

The Cove

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SUCCESS IN THE CUMMINGS COVE CARES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN RAISING AN IMPRESSIVE \$123,000!

The fundraising campaign exemplifies the remarkable hard work and dedication demonstrated by leader Robin Virbickis, Lyn Blake (Promotions and Social Media Coordinator), Meg Stadtler (Finance Chair), and all the volunteers. Successful fundraising efforts require careful planning and a strong commitment. The tireless efforts of everyone involved, played a crucial role in engaging residents and the local community.

See pages 8–9 for the speech given by Lyn Blake on August 26th.

EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Independence Day Celebrations: This year, the Events Committee decided to break the event into two days. In case visiting families had to leave on Sunday, the children's games were held in the morning of Saturday, July 5th. What a fun morning for all!

On the afternoon of July 5th, a golf cart parade was held, featuring 18 creative and fun golf carts. The participants' camaraderie as they were lining up for the parade was uplifting. There was a new route for the parade (Triple Fairways to the Fitness Center/Pool area parking lot). Of course, everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream truck at the end of the parade!



On Sunday, July 6th, residents were entertained by a live band while they enjoyed two food trucks and an ice cream truck. After dancing and socializing, the crowd was delighted by the incredible fireworks display by Lightnin' Larry and his fireworks team.

Meet, Greet, and Inform: Sixty new(er) residents met in the clubhouse on August 26th. It was good to see new faces and socialize! Speakers delivered brief presentations, providing information to help assimilate residents into our community more effectively.

Upcoming Events: **MUSIC BINGO** on September 9th is at its capacity. Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT on September 25th at Flat Rock Cinema featuring *A League of Their Own*. The movie is **FREE** to the first 72 people to respond as a heartfelt THANK YOU from the Events Committee for your continual support of our events and fundraising efforts. There will be food/drinks available for purchase.

HARVEST SUPER MOON on October 6th is a social gathering to be held at Triple Fairways Pavilion and will feature the musical talents of Jason Whitaker. Further details to follow.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS on December 6 & 7: Further details to follow.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Since the last newsletter, there have been some hot, hot days but the courts are still full of picklers!!

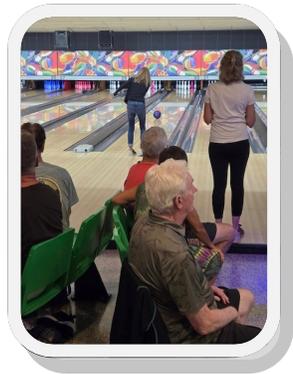
Skills and Drills are still continuing. Even if you haven't attended any, you still can! Signup on Sign Up Genius (SUG). You can also sign up for play in your skill level or reserve a court with a few friends on SUG.

Interclub Pickleball Events are continuing. Watch your emails for news about these signups. Mike Howenstine is the contact for these events. There are competitive groups and social groups at these events.

Watch for the **Round Robin** events as well. These are fun events for all---groups are divided by skill level and you get to play with different people!! Great social and fun event.

Monthly Pickleball Social events are continuing.

Bowling was the July Event. There was a Gutter Ball Award (congrats Lin!!) and a High Roller Award (congrats Marc!!)



In August the social event was at Souther Williams Winery. Interesting how that was the highest attended social to date this year. Seems the word "Cheers" brings the picklers to the yard/bar/winery.



"Life is Better with Pickleball and a few laughs"

GOLF NEWS

The golf season in The Cove is moving along well! We are all encouraged by the repairs and improvements on the course led by Tim Wemple, Chad Bell, and their hard working team. Special thanks to Mike Herrick as well for his efforts as our Greens chairperson.



The summer season got off to a great start with **4 hole-in-ones!** Congratulations to Paul Mulligan, Tom Loney, Marty Pearsall, and John Larkin!



Several members participated in the annual flag tournament on July 4th! Congratulations to Grace Munchel and Rich Cripps.

Golfers, guests and visitors participated in a very successful Cummings Cove Cares golf tournament in July, special thanks to Lyn and Baird Blake and team for their hard work on this event. The Cummings Cove Member/Member tournament was successful and fun event as well!



GOLF NEWS, continued

Finally, the Carolina Ladies, Blue Ridge Ladies, and Men’s Interclub are all planning future events, with Mother Nature’s cooperation!



Cummings Cove Golf Club Championship took place in late August under muggy and soggy conditions! Congratulations to this year’s winners!



Sally Gauntlett—Ladies’

Mike Herrick—Men’s

Keith Johnson—Senior Men’s

NEWS FROM THE FITNESS CENTER

It’s that beautiful time of year in WNC! Crisp mornings and colorful leaves make this a great time to stay active indoors and outdoors. Hiking and walking trails are at their best right now.

Beginning the week of September 29, the Fitness Center will move to the fall-winter schedule. Indoor morning classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

For questions, email candypricewellness@gmail.com.

