

Cumberland Cove Monthly Newsletter

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Message from the President

By John Resch, Cumberland Cove POA President

Greetings from the board

February has been a busy month. We continue to make progress toward electronic voting. It is important to realize that we are not taking anything away from the community with this. We are actually adding two additional ways for you to vote. Either electronically, at an electronic voting station at the welcome center with or without assistance from an election committee member or with a good old-fashioned paper ballot. This should allow us to get more input from the community overall. Your election committee has done an amazing job with research and learning the process, and I for one thank each of them for their hard work.

A productive board meeting was held on the 14th. We had an hour-long public comment session before the meeting. That went well, and we had a great turnout. It is important to hear view points from both sides of a discussion. I hope we can have continued input for the entire community on issues they feel are important.

By now news of the golf course has spread through the community. The board had a meeting with the owners of the golf course to hear what they had to say. The board members in attendance all agreed that this is a matter that must be brought to the entire community and not decided by the board. By the time you're reading this, the town hall meeting on the 23rd will have happened, and we can get an idea what the community thinks. Not just the opinion of a few but the whole community. Stay tuned!

I said it at the meeting on the 14th. You will not see board members commenting on Facebook. This is for several reasons. The most important is it's not productive. That in no way means we don't care what's going on. It is just not the appropriate place for important issues. We are all available to contact, and our email addresses can be found on the web site.

Please, Please, Please remember we are neighbors first. We are never all going to agree with each other on every issue. However, we owe it to ourselves to treat each other with respect.

Respectfully, John Resch 561.308.8253

Notices

Board Meetings on Zoom

All meetings of the Board of Directors, can be viewed through the Zoom Application. The link to the Zoom meeting is on the POA website and can be accessed through the members section. Barring technical problems, the meeting is also recorded and available to view through the video library in the members sections.

Announcements, Activities, & Events

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

Book Club

The Cumberland Cove Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 am at the Welcome Center. All are welcome. Please contact Valerie Sizemore for more information at 839-2830 or vsize67@frontiernet.net

Bingo

The February Bingo Night was held on February 13.

Thirty-four attended, of which six were first timers.

Twenty games were played. We had a new record of four games with two-way ties, and a first of one game with a four-way tie. Everyone was very surprised. One player won four times, and five players won twice.

Since it was Valentine's Eve, in addition to the regular meat prizes of beef, chicken, or pork, we had two big prizes, a two-pound London broil and a two-pack of NY strip steak.

Of course, there was lots of chocolate candy passed out.

Games were played with as few as six cards and as many as thirty-nine cards being called.

Hope to see everyone and newbies at the next Monday Bingo on March 13, 6pm.

The April bingo is moved to the 3rd Monday, April 17.

Thank you to all for attending.

Welcome Committee

We held a meeting on February 9th to discuss upcoming events and the resignation of committee co-chairs Nancy Leanna and Kim Decker. Terry Carr has volunteered to be the new committee chairman. Janet Coe has volunteered to step up as co-chair.

We would like to thank our members for all the hard work they put into the committee, and it's been an honor to work with them. Our vision has always been to assist new residents in their transition to Cumberland Cove.

We have no doubt that Terry and Janet will continue that goal. They have volunteered so much of their time with various committees to include Terry serving on the Board. Both have truly been an asset to our community.

We will continue volunteering on the committee and encourage others to join. Thank you, Terry and Janet, for your dedication!

The welcome committee will be hosting a get-together in the spring for our newest owners, Stay tuned for additional information!

Thank you, Nancy Leanna and Kim Decker

Roads Committee

The Roads Committee will be working the first and third Tuesdays of each month and needs help. If you would like to help, please call Mike Deonna at 931-839-6351. Thank you.

Cumberland Cove Veterans Honor Roll

We try to maintain a current list of Veterans residing in Cumberland Cove. If you are a veteran resident in Cumberland Cove and would like to be included in our recognition honor roll, please provide your name, branch of service, and any conflict or deployment in which you served to the Cumberland Cove Welcome Center. You may do this in person or via email. Thank you for your service. We look forward to hearing from you.

