

The Cove

November—December 2025

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EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS



Music Bingo: Music Bingo was held on September 9th, and once again it was sold out! It was a fun evening filled with dancing, singing, and laughter. A \$25 gift certificate was given to each of the four winners to a local restaurant. One lucky person won \$170 in the 50/50 raffle!

Movie Night at Flat Rock Cinema: The Events Committee bid on a gift certificate at the Cummings Cove Cares Silent Auction for an exclusive viewing at Flat Rock Cinema. The movie selected was *A League of Their Own*. Residents were invited to the movie at no cost as our thanks for the community's continued support of our events and fundraising efforts. The event went well, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie.



Harvest Super Moon Celebration: Jason Whitaker entertained residents at Triple Fairways Pavilion on October 6th. Jason was accompanied by Cummings Cove resident, Pete Ramsay, on several songs. It was a pleasant evening by the fire, listening to music, and enjoying the friendship of our neighbors.

Festival of Lights: The Festival of Lights will be held on December 6 & 7.

Crafter's Market: The crafter's market will be held on December 6th. Due to its popularity, the hours have been extended from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Be on the lookout for the Crafter's bio on Facebook starting in mid-November.

Dinner: A holiday dinner will be held on December 7th. More information will be forthcoming in the e-blasts, Facebook posts, and flyers.

2026 Events: The Events Committee is working on the calendar for 2026. We will have some favorites and some new events.

Events Committee Members: We want to offer a special thanks to retiring members: Nancy Barth, Jeannie Miller, and Merle Nudel for all your hard work. We give a warm welcome to new members: Lois Chumbley, Cathy Donnelly, Michelle Oznick, and Lisa Woodie.



The Events Committee wishes you and yours a very happy holiday season and a healthy 2026 filled with love and laughter.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Since the last letter, things are winding down but the courts are open and full of laughter with all levels of picklers!!

Skills and Drills are over for the season. Courts are still open for all levels of play. Signup on Sign Up Genius (SUG) for your skill level or reserve a court with a few friends on SUG.

The Connestee Falls Tournament in September had several of our players getting medals and standing on the podium. Sandi Corbo and Robin Virbickis took the Bronze Medal in the Women's 3.5 and up. Sandi Corbo and Bill Campbell took the Bronze Medal in the Mixed Doubles 3.5 and up. Congratulations to these 3 fantastic players.



Interclub Social Play is over for the season but the last event was in September and it was followed by a social event for participants the first part of October. Look for information for upcoming Interclub events in the Spring!!



In September, the **Pickleball Olympics** were held. There were 29 people who participated and lots of laughter. Rob Radcliff's team came out victorious and his prize was all the marshmallows from one of the games (yes, they had been hit with paddles, had rolled all over the ground, and been handled by everyone). He did not want to eat them at the courts but did say he would put them in his smoothie later.



The Olympic Champions!!!



What Happened?



The end of season **Pot Luck** was held Oct 15. Nearly 50 people turned out. The coaches gifts were given. Everyone is so appreciative of all the time and efforts put in by our coaches. We are very lucky to have these wonderful individuals who volunteer their time to teach us to play and improve our game. **THANK YOU!**

"If you're not laughing on the pickleball court, you're doing it wrong!"

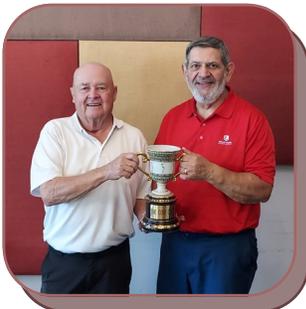
GOLF NEWS

The golf season has wrapped up for the year with many fun activities and events!



Congratulations to Sandi Corbo for her hole-in-one on #5 on September 1st!

Cove golfers enjoyed the annual Cove Cup tournaments! Beautiful weather and an ever improving course contributed to a fun filled day complete with exciting comradery and a close finish between the teams!



The Ladies Leagues celebrated the close of the season with fun closing scrambles and delicious luncheons. Special thanks to our League leaders this year, Allison Violette, Michelle Chenard, Julie Christianson, and Jean Thomson.