FALL 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

THE VICTORY GARDENS

COMMUNITY, IN ACTION

Isn't living in Cummings Cove just beautiful! When you drive into the neighborhood, it is beautiful to look at...the course is well manicured, people walking the Loop wave and say hello. There's so much on the surface to love. It's when we get below the surface of our community that we see and experience the very best. The work honoring our Veterans is unlike anything we've ever experienced! Collections at special times of the year to provide children with needs for school, Cummings Cove Cares does so much.

Our Victory Garden is simply amazing! In 2024 donations exceeded 10,000 lbs. and were distributed to several food pantries in Henderson and Brevard Counties in 2024. We are known for being a community, always in action serving the needs of our neighbors!

Recently I stopped by a small food pantry on Chadwick Ave. in Hendersonville. I had dropped off some veggies at a nearby church, and honestly, didn't feel like driving across town to a large distributor of fresh food (it was pouring buckets, and the traffic was awful!). I had quite a load of fresh vegetables in my car! I stopped and asked if they needed fresh veggies. The women were awe-struck and thrilled. As we moved these items into their building, I learned that they had recently lost their HUD grant and were scrambling to determine their next steps in feeding their clients. Thanks to our Cummings Cove Community and each of you, others who are hungry are receiving healthy food and the knowledge that they are worthy. Yes, Cummings Cove Cares!

A few of our Victory Garden Volunteers who have dedicated many years to serving our community neighbors are now looking to retire. Of course, that means we really need you to step up and volunteer! If you are interested in learning more or volunteering at the Victory Garden, please feel free to contact Joani Robson, Robin Virbickis, Barbara Fricker, Charlene Weaver, Blue Haymond or Rod Hansen. It's a wonderful place to learn new gardening techniques and get to know your neighbors!

Yes, the Cummings Cove Community really Cares!



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
September 15, October 20

Hand & Foot: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
September 8, October 13

Mexican Train: Steve & Mary Culp, 770-329-9975
Maureen Handy & David Martine, 908-319-1738
September 22, October 27

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
September 1, October 6



ABOG Meeting:
September 9, October 14

CCCA Meeting:
September 16, October 21

DRB Meeting:
September 2, October 7

VETERANS WALL QUILT



As we are heading towards the fall that brings to mind our Veterans Day celebration. We have had a lot of new neighbors moving into the Cove and I wanted to make sure we reach out to all Cove Veterans who would like to be included with their square on our Veteran Wall Quilt in the clubhouse.

If you are a veteran living in the Cove and would like to be recognized with your personal star, please reach out to kathieyancey@gmail.com with your name and branch of service. This includes all military levels of duty.

Your square will be made and presented at our Veterans Day celebration in the clubhouse this year.

This is a tribute to our service men and women who gave so much for our freedoms. A recognition graciously supplied by Cummings Cove Loose Threads.

Once again we will be collecting 'tired' flags for a flag burning ceremony. Please drop off your flags at 20 N Cove Summitt Dr.



CUMMINGS COVE CARES RECEIVES RECORD DONATIONS!

Cummings Cove Cares: A Year of Uniting for Hurricane Helene Relief

It's hard to believe, but nearly 11 months have passed since Hurricane Helene tore through western North Carolina. In its wake, our beautiful mountain towns were left in shambles.

Lives were lost. Homes and livelihoods vanished overnight. Phrases like “a 1,000-year storm” became part of our daily conversations—words we never imagined would describe our own corner of the world.

While our Cummings Cove community was spared the worst, we were not untouched. We faced power and internet outages, landslides, and were landlocked for nearly three days.

But in true Cummings Cove fashion, we came together:

- Generators were shared.
- Calls were made on behalf of neighbors.
- Chainsaws came out, and food was delivered.
- Help was offered—without hesitation.

And once we had our footing again, our thoughts turned outward—to our neighbors who had suffered even more.

Many of you volunteered at schools, churches, and supply centers. That same spirit of action sparked a conversation within our CCC Leadership Committee:

What more could we do?

Could we reignite our tradition of giving through **Cummings Cove Cares**? As many of you know, CCC has a long history of rallying around important causes. And in 2024, the answer was clear: We would dedicate our efforts to the **Hurricane Helene Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding Fund for Henderson County**.

With guidance from the Community Foundation of Henderson County (CFHC), we ensured your donations went directly and quickly to those in need. The CFHC has been pivotal in supporting a wide range of recovery initiatives, including:

- Environmental testing and cleanup
- Infrastructure rebuilding
- Disaster caseworker support

And What a Campaign It's Been!

We launched with early events like:

No Shave November
Taco Tuesday & Bingo
Holiday Craft Fair & Luminary Kits
CCC T-Shirt Sales

These brought in an amazing **\$14,000**.

