

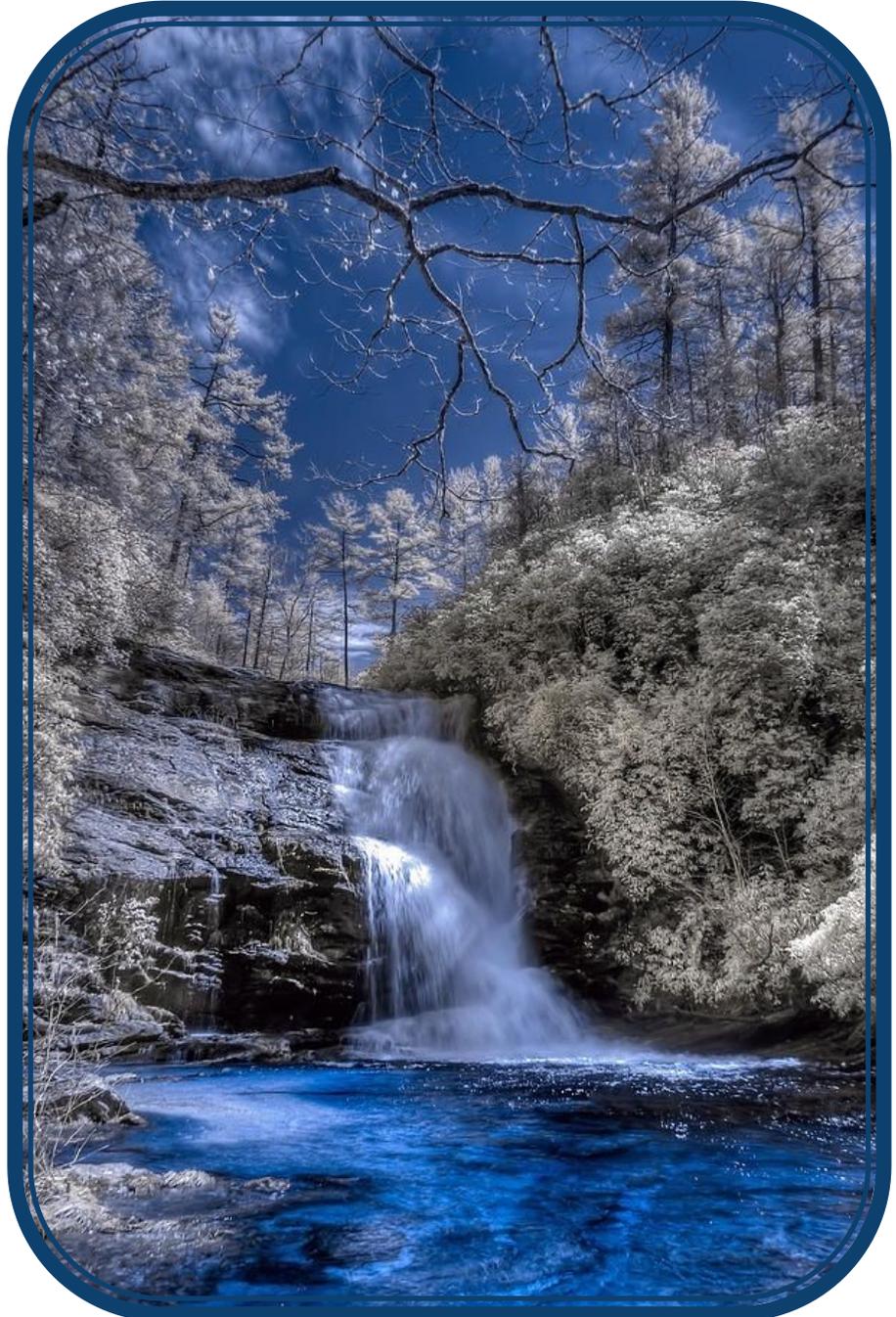
The Cove

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2026



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EVENTS COMMITTEE

Festival of Lights

Before and after Thanksgiving, the Events Committee volunteers were busy decorating the interior and exterior of the Clubhouse and Pro Shop.



Crafters Market held on Saturday, December 6th featured 14 crafters. This year the Market was held from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The market offered a wide variety of handcrafted items for sale from Cummings Cove Residents and outside vendors. As with previous years, it was a huge success.