The 18 hole Men's League closer finished with excitement as they played multiple games on holes #1-15, with the top 4 teams advancing to a 3 hole shoot out on holes #16-18.



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VICTORY GARDENS



Layers upon LAYERS

The Importance of Layers

We are a people of layers, living and learning through each one. With the arrival of fall and cooler temperatures, I've noticed our neighbors walking in the Cove who are dressed in layers of clothing.

Layers in Daily Life and Gardening

Onions are a great metaphor for all kinds of things related to our garden! I've learned that the origin of Onion is "one, unity". Are you finding yourself cooking with more onions? I have, and as I peel and chop them, I am reminded of the many ways layers influence our planning, planting, and production in the Cove Victory Garden.

Organizing the Garden Through Layers

The first essential layer in our gardening process is volunteers—**YOU!**—who take on the various roles required to run the garden. During the winter months, volunteers collaborate and decide which plants are compatible to share a garden bed. Other volunteers build relationships with local garden centers, gaining knowledge about running a community garden, and sourcing quality seeds. Meanwhile, additional volunteers are busy cleaning and tilling the beds, amending the soil, and preparing everything for the upcoming planting season.

Then comes the planting, watering and weeding. Weekly. For several months! It sounds tedious, but when done with others it becomes fun! Sharing activities, getting to know one another and learning about the planting process is all part of the joy of working in the Cove Victory Garden.

As of mid-October, already 8,000 lbs. of fabulous veggies have been harvested! This couldn't have been accomplished without each ONE of you! You worked together in UNITY to help ease the burden of hunger of our neighbors! THANK YOU!!!!

If you are curious about or interested in learning more to volunteer at the Victory Garden, please feel free to contact Robin Virbickis, Blue Haymond or Rod Hansen. It's a wonderful place to learn new gardening techniques and get to know your neighbors!



FITNESS NEWS

The holiday season is upon us, and there are so many wonderful things to do in the beautiful mountains of western NC, as well as at Cummings Cove. This is also a great time to start thinking about the upcoming new year of 2026 and your personal fitness goals. Strength training is king when it comes to healthy aging, that is why we offer so many strength-based classes at Cummings Cove Fitness Center, along with mobility, balance, and endurance training.

Have you been considering joining our fitness membership and want to learn more about what we offer? Email me at candypricewellness@gmail.com, I would love to talk to you about our offerings.



WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE				
Tuesday	10 am	Total Body Strength	11 am	Pilates
Wednesday	10 am	Strong Bones, Strong Body	11 am	Chair Fitness (rotating) Strength & Stretch
Thursday	10 am	Total Body Strength	11 am	Yoga Flow for Mobility

TENNIS NEWS

Come out to play tennis with the group or practice to improve your game with the ball machine on the hard court or on the clay courts. Scheduled weekly tennis will be played on the clay courts in the late mornings or early 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

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Euchre: The Howenstine's 937-470-7796
November 17, December 15

Hand & Foot: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
November 10, December 8

Mexican Train: Steve & Mary Culp, 770-329-9975
Maureen Handy & David Martine, 908-319-1738
November 24, December 22

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
November 3, December 1



ABOG Meeting:
November 11, December 9

CCCA Meeting:
November 18, December 16

DRB Meeting:
November 4, December 2

Golf News continued ...

Finally, Cove golfers completed the season with the year-end 18 hole scramble. Congratulations to Caryl Mobley on her great shot on #4, resulting in an Eagle!

Special thanks to our chefs, and to Keith Stewart and committee for a fun filled end to the golf season in the Cove!



MEMORIAL TREE PROJECT 2025

What:

A Memorial Tree with a base of engraved bricks surrounding it.
Tree Dedication on Tuesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. Brick installation Spring 2026.

Where:

Located adjacent to the Victory Garden.

How to participate:

Purchase and personalize bricks to honor loved ones, as a pet memorial, to mark a special personal milestone (anniversary, date you joined the community), commemorate military service, etc.

Sales Dates:

Sunday, November 9 immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony at the clubhouse lobby.

Tuesday, November 11 immediately following the Veterans Day Ceremony near the Victory Garden (in case of rain, clubhouse lobby).