Activity & Interest Groups

(Welcome Center unless otherwise noted)

Cove Coffee--Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30-9:00 AM

Activities Committee--Contact Stacey Pehl (staceypehl@gmail.com), Heather Martin (hamartin0401@yahoo.com), and Nora Gerais (nfgervais@hotmail.com), co-chairs.

Bible Study--Wednesdays, 9:00 AM, Non-denominational, everyone welcome. Contact: Elton Warren, 253-670-4965.

Book Club--The Cumberland Cove Book Club meets monthly (except January) on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 am to 10 am at the Welcome Center, and is open to all. Please call Valerie Sizemore at 839-2830 or e-mail at vsize67@frontiernet.net for more information.

Bunco--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 and 3rd Friday at 10:00 AM, Contact: Judy Webster, 839-3516 or nhjudatn@frontiernet.net (Not Meeting)

Couples Golf Scramble--Tuesday mornings (seasonal, May-Oct.) Contact: Elton Warren 253-670-4965 and John & Sue Robbins 931-839-8546

Cumberland Cove Art Society--Contact: Barbara Chambers 615-838-2279

Firewise--Firewise Chair James Schaffner
cumberlandcovefirewise@gmail.com

Game Nights--2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00 PM, Poker: Russell Moss 931-839-2221 Dominoes: Catherine Harris 615-415-4255 and Marsha Johnson 703-966-7040.

Parks & Trails-- Contact: Butch Barnt, 561.329.1197
or walterbarndt445@gmail.com

Poker--1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:00-9:00 PM Contact: Joe Johnson, 931-839-7635.

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

Deb Miller, 815-441-2780.

Red Hat Ladies--Date and location TBA. Contact: Renee Fuller, 713-569-1407.

Newcomer Welcome Committee--Contact: Kim Decker at redkcd@comcast.net or Nancy Leanna at nancyleanna@gmail.com.

Building Committee--Contact James Leanna at jameseleanna@gmail.com.

Helping Hands--The committee's mission is to put Cove residents in touch with local programs that can assist with improving the quality of life and health of our community. The committee meets on an *as needed* basis. Please check with the Welcome Center front desk or activity calendar for meeting times. All are welcome to attend. Contact: Heather Resch at 1-561-701-1609.

Election Committee March Newsletter

By Deb Wills

The Election Committee is excited to announce their consideration of using electronic voting for CCPOA business. This will greatly expedite all voting, giving three options--personal electronic device, electronic device with assistance at the Welcome Center, or traditional mail-in paper ballot. PLEASE SEE the CCPOA WEB SITE under Election Committee for our complete Board of Directions February Report.

Following are important highlights from the Election Committee's BoD February Report:

- Electronic voting adds a valuable quick and fast voting choice to our Candidate Ballots and Amendment Ballots. Electronic voting is more cost effective than traditional mailed paper ballot as it saves paper, ink, copy machine use, envelope and postage costs. It's the money saving choice.
- The Election Committee was excited to discover 58% of the members who returned the 2022 Board of Directors Survey reported they were favorable towards electronic voting.

- Also learned was 66% of the members who returned their 2022 Board of Directors candidate ballots lived near-by. Therefore, the committee is committed to setting-up *a little extra help* appointment times for members at the Welcome Center during electronic voting.
- Remember, it is most important to have a current e-mail on file at the CCPOA Offices. Current e-mails will reduce the number of “bounced” e-mails (i.e. undeliverable e-mails on which the election committee will have to follow-up.) Current working e-mails will enable you to vote electronically.
- For any concerned, the electronic voting company will sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with CCPOA, which will restrict unrelated use of CCPOA data.
- Finally, if you have a *special case* and need a paper ballot, you may request one at our Welcome Center Office.

One last note of encouragement: Fairfield Glade has 10,000 voters and of that number only 2.2% required a paper ballot. IF we can do as well, we would only need 2.2% of 1300 voters... that would be just under 30 paper ballots.

We encourage you to choose Electronic Voting.

Thank you, The 2023 Election Committee

Security Report

by Renee Phillips, Security Chair

Two wellness checks both resulting in medical attention.

One open door call resulting in negative problems.

One shed fire.

Environment Control Committee Report for January 2023

The ECC met twice in January on the 12th and the 26th.

Below is a summary of permitted projects as of January 31, 2022.