A Holiday Party was held on Sunday, December 7th. Bill Campbell led the event off with a prayer. You heard all the laughter and chatter among the 100 attendees. Santa Claus, Rudolph, and CC President Ross Terradas made a special appearance to light the Tree and the Menorah. Nancy Barth entertained us playing her electronic keyboard. Additionally, Nancy led us in singing some Christmas Carols.

Mark your calendars.

Our first event will be the "Not So Newlywed Game" on Tuesday, February 10th.

Music Bingo will take place on March 17th and September 15th.

The Memorial Day celebration will be held on Saturday, May 23rd.

Of course, we will celebrate Independence Day!

Other plans are a Tourist Game, Travel Night, Kentucky Derby and more!

Check e-blasts, flyers, and Facebook for more details as they become available.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

Winter (sometimes spring temperatures) have not lessened the court presence. Courts are still open for all levels of play. Sign-up on Sign Up Genius (SUG) for your skill level or reserve a court with a few friends on SUG.

There were (and still are) tournaments throughout the area. In October there was MLP action in WNC, Brevard Health and Racquet Club. Some of our CC players placed. Congrats to Tom Virbickis (3rd place team) and Kathy Londa (4th place team).



Another MLP event was in November. Congrats to Tom Virbickis (1st place team), Robin Virbickis and Mike Howenstine (4th place team).



"Pickleball is a game where every point is a chance to smile."

GOLF NEWS

The golf season continues in the Cove despite the changing temperatures and the unpredictable moods of Mother Nature! We are happy to enjoy the pleasant days we have, and spending time on the course with neighbors and friends.

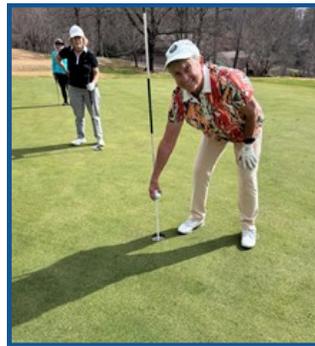
We are happy to announce the League Coordinators for the 2026 season. . . the **9 Hole Ladies** welcome Cindy Warsing and Lyn Blake!



The **18 Hole Ladies** League is very happy that Julie Christianson and Jean Thomson will carry on next season. . . The **9 Hole Men's** League continues successfully under the guidance of Doug Thomson.

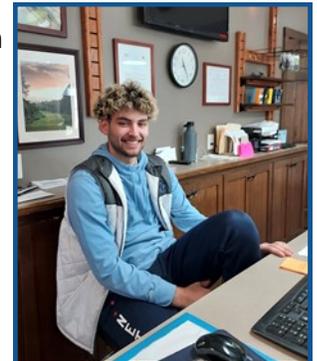


The **18 Hole Men's** League is happy to announce their new coordinators for 2026 are Charlie Hilleboe and Jon Ciolek.



Congratulations to Julie Christianson on her hole-in-one on #5 on Saturday, November 15th! Way to end the season Julie!

We will miss Jeremy Posner in the shop and around the course, as he leaves for California! He will be employed at the Monterey Penn Country Club in California and enrolled in their PGM program. Please wish Jeremy well.



Winter doesn't stop the Cove golfers from a merry good time on the course!

Around the corner...

I wonder, does January have a season? In the Victory Garden, I think the January garden is in the season of waiting. Waiting, resting, breathing steadily, but not out of breath.

Our tireless volunteers are waiting and resting as well! But not all the volunteers! Several are planning the beds for 2026, which means designating which plants get planted in specific beds. Sometimes what will be planted depends on what was planted and harvested in 2025. The 2026 volunteer list will be updated. Soil testing, servicing the roto-tiller and checking, checking, checking equipment. January and February are crucial months in the life of the Cove Victory Garden!

Volunteers are essential to the life cycles of the garden. This is where YOU can help! We truly need our existing volunteers, and we need **NEW VOLUNTEERS** in 2026. As with any organization, at the end of 2025 we lost several of our long-time volunteers. And so, we are asking each of you, Cummings Cove residents, to consider coming together to plant, water, weed, harvest and help deliver the fresh vegetables to local distribution centers. **YOU WILL BE TRAINED!** Experienced gardeners will come along side of you and share their knowledge and experiences through the weeks so that you will be successful! YOU will have fun learning, meet neighbors and share the delight of watching veggies grow!

