

Cumberland Cove Monthly Newsletter

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Letter from the President

By Twila Yednock, Cumberland Cove POA President

Newcomer meeting

We are having an inaugural Newcomer's Meeting on October 3rd, 2017, beginning at 6:30 at the Welcome Center. Our mission is to determine what we, as Cove government and residents, could be doing to help new folks who have moved to our community.

Those of you who are Newcomers could help *us* if you would list things you were frustrated with or couldn't find answers for. Make some notes on what you'd like to have had that might have helped you.

We're also wondering if it would be useful to have a committee that could supply a couple members at a time to call on newcomers and make sure they have a welcome packet. What additional items should be in that packet.

Dessert and soft drinks will be provided. All Cove newcomers in the past 2 years are invited to come and participate!

2015 and 2016 Reviews

The Reviews for 2015 and 2016 have been completed and are available on the website.

Cumberland Cove Lots in Tax Sale October 18th

There is a tax sale coming up for Putnam County that has 2 lots in Cumberland Cove on the docket. One is on Davidson, and another is on Sawmill. I think our Cove residents and owners should know about these sales as the lots frequently go for just the back taxes, which isn't that much. However, if we have a lien on the property, the lien stays with the land. The property on Sawmill has a lien of nearly \$2900, in addition to the taxes of \$2, 828.00. There may be other costs as well involved with the sale.

TN Property Viewer

There is a site for Assessors' offices nationwide where you can find the owners of record for property. Go to **tnmap.tn.gov**. It leads to a map of all Tennessee counties. From there look for either county, and type in a name or address. I often use my own to get me to the right subdivision, as looking

for Cumberland Cove doesn't work very well. You can, however, type in the county and a road name--it has to be in all caps, or you won't get anything. It uses abbreviations for RD, ST, etc. From there look at a street map or aerial photography on the upper left, then go to the upper right and select the *identify* tool. After selecting it, click on a lot and find the owner's address by going to the bottom and clicking on the highlighted *here* for up to date information. We have many people come through the office looking for lots, and the property viewer site is a great tool. This is public information, available to everyone.

Notice

The 2018 Proposed Budget is now available online at the Cumberland Cove POA website posted under Financials.

Announcements, Activities, and Events

Please see the following section, Cove Activity/Interest Groups, for routine meeting times and contact information.

Red Hats

October Red Hats Luncheon will be held at the Clark House in Livingston on October 11th at 11:30 am. Hostesses for the day are Margaret Stephenson and Ann Sieffert.

Book Club

The Cove Book Club meets on Tuesday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center. The book is *Imperfect Defense* by Gregg Brickman, and Gregg Brickman will moderate the discussion.

The Cove Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at the Welcome Center. Everyone is welcome. For information please contact Valerie Sizemore 839-2830 or vsize67@frontiernet.net.

Activities Committee

Our October event will be a bonfire at Eagle Flight Park (by the maintenance shed) on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. In case of rain, we will move to the

Welcome Center.

S'mores, hot cider, and Halloween snacks will be provided. BYOB. Please bring your own chair.

Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Those in costume will be eligible for a special prize, and there will be a prize for best costume.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center by October 23 at 1:00 p.m.

As we move forward, sign-ups for all events will be mandatory. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this. Our goal is always to have plenty of food to go around without a lot of waste.

Our next meeting will be held on October 19 at 10:00 am at the Welcome Center. Everyone is welcome.

Fall Yard Sale

The Cumberland Cove Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 8 am - 1 pm. The spaces will be \$5.00 which covers the cost of advertising in the local newspapers and signs. This is open to all Cove residents. If you would like a space or additional information contact Debbie Melgar at 931-267-3918, email debbiemelgar@icloud.com or the Welcome Center to sign up.

Dining Out Bunch

The Dining Out Bunch meets the third week of every month. The restaurant choice, day of week and time are chosen by the host and/or hostess for that particular month. Everyone is welcome! It can be lunch, a late lunch or dinner. The decision is made by the host based on restaurant capability. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this function, please email Martha and Tim Schmidt (schmidt-t@hotmail.com) so that they can send you monthly information.

Our Dining Out for October will be hosted by Steve and Gregg Brickman. We hope you can join us at Forte's Restaurant on the Square in Crossville, TN. All details will be provided by email at the beginning of the month.