In 2025, the momentum continued with:

Super Bowl Party
Flat Rock Film Screening
March Madness: Squares for Cares
Pancake Breakfast
Pickleball Boot Camp & Annual Tournament
Oklawaha Brewery Night

These events raised another **\$26,000**.

Then came summer, bringing:

Cummings Cove Golf Tournament
Silent Auction
Fitness with Candy
Fun Pianos Night at Mills River Brewery

These added **\$31,813** to the total.

Finally, we received **extraordinary personal donations** from individuals and community groups—totaling **over \$51,000**.

A True Reflection of Cummings Cove

The generosity we've seen is nothing short of inspiring. It speaks volumes about the heart and soul of our community.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our **community partners: Oklawaha Brewing, Packa's Place, and Mills River Brewing**—thank you for standing with us.

This campaign was made possible by the leadership and hard work of so many of you. There are too many names to list, but please know: **your efforts have not gone unnoticed**.

A special thanks to:

Meg Stadler, our Finance Chair, for keeping the numbers in line
Robin Virbickis, our fearless and tireless leader, who saw us through every step.

Drumroll, Please...

We are proud to announce that together, the **Cummings Cove community** has donated a total of: **\$123,000** to the **Hurricane Helene Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding Fund for Henderson County**.

That is a number—and a legacy—to be truly proud of.

From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you** for showing what it truly means to be a part of **Cummings Cove**.

REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

Regional Market Overview

Despite national reports indicating a downward trend, real estate conditions remain highly regionalized. As of the end of the second quarter of 2025, Henderson County (H.C.) showed comparatively stronger results than neighboring Buncombe County (B.C.) when contrasted with the same period in 2024. (Statistics Compiled from MLS Data)

Single Family and Townhouse/Condo Sales

- In single family home sales, H.C. closed 409 homes—an increase from 394 in 2024. Townhouse and condo sales also rose, with 78 units sold compared to 67 by the end of Q2 2024.

- Meanwhile, B.C. experienced declines in both categories: 729 homes sold versus 845 in 2024, and 120 townhouse/condos sold compared to 137 previously.

Inventory Growth and Days on Market

- Both counties saw a significant rise in available inventory, contributing to a blossoming buyer's market. H.C. reported 764 homes for sale at the end of Q2, a 56% increase over 489 in 2024. B.C. saw a 60% increase, with 1605 homes for sale compared to 863 last year.

- The average active days on market also climbed in 2025, reaching 95 days for both H.C. and B.C. This marks a rise from 89 days for H.C. and 93 days for B.C. in 2024.

Cummings Cove Realty Performance

Cummings Cove real estate typically outperforms both national and regional trends—especially when homes are well-presented, appropriately priced, and expertly marketed. With the buyer pool constricting and inventory expanding, sellers benefit from working with a realtor who offers experience, market knowledge, and timely insights tailored to each home and situation.

Cummings Cove Realty Sales and Listings as of August 22, 2025

- Land: 5 lots: 2 closed (144 Mountain Sanctuary Trail & 148 Triple Fairways Dr. that will soon be the location of a Vista Builders Spec Home represented by Cummings Cove Realty), 1 under contract (1610 High Meadows Ln.), and 2 under reservation in Vista at Cummings Cove.
- Homes: 6 homes closed with an average of 18 days on the market, and 1 additional under contract closing on 10/6/25.
- Current Listings: 3 homes for sale (311 Mountain Crest Dr. at \$875K; 162 Copper Valley Ln. at \$620K; Lot/Build Package on Lot 9 of Tomahawk Trail at \$729K; plus 1 home represented as a “Firm Exclusive”—not advertised due to MLS rules and shown only to Cummings Cove Realty clients or Unrepresented Buyers with a signed Non-Disclosure.

REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE, continued

Exclusive Representation and Ongoing Success

Cummings Cove Realty is the exclusive listing firm for the new Vistas at Cummings Cove development, overseeing both lot and home sales. The firm's longstanding commitment to the success of the Cummings Cove real estate market is reflected in its track record: since 2015, Cummings Cove Realty has achieved over 300 closings. Every year, the firm invests tens of thousands of dollars in local and national advertising to promote client listings and the community, benefiting all property owners—regardless of which firm ultimately represents their sale.

Why Choose Cummings Cove Realty?

When the time comes to selling your home, choosing the right representation can provide a crucial advantage. If you are considering selling or know someone interested in purchasing property in Cummings Cove, contact Cummings Cove Realty to experience the difference that time tested and proven expertise and dedication can make.



LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER

The Cove
NEWSLETTER

Looking for someone to publish *The Cove Newsletter*, starting with the January-February newsletter. There are only 6 newsletters published each year. It's a great way to be involved in the community. Currently, it is published using Microsoft Publisher; however, there are other publishing options out there.

If you are interested, please contact Cathy MacEwan at 843-368-4346 or cmacewan11@gmail.com.



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