If you are curious about or interested in learning more to volunteer at the Victory Garden, please feel free to contact:

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Rod Hansen: rodphansen@gmail.com

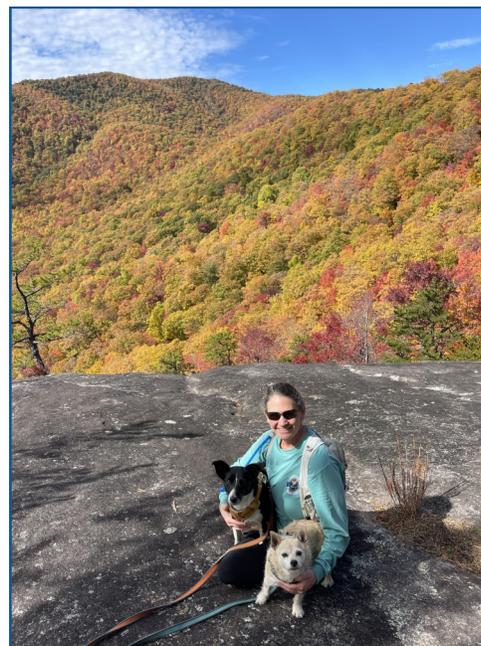


FITNESS NEWS

A new year is a great time to think about how we want to feel in our bodies. For 2026, I encourage you to focus on building more strength, balance, mobility, and confidence. These are the things that help us move more easily, stay steady on our feet, and feel more confident in everyday life. Even small, consistent strength and balance work can make a big difference as we age. I recently shared more about this in my article *Stay Steady and Strong: How Strength and Balance Support You as You Age*, and you can click the link to read more when you have time.

<https://tinyurl.com/5a7jeu3c>

Email candypricewellness@gmail.com for questions about the fitness center or classes. Be sure to check out the winter class schedule below. I'd love to see you in class this season.



Candy, Jippy, and Foxy hiking in Pisgah Forest during peak leaf season.

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

WINTER 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 hard court in the afternoons as the weather permits. The clay courts are closed for the winter season. They will be open again in April or May, depending on when the reconditioning of the courts is completed.

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
January 19, February 16

Hand & Foot: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
January 12, February 9

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

Shanghai: Cindy Kopperud, 414-265-6776
January 5, February 2



ABOG Meeting:
January 13, February 10

CCCA Meeting:
January 20, February 17

DRB Meeting:
January 6, February 3

THE KENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Thank you, Cummings Cove for another successful collection of non-perishable food items at the Kent's Christmas Open House. The collection amounted to over 350 lbs. and was picked up and delivered to the area food bank by Nelson & Judy Chandler. Many new residents visited Bill & Cheryl Kent's Christmas decorated home. It was great to introduce new faces to our residents who have been in the Cove for a while. Thanks again for all of your generosity!



Cummings Cove appreciates the hospitality of Bill & Cheryl, who graciously open their festive, decorated home to all residents.

ILLUMINATED CHRISTMAS TREES



The tradition of lighting candles at Christmas appeared long before electric string lights. Around the 16th century in Germany, people began adorning the branches with wax candles and thus the tradition of illuminated Christmas trees began — they symbolized light and warmth, bringing a sense of comfort and hope into the home. Later, this tradition spread to other European countries, and in the 19th century, candles were replaced by safer electric lights. Still, the idea of "Christmas lights" as a symbol of warmth and coziness has remained to this day.

Cummings Cove Realty 2025 Stats and 2026 First Quarter Outlook

Introduction and New Year Greetings

As we close out 2025 and look ahead to 2026, Cummings Cove Realty extends heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year to the entire Cummings Cove community. We sincerely thank everyone who has participated in real estate transactions with us, whether as buyers, sellers, or in transactions where we have represented both parties. Your continued trust and involvement are greatly appreciated.

2025 Year in Review

Cummings Cove Realty was actively engaged in a variety of real estate transactions throughout 2025. The agency helped facilitate the sale, purchase, or contracting of six lots, nine resale homes, six custom build starts, three miscellaneous land transfers, and an additional lot sale scheduled to close on January 16, 2026. As of December 31, 2025, there are ten residential homes currently under construction, including two properties in the new Vista at Cummings Cove Phase-8 Development.

