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I'm writing so you can hear the real facts straight from me. This election means a great deal for the future of Cornelius and while others want to push empty promises, I believe the voters of Cornelius deserve to be informed and know the truth regarding what our local government is doing to improve their quality of life. When it comes to taxes, I've worked to keep our rates the lowest in Mecklenburg County while also keeping unmitigated growth in check. I've even passed a land use plan to control our growth along with a 25 Year Downtown Plan that is ready for board approval. Having someone in my position as mayor, who is a lifelong resident, helps guarantee that the policy agendas set by the board always focus on maintaining the character and charm that makes Cornelius the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Other towns in this area have not kept that focus, and as a result, we unfairly deal with traffic on a day-to-day basis. I drive the same streets you drive daily—I knew as other areas were unchecked with reckless development that we would have to deal with an influx of new traffic. While others waited to address this, I developed a plan that hinged on creating key relationships within the NCDOT and our neighboring towns.

Under my leadership, I've spearheaded the approval and full funding of 7 road projects, 3 of which are currently under contract with 3 more set to be under contract by 2026. Additionally, I'm negotiating each day for a new Exit 27 to further lighten traffic and better serve our businesses. I've also remained focused on our public safety, preventing issues from trickling into our community while also leading the efforts to revolutionize our 911 system; making sure everyone in Cornelius gets quick, urgent care from our first responders. I say all of this because I believe experience matters, especially in local races. I have cultivated the relationships along with the vision to keep Cornelius a strong community with low taxes, improved infrastructure, and safety focused. When you vote to re-elect Woody Washam as mayor, you are voting to keep relationships, experience, and momentum in Cornelius.

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Milling About

A moment of calm before the holiday chaos takes over

BY LINDSAY MARTELL

November is one of those months that begins so sweetly. A pumpkin spice latte here, a few pieces of Halloween Kit Kats there. A happy sugar and caffeine buzz that blends beautifully with the finally-fall weather.

And then, the sweetness wears off and we're left with full-on pre-holiday chaos: we're talking turkey, so much football, Black Friday, and a lightning fast sprint into December.

Oi.

Before we get felled by all of the, er, revelry, and putting all of the holiday-ness first, finding new ways to move your body is a great way to de-stress, detox (see Kit Kats, above), and flex yourself physically and mentally.

That's what I did when I signed up for a line dancing class at Primal Brewery in Huntersville. I shelved all feelings of inadequacy, ransacked my closet looking for something remotely western to wear (zero luck; I'm about as Morticia Adams emo as you can get), and headed to Primal, where Chrissy Nicole (Dance w/Chrissy on Facebook) leads a cadre of newbies in the basics of a 32-count, four wall line dance to the T-Pain song, *Bartender*.

Soon, I was breathless, confused, and loving every second of it.

I consider myself fairly coordinated (thanks to a ballet background and the occasional cardio fitness class), but line dancing had the synapses in my brain working overtime. By the end of the 60 minute class, I was hot, parched, and mumbling the counts on repeat. As I dodged the raucous cornhole games on Primal's outside patio, I floated on the memories of those 32-counts. It was the kind of high that comes from working hard on something that challenges you from head to toe.

According to a 2024 British study, dancing is better for depression than other forms of exercise like walking and yoga, with data showing dance is even more effective than some antidepressants.

Will line dancing make your holiday stress disappear? Not entirely. But will you feel about a million times better



after mastering a 32-count four-wall pattern? 100%.

And while not the euphoric thrill ride of finally getting the counts right on the dance floor, exploring Murray's Mill in eastern Catawba County was a quaint way to spend a few hours. My husband, daughter, and our little pup, Dug, had lunch next to the historic 1913 mill dam, a picturesque spot that also includes an easy hiking trail around the millpond, and statuesque corn fields that had both me and my husband showing off our Gen X-ness with more than a few "Children of the Corn" jokes.

I mean, how could we not?

So, it's November, and maybe you're stuffing your Amazon carts to get a jumpstart on the holidays, or asking if you really want to buy tickets to the (fill in the blank holiday events that take over Lake Norman), catch your breath by learning something new (Thanks, Chrissy!), or soak in the natural beauty all around us.