Hope you can join us!

Martha & Tim Schmidt

Cove Activity/Interest Groups

(Welcome Center unless otherwise noted)

Morning Coffee--Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00-9:00 AM

Activities Committee--3rd Thursday, 10:00 AM, Social gatherings.

Contact: Jan Litke and Dawn Kulisek through the Welcome Center.

Bible Study--Wednesdays, 7:00 AM, Non-denominational,

everyone welcome. Contact: Elton Warren, 839-8866

Book Club--The Cumberland Cove Book Club meets monthly (except January) on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 11 am at the Welcome Center, and is open to all.

Please call Valerie Sizemore at 839-2880 or e-mail at

vtsize67@frontiernet.net for more information.

Bunco-- 2nd & 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 PM,

Simple dice game. All welcome, couples/singles.

Contact: Judy Webster, 839-3516, hjudatn@frontiernet.net

or Dorothy Jones, 839-6308, dorothyjones290@yahoo.com

Chicken Foot Dominoes--1st Thursday, 10:00 AM,

Contact: Judy Webster, 839-3516 or nhjudatn@frontiernet.net

Couples Golf Scramble--Tuesday mornings (seasonal, May-Oct.)

Contact: Pat Robbins 931-265-1384 or Pauline Robbins 931-265-2189

Dining Out Bunch--Third week of the month

(Day, time, and restaurant to be announced)

Contact: Martha & Tim Schmidt, 839-2859 or schmidt-t@hotmail.com.

No meetings in January or February of 2017.

Game Nights--2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00 PM,

Poker, Dominoes & other card games.

Contact: Pat Robbins 931-265-1384

Late Bloomers--Last Wednesday, 11:00 AM, February through October.

Discussions of gardening, plant selection; guest speakers; field trips.

Contact: Ginger Arthur, 839-2820 or gingkay@frontiernet.net

Parks & Trails-- Contact: Butch Barnd, 561.329.1197 or

walterbarndt445@gmail.com

Poker--3rd Tuesday, 5:00-9:00 PM Contact: Joe Zunino, 931-839-3838

Plateau Sassy Stitchers--2nd & 4th Monday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM,

Contact: Barbara Griffiths, 839-8943

Red Hat Ladies--2nd Wednesday, 11:30 AM, except December and January.

Contact: Gail Massey, 901-734-9237

RV Social Club--Contact: Dennis & Sheryn Ward, 839-8620 or TOR

SherynWard@gmail.com

Wildflower Study Group--No regular meetings.

Database maintained and shared with all.

Contact: Connie/ Ed McSweeny, 839-9669

mcsweenyec@gmail.com or csmcsweeny@gmail.com

Residents Participate in 2017 Komen Upper Cumberland Race for the Cure

On Saturday September 9th, a group of residents formed a team and walked and ran in the 2017 Komen Upper Cumberland Race for the Cure. The team raised over \$1200. and won 2nd place for fundraising in the Rookie Team group. Out of each dollar raised, \$0.75 stays here locally and \$0.25 goes to the National Organization for research. We can continue to

collect donations for the team up to October 31, 2017. So, if you would like to donate to our team, you can drop off a check at the Welcome Center or go to SusanGKomen.com and search for our team, the Boobalicious Covettes. The team consisted of Debbie Melgar (Team Captain), Dawn Kulisek, Denise Yates, Cara Brasseur, Twila Yednock, Gail Haggard, Carlo Sanchez, Maria Lugo, Molly and Gayle Morton. Hopefully our team will be even bigger next year!

FROM THE EDITOR

Please share this document with Cove friends who may not be receiving it. Send me your email address at Gregg@GreggEBrickman.com to be added to the mailing list. You'll find a button at the bottom of this newsletter for removal from the list as well.

Let me know what you would like to see in the newsletter, volunteer to write an article of general interest (no politics, please), or send me wonderful Cove pictures.

Thank you.

Gregg

2017 Tennessee White Tail Deer Hunting Season Unit B

Young Sportsman	Oct. 28-29, 2017 Jan. 13-14, 2018
Archery	Sep. 23-Oct. 27, 2017 Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 2017
Muzzleloader & Archery	Nov. 4-17, 2017
Gun, Muzzleloader, Archery	Nov. 18, 2017-Jan. 7 2018

Please be advised that you may hear gunshots. Try to be sure of the source and direction before reporting them to the Sheriff's Department of your county.