2025 remained busy despite a decline in buyer visits, particularly from August 2024 to June 2025 when visitor traffic reached record lows because of market conditions and regional effects from Helene. In 2025, Cummings Cove Realty welcomed 151 first-time visitors and 26 returning visitors interested in Cummings Cove real estate. For comparison, 2024 saw 203 first-time and 43 returning visitors. This downward trend in visitor numbers, beginning in 2022, corresponds with a decrease in homes for sale that are less than ten years old and other market pressures.

The shortage of newer homes has led to increased demand for custom builds on both newly purchased and existing residential lots. Cummings Cove predominantly attracts actively retired buyers who increasingly prefer turnkey homes with modern floor plans, avoiding remodeling projects and outdated layouts. For homeowners whose properties may be dated or in need of care, it is advisable to seek expert guidance before listing to better align with buyer expectations.

2026 Market Forecast

The substantial number of visitors interested in Cummings Cove real estate provides Cummings Cove Realty with unique insights into the specific preferences of potential buyers. This firsthand knowledge allows the agency to expertly tailor its services for both buyers and sellers, ensuring that more goals are achieved and more contracts successfully reach closing.

REAL ESTATE NEWS (contd)

The current local market, and its outlook for 2026, is very complex and becoming even more micro regionally specific as it continues its shift toward a stronger buyers' market. One of the best national market outlooks I have viewed recently that does affect our local and feeder markets can be seen on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS5MlkymPPI>

Despite market fluctuations, Cummings Cove remains a highly desirable place to live. Buyers are expected to focus on developments like Vista at Cummings Cove and resale homes that require minimal or no updating. Accurate pricing is critical in any market cycle, making Cummings Cove Realty an invaluable resource for sellers seeking expertise and guidance.



A FEW JANUARY & FEBRUARY FUN FACTS

** During the ancient Roman era, the beginning of January was seen as a bridge between what happened in the past and what the future will bring. January was regarded as the best time to reflect and plan for the coming year.

** January is the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere. The United States record-low temperature was minus 80 degrees Fahrenheit, which a weather observer at Alaska's Prospect Creek Camp noted on January 23, 1971.

** February is the only month in the year that can pass without a full moon. This makes it stand out from the other months of the year since every other month has at least one full moon in that lunar cycle.

** February has been designated as "National Cherry Month"! This means that it's time to grab an extra pint of cherries for snacking, cooking, or baking. Cherries have a sweet, juicy flavor, which makes them a versatile addition to many recipes. Not only are cherries delicious, but they also have several health benefits due to their high levels of antioxidants.

Zodiac signs:

**Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 19) Detail-Oriented, intelligent, and hardworking. Love match: Virgo. Spirit Color: Dark blue

**Aquarius (Jan 20–Feb 18) Imaginative, idealistic, and intuitive. Love match: Sagittarius. Spirit Color: Sky blue

**Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) Creative, sensitive, and artistic. Love match: Virgo. Spirit Color: Sea Green

PETS OF THE COVE



Lilly Belle. She loves a Cove dog named Thor. She throws her arms around his neck and rubs her face against his.



This is Holly. Rockin' her Stars and Stripes on the 4th of July!



Urma. Yaaawning is such good therapy...



Cookie thinks she's a Christmas present!!

PETS OF THE COVE (contd)



MacKenzie. Loves a good stretch after her nap!



Walter and Lilly — while featured in Cheryl's children's book, "A Bug on the Rug", they make us laugh every day!

Tripp the Official Greeter.



Where's
Eevee?



PETS OF THE COVE (contd)



Trixie. How could you leave all this cuteness behind while you go play pickleball?



Mom, Dad will you be home soon?



Coco—Our Navigator.