Isn't that always in season?

Milling About is a new column about life around Lake Norman, written by Lindsay Martell. The column name is a nod to life around the lake and our town's mill history.

Lindsay Martell lives in Birkdale with her husband, daughter, and a scruffy mini mutt named Dug.



Martell

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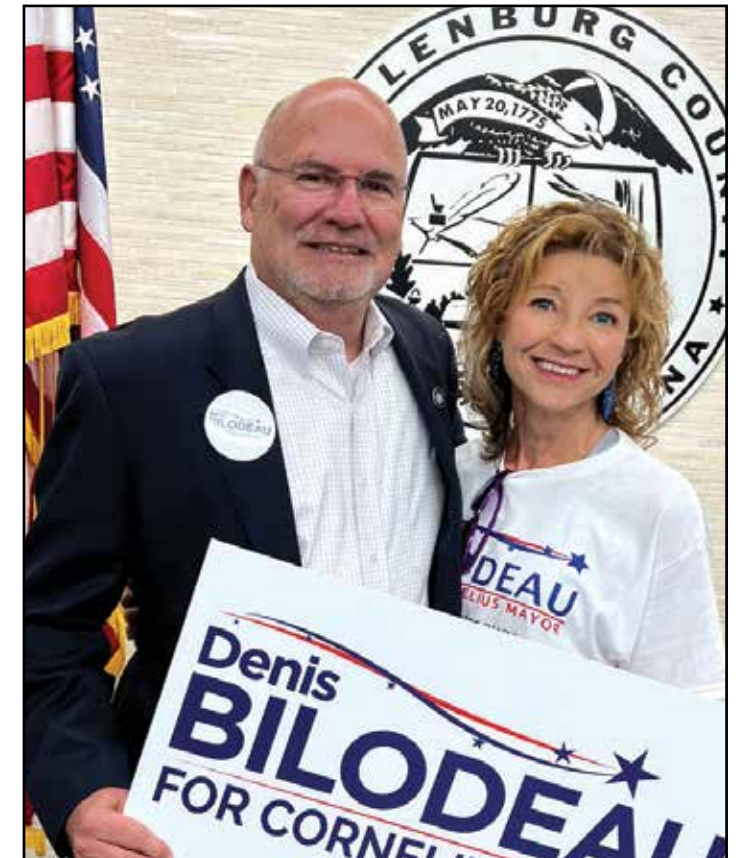
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JUST SAY YAY!

Local teen started a foundation based on principles of positive thinking

Zoey Boukedes walks off the soccer field on a sunny, breezy autumn afternoon looking like any of the other hundreds of girls out there sporting ponytails, turf marks and Charlotte Independence jerseys.

Zoey, however, isn't like most teenagers — or any of them, for that matter.

She was in elementary school when she came home one day bothered by the bullying she witnessed all too often. Encouraged by her parents, she set out to make the world a more encouraging place.

Zoey came up with a simple idea. One day a year, she wanted people to focus on making others feel good — on building people up instead of tearing them down. She called it Yay!Day and decided it would take place on Oct. 30, the day before Halloween, when she felt families could use a break from the stress of the holidays.

Her mother printed some T-shirts that said “Yay!” on the front and the date on the back, and posted pictures of the family wearing them on social media. With the excitement and feedback the post generated, Yay!Day was born.

Two years later, as Yay!Day was starting to find its stride, COVID-19 hit. Zoey was in sixth grade at Bailey Middle School, forced to stay home for nearly a year as school remained closed and negativity seemed to seep into every fabric of society.

“After we were able to return to school, I was determined to find ways that Yay!Day could radiate positivity,” she said. “I wanted to help students and families recognize the benefits of a positive mindset and the impact that could have on their lives.”

Flash forward to her senior year in high school, and Yay!Day has evolved from Zoey's kitchen table to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has raised more than \$225,000 to fund a scholarship program and support other local charities.

In its many forms, Yay!Day is committed to teaching the principles of positive thinking as a method of handling obstacles. It strives to promote positivity, encourage awareness, and raise funds to support causes that make a positive impact in the community.