Tuesday, November 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Cost:

\$50 per brick and includes perpetual maintenance of the installation.
Cash or check made out to Cummings Cove Community Association.
Payment is due at time of order.

Questions? Robin Virbickis: robin_virbickis@yahoo.com
Kathie Yancey: kathieyancey@gmail.com



The CCCA has approved this project and graciously allocated the space.

VETERANS DAY 2025



Veterans Day, 2025 will consist of two special days. COME ONE, COME ALL! Join us at Cummings Cove Clubhouse, **November 9th at 1 p.m.** to honor our Veterans who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy.

The Cove welcome will be extended to these Dept. Of Veterans Affairs representatives Kathy Ramos, Veteran Health Advocate and Stacey DiMuzio, Veterans Experience Officer while they share extensive knowledge of benefits/opportunities available to Veterans.

Neil Buie will be our Cove Veteran sharing his story of his time serving our country in the Army.

We are proud to recognize 4 (four) Veterans for their service by adding their stars to the Cummings Cove Veteran wall.

James Jordan – Air Force Reserve
Tom McNutt – Army
Chris Silliman – Navy
Joel Elkenhorst - Army

Of course, refreshments will be supplied for all. Come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy your neighbors while celebrating.

We have designated Veteran's Day, **Tuesday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m.** to dedicate the Cummings Cove Memorial Tree by the Victory Garden. We will have dedicated people there to receive orders for your memorial bricks. Anyone having flags that need to be 'put to rest' please bring them to the tree ceremony.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

P.S. Special thanks to Mark Cozzoli for his efforts in helping make this happen.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS PAUL REUSCHER!!



At the Cummings Cove Community Association Annual Meeting on October 28th, Baird Blake presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Paul Reuscher.

This year's recipient has done a ton for the Community, although he tends to fly under the radar most of the time. Some of his accomplishments include: working on the construction of the bocce ball court; he's a tireless worker in the Victory Garden; he did a huge amount of work on the golf course for the Adopt-a-hole program; he enhanced Hidden Falls with lighting (which is now gone unfortunately because of hurricane Helene); and he created and played the music playlist for many 4th of July fireworks displays.

But one of the most selfless things he does that very few people are aware of is that he devotes many hours every week assisting Jerry Olechiw with his rehab.

The Cove Newsletter

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is needed to publish *The Cove Newsletter*. There are only 6 newsletters published each year. The newsletter is published bimonthly and will allow you to work with multiple members of our vibrant community. Previous experience with Microsoft Publisher, or a publishing software of your choice, would be helpful, but not required.

Contact Cathy MacEwan at 843-368-4346 or cmacewan11@gmail.com for more details.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The Importance of Regular Home Inspections: Why Every 3-5 Years Matters

One of the most effective ways to protect your investment and maintain a safe home is to schedule regular home inspections—ideally every three to five years.

Protecting Your Investment

Your home is likely one of your largest investments. Regular inspections help you identify and address minor issues before they escalate into costly repairs. By catching problems early—whether it's a small leak, electrical concern, or foundation crack—you can save thousands of dollars over time. These inspections provide peace of mind, knowing that your property is in optimal condition and its value is preserved. Inspectors look for signs that could compromise the health and safety of residents, including pest infestations or unsafe structural changes. By scheduling regular inspections, you're taking essential steps to protect your home and all who dwell in it.

Choosing the Best Inspectors

In North Carolina all home inspectors must be licensed. However, experience is vital so do your homework and ask good questions regarding any given inspectors' experience and credentials. If you can, find an inspector that also holds a General Contractors License but does not do repairs so there is no conflict of interest. Inspectors are licensed to inspect but cannot make determinations, but an inspector that is also a General Contractor can make determinations and recommend remedies.

Preparing for the Future

If or when you ever sell your home, regular inspections can make the process smoother. Prospective buyers appreciate documented evidence of consistent home maintenance. This can lead to faster sales and potentially higher offers, as buyers feel confident in the home's condition.

On request, Cummings Cove Realty can provide a list of inspection companies that have done many inspections within Cummings Cove. The list is not an endorsement but a convenience for those wishing to use a company that has done work within our community.





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