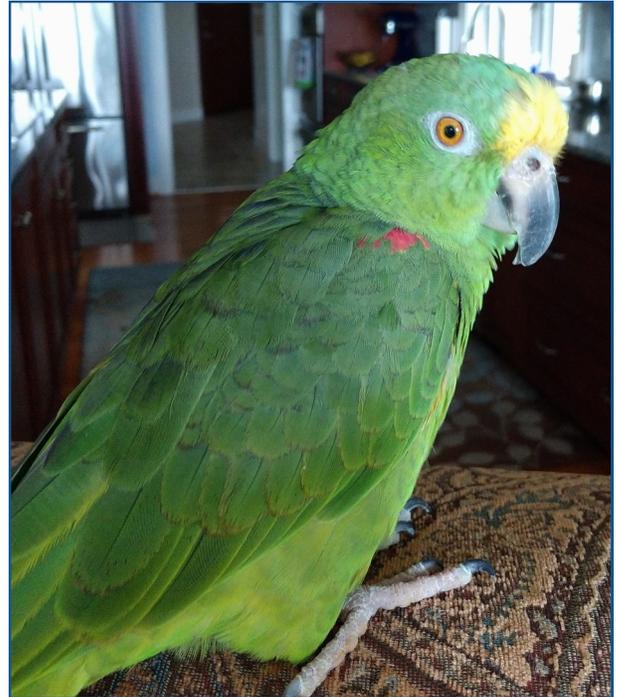


This is Zach all comfy and cozy.

PETS OF THE COVE (contd)



Zach was found wandering around CC. He is my shadow, follows me everywhere and is a good dog, doesn't bark. He is a lap dog, he loves, loves, loves to sit in one of our laps.

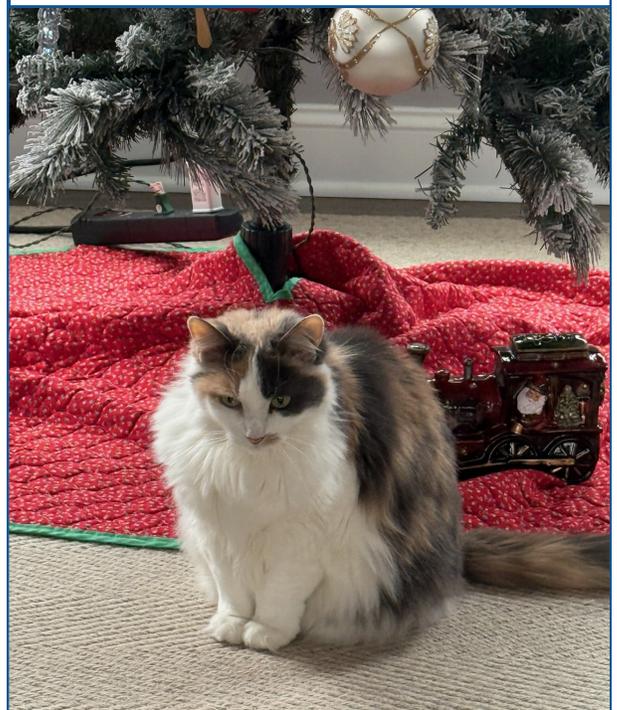


This is Chamomile, a 25 year old Panama Amazon parrot. We've had her (and she's had us) since she was just 7 1/2 weeks old.



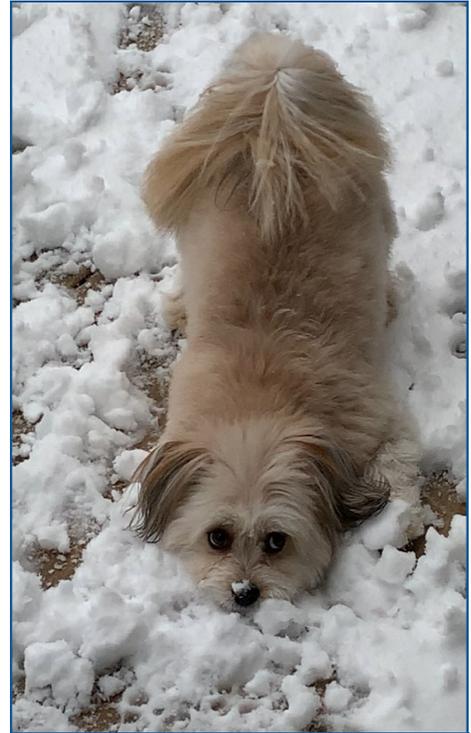
Eloise and Pippin. Best friends, sister & brother. They are the sweetest and smartest!

Meet the beautiful Miss Giblett.



PETS OF THE COVE (contd)

Teddy as Max 2



Whiskey. This is so much fun!



Ripley a 6 month old Havanese.
"Snoozing by the fireplace."



Goose is on his throne and in charge!



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