ECC News

By Elton Warren, Chairman, ECC

We are noticing an increasing number of unauthorized signs being placed on properties in Cumberland Cove. Our Covenants are very restrictive (see paragraph 9.7 entitled Signs) and allow only builder's signs "to advertise the property during the construction and sales period, customary 'for sale' signs not exceeding two feet in height and 3 feet in width, security related signs, and any official signs of the association."

The Board of Directors have added some relaxation of these restrictions to accommodate the need for temporary signs for purposes such as directions to yard sales and open houses. The wording of that document states that such temporary signs may be permitted "with ECC approval." That explanatory information was added to the Red Book on December 5, 2005. Further clarification of "Yard Sale" sign information was added to the Red Book; again, with Board of Direction approval, on September 22, 2009.

The Board also added information to the Red Book on March 6, 2007, to address placement of Real Estate signs because those signs, if improperly placed, were an impediment to mowing the roadway rights of way. The ECC makes every reasonable effort to encourage compliance with our Covenants and in a manner respectful to the property owner.

When we receive an inquiry from a resident or if we observe an issue regarding signs, barking dogs, pets running loose, or unusual noise from a particular property, we investigate the issue quietly and work personally with the property/pet owner to find an amiable resolution. This is not "selective enforcement." It is simply respect for our neighbors' privacy and their individual special needs.

UT Gardens-Crossville: Plateau Discovery Gardens

Avoiding Invasive Plants

By Bev Beers

Plants and the many environmental and human health benefits they provide are a key element of a sustainable landscape. However, it is important to note that some plants can also cause significant damage. The fact they are sold locally does not insure they are safe to add to your home garden.

A species of plant that is not native to the particular area it will be planted in and which causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health is called an invasive plant. Studies have shown that at least half of the invasive plants in the U.S. — whether purple loosestrife, jasmine, and glossy privet or pampas grass—were brought here for horticultural use. Invasive plants are often able to displace native vegetation when the natural conditions or checks and balances that exist in their native environment are not a part of the new ecosystem. Such plants are more likely to invade natural ecosystems that have been disturbed. This is particularly important to consider when making a new planting or landscape in the graded area around a new home or building.

An example is shown below. The Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) was introduced to the US in the early 1800's and competes with native vegetation for light and nutrients and has few natural enemies. It is now found throughout the entire US. The good news is there are many native vines which will do the same job in our landscapes.

Most invasive plants are habitat generalists and are able to survive in a wide range of conditions. Plants naturally interact with the surrounding environment and over time can change the characteristics of an ecosystem. In many areas, invasive species have altered important natural processes like hydrology, fire, and nutrient flow—to the detriment of native plant and animal communities.

A foolproof system for predicting invasiveness so far has proved elusive, but a few traits should raise red flags. For example, non-native species bearing fleshy fruits that can be dispersed by birds are at the top of the suspect list. You can preserve biodiversity by not planting such species. It's also good to avoid planting any species that has escaped into vacant lots or roadsides in the area, even if they are not on an official invasive species list.

The best prevention method is to select regionally native plants when possible. If you grow plants native to your region, you help keep invasive species from spreading, preserve the region's cultural character, and protect the complex relationships between native plants, insects, birds, and a myriad of other creatures with which they have co-evolved.

For a listing of invasive plants in Tennessee go to:
http://www.tneppc.org/invasive_plants

Bev Beers, CCMGA Communications, ccmgnews@gmail.com, Plateau Discovery Gardens, 320 Experiment Station Road, Crossville, TN 38558
phone: 931-484-0034

Notices

Safety & Security

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office does vacation home checks for Putnam residents. You need to go to their website: <http://p2c.countywide.us/p2c-pcso/> and click on the heading "Security Watch". It gives you a form to fill out and file with the SO. The watch is not automatic, but has to be reviewed and approved by them. If approved they will notify you by email.

In Cumberland County you call their main number (931) 484-6176 and ask for dispatch. You give them your information and they enter it into their Extra Patrol Log.