- New Home Construction: 45
- Garages: 5
- Outbuildings: 7
- Fences: 5
- Driveways and Clearings: 8
- RV Garages: 4
- Additions/Decks: 3

- Total: 77

Trivia Night

Photos from Beth Collins' Facebook post



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.

I'll publish recipes in the order received. Thank you for your submissions.

Please send me a short paragraph about community events that you think would be of interest.

Thank you.

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.

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 the Roads Committee and is available for use by those who have taken the required training.

Burning in the Cove

From October 15 to May 15 it is required by law that citizens obtain a burning permit.

For a leaf or brush pile less than 8 feet by 8 feet, log onto www.BurnSafeTN.org for approval and to receive a burn permit. For a larger burn, call your local Division of Forestry burn permit number: For Putnam County it is 931-839-2328; for Cumberland County it is 931-484-4548.

The person burning is legally responsible for any fires that burn another person's property, so it's better to be safe than sorry.

We encourage anyone that is going to burn outdoors to borrow one of our *water backpack* extinguishers. They are very easy to use and they are very effective on small fires before they become large, *out of control* fires.

The cove *Firewise* committee has several of these *water backpack* extinguishers and *fire rakes* at the maintenance shed for loan out to cove residents.

You can contact James Schaffner (561-254-3613).

It is against our covenants and against state law to leave any fire

unattended! For suspected violations, please call 9-1-1.

Cumberland Cove Firewise Committee

Firewise Homeowner Safety

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

Board of Directors

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Jason Bonito - Vice President
Amy Ady- Treasurer
Carey Pehl - Secretary
Bill Cronberger
Rich Decker
Zita Greenman
John Robbins
Ron Williamson

Community Business Ads

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- ***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***

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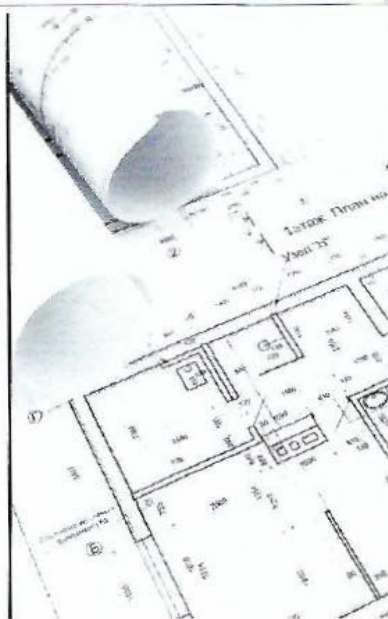
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Become a Monterey Lion!

As Lions, our primary purpose is to help those who are blind or sight impaired. We seek out and help those in our community who need assistance. Monterey Lions Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. We meet at the Bill Hall Lions Club Building at 202 S. Elm Street in Monterey.

For more information contact Stacey Pehl at 209-507-6966 or staceypehl@gmail.com

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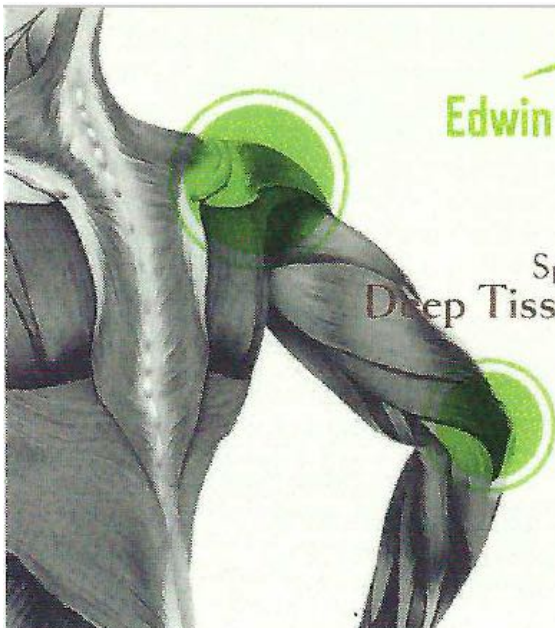
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Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30 am Coffee 9:00 am Bible Study	2 8:00 am – 9:00 am Exercise Class 6:00 pm CC Art Society (RSVP required)	3 7:30 am Coffee	4
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