Any questions, please contact Cheryl at cheryl.kent1953@gmail.com.

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 afternoons as the weather permits. Once the clay courts are no longer available for use (most likely by the middle of November) we will be moving from playing on the clay courts to the hard court.

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.



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POST HELENE REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Since Helene decided to make her most unwelcomed visit, lots of general speculation has been made about the current and future status of the Western North Carolina (WNC) real estate market. Before continuing further on that topic, clearly many people have been and will continue to be severely affected for a long time by the loss of life and property Helene brought to our regional neighbors. May the outpouring of local and outside assistance that is taking place to help all those in need continue to expand until WNC rebuilds. The reality of all the devastation in our nearby communities is overwhelming. However, in all the tragedy, it is an uplifting fact that the community of Cummings Cove has always been a very charitable one. In the wake of Helene, that charitable nature will certainly continue and most likely increase.

“Cove - A sheltered recess” - Oxford Dictionary. James Cummings owned the property previously known as “A Sheltered Place” when the 1916 flood hit and like with Helene, the flood of 1916 does not appear to have caused any extensively disastrous problems for “The Cove.” So how will the wrath of Helene in the region specifically affect Cummings Cove real estate? In this case, clearly the industry tag line of “Location, Location, Location” is very appropriate in getting a truly accurate picture as it pertains to the unique specialty realty market of Cummings Cove. Of course, Helene did not go unnoticed within our gates, but in comparison, “The Cove” truly weathered the storm.

In the short term, buyer traffic in the whole region prior to Helene was already feeling an industry wide slowing due to rapid cost increases, high interest rates and other market uncertainties. Cummings Cove was experiencing a slowing also but because of what Cummings Cove is and represents, the degree of slowing was far less. Add Helene to the new short term and yes, we will experience a further slowing of buyer traffic. However, Post-Helene Cummings Cove Realty is still getting new inquiries, providing tours, doing showings and new sales contracts are being signed. The reasons why people investigate Cummings Cove will not change and one reason has just become more emphasized because of Helene. So, in the long term it is my assessment that Cummings Cove will remain and grow as its own above average real estate market. With Helene exposing so many vulnerable WNC areas susceptible to rare storm events, and with so many WNC destination towns now facing what could be years of expensive recovery, Cummings Cove will become an even more sought-after WNC community with the now proven protective nature that true Coves historically provide. Add that peace of mind to the many additional sought after community aspects that Cummings Cove represents, and it is a pretty good bet that Cummings Cove has a long bright future ahead. For all your Cummings Cove real estate listing or purchasing needs choose the proven expertise of Cummings Cove Realty.