Notice for Home and Property Owners

As a reminder, it is very important if you are selling, buying or moving that you contact the Cumberland Cove Welcome Center – 931-839-2926 to provide ownership or address changes. Without your current address information, all correspondence such as annual statements will be sent to the address we have on file. This may cause a delay in receiving your statement for your annual dues. We also keep our Cove phone book updated with this information.

We do not know when you move or new ownership takes place, unless you notify us. PLEASE do not rely on Realtors, Attorneys, or Title Offices the pass this information on.

We have Welcome Packets for new property/home owners, with useful information in them. So if you are new to Cumberland Cove, please stop by the Welcome Center Monday – Friday between 9:00 and 1:00 to receive your welcome packet.

Parking Violations

RVs, boats, utility trailers, and other equipment

According to the Cumberland Cove Covenants 9.4 Parking – "No truck exceeding one-ton capacity shall be parked, within the Subject Properties overnight, unless the truck is being used in connection with the construction of a new residential dwelling unit. All other vehicles (except automobiles, SUV's, and small trucks) or equipment must be parked in a garage or hidden from view by neighbors or from the street. Any vehicle parked on a Subject Property must not be a nuisance and must conform to the communities' standards for sight, sound, and smell."

For further clarification, please see Appendix G in the Environmental Control Committee (ECC) Red Book.

The ECC respectfully request that all residents with vehicles and equipment parked on their property take the initiative to insure compliance with this

covenant requirement. Please understand that tarpaulins, canvas or plastic RV covers and partial privacy screening do not satisfy this restriction.

For advice on compliance solutions, please contact the ECC Chairman, Elton Warren, through the Welcome Center, (931) 839-2926....."

Use of Cove Assets and Equipment

Cove Assets and equipment are for official Cove use only. Chain saws, weed eaters, the tractor, the truck, and any equipment used by committees are for their official use only. Individuals may NOT borrow the equipment for personal use.

Equipment at the POA office including chairs and tables can only be used on premises...they cannot be loaned for off-site use, per the current WC Usage Agreement.

The Chipper use is administered by Firewise, and is available for use by those who have taken the required training.

Burning in the Cove

After May15th you are no longer required to obtain a burn permit to burn outdoors. That does not mean there is no risk of having a fire get out of control.

Until the foilage turns really green, a hot day with low humidity and a gust of wind can still create conditions ideal for a fire to spread quickly.

We still encourage anyone that is going to burn outdoors to borrow one of our backpack extinguishers. They are very easy to use and they are very effective.

We currently have eight of these at the maintenance shed and we have submitted to Forestry a grant request for eight more. You can contact myself, Roger Bumgarner or Mike Deonna and we will get one to you. The welcome Center has our cell phone numbers plus our numbers are listed on the Wildfire Responder Phone Tree at the back of the Cove phone book.

We have provided one of these extinguishers to the security vehicle. Should there be no one available from the Firewise Committee, contact security and they can provide the extinguisher.

We had a brush fire in the Cove recently that burned approximately four acres. The resident acknowledged that if he had one of these extinguishers on hand, he could have prevented the fire from burning out of control.

Even though burn permits are not required after May 15th, it is still against our covenants and against state law to leave any fire near a woodland unattended.

For suspected violations, please call 911.

Firewise Homeowner Safety

Guide: http://burnsafetn.org/firewise_docs/HomeownerSafetyGuide.pdf

Box Tops for Education

In 1996 General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools - and so, box Tops for Education was born.

Initially box tops were only found on select general mills products. The program was such a huge success that it was expanded to include many other products. Box tops can now be found on 100's of products. Some of the products are cereal, kleenex, green giant and pillsbury just to name a few. A complete list can be found on the Website for Box Tops for Education. Today, America's schools have earned over \$719 million. I collect the box tops for Burks Elementary School. Anyone who would like to help me collect Box Tops can leave them at the Welcome Center in the plastic box labeled Box Tops for Education. Thank you, Debbie Melgar

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Community Business Ads

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ADS

- ***Did you know for as little as \$15 (3 month ad minimum) you can***

place your business card here?

- ***You do not have to be a resident to subscribe so ask your doctor, dentist, chiropractor, favorite shop, etc. if they would like to advertise in our newsletter.***
- ***Please contact the Welcome Center office @ 931-839-2926 for details M-F 9:00 AM-1:00 PM***



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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