“If we only see the negative side of things,” she said, “how can we learn to see the positive? My idea sparked from



“I wanted to help students and families recognize the benefits of a positive mindset and the impact that could have on their lives.”

—Zoey Boukedes

that one thought: positivity. If people look at things with a positive point of view, it will benefit the way they feel.”

To date, Zoey has raised money from comedy shows at the Cain Center, a Polaris UTV raffle, corporate sponsors, individual donations and more. Her Yay!Day Club is the largest student-led club at Hough High School, with 250 members who take part in fundraising and mentorship opportunities.

In her free time — yes, free time — she works with other nonprofits like Bags of Hope and FeedNC. She's the senior secretary for the National Honor Society, volunteers at local hospitals, and donates her time on Friday nights to coach soccer for children and adults with disabilities.

“The size and scope of what she's accomplished are nothing short of impressive,” said Thomas Finlay, executive director of the Charlotte Independence. “She volunteers her time and inspires her classmates to do the same. That's the Zoey I know — someone who gives back to her community with genuine heart and humility.”

It's fall of her senior year in high school, and in between school and soccer practice, Zoey has plans — big plans.

A trip to the mall? Not quite.

She wants to hold a spring comedy show at the Cain Center and more community events to raise money. She wants to endow a Yay!Day college scholarship for soccer players.

She wants to attend college next fall to study pre-med. She wants to become an immunologist so she can help others, like her, who suffer from food allergies. She wants to become a leader in the health care industry.

Wherever she goes next fall and beyond, Zoey wants Yay!Day to come with her.

“I want Yay!Day to continue to radiate positivity to as many people as possible,” she said. “If there is one thing that this journey has taught me, it's that you can't let your imagination limit the possibility of your ideas.”

To donate and learn more visit www.yaydaylife.com

Holiday help

Many people are fortunate enough to be able to spend the Thanksgiving holiday weekend sitting around the table to give thanks over a spread of turkey, stuffing, mac and cheese and apple pie.

Others could use some help to make their holiday a special day, so in the spirit of giving we compiled a small list of local charities seeking donations and volunteers this holiday season.

Lake Norman Food Mission

Mission: Provides food assistance to individuals and families in the Lake Norman community.

How to Help: Volunteer your time or make a financial donation to support their efforts.

Website: lakenormanfoodmission.org

FeedNC

Mission: Addresses food insecurity in the Lake Norman region by providing meals and groceries to those in need.

How to Help: Volunteer your time or donate to support their programs.

Website: feednc.org

Angels and Sparrows

Mission: Offers a community table providing free meals and resources to individuals and families in need.

How to Help: Volunteer, donate, or participate in fundraising events.

Website: angelsandsparrows.org

Bags of Hope

Mission: Provides weekend food provisions to school children experiencing food insecurity in the Lake Norman and greater Charlotte area.

How to Help: Participate in food drives, volunteer at packing events, or make a donation.

Website: bagsofhopelkn.com

Lake Norman Kiwanis Club – Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Mission: Provides Thanksgiving meals to individuals and families in need through their annual dinner drive.

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Our good friend and food correspondent *Cloyd Burke* is always asking bartenders and servers around town...

WHAT'S DELICIOUS?

This month he'll tell you about *Pho Nam*

The fall air is starting to arrive, and for me, that means a sprint to Pho Nam, a cozy Vietnamese restaurant run by John and his son, Brian, located in the strip mall near the entrance to Kings Point.

If you know, you know — and you've probably eaten the entire menu. If you don't, start with the Pho Tai soup. It's a large bowl of beef broth simmered for hours on the stove. The broth is poured over rice noodles and topped with slices of rare beef that cook instantly in the piping-hot liquid.

The bowl comes with thinly sliced onions, basil, sprouts and cilantro, creating the best darn soup these old taste buds have ever encountered. I like to toss in a

little sriracha and hoisin toward the end to mix things up.

Next, move on to the Bun. I go for the spicy pork. Bun is served with room-temperature rice stick noodles and your choice of meat, topped with pickled daikon and other veggies I can't identify but taste delicious. It comes with a yellow sauce I like to drizzle over the whole dish.

The Com Dia (broken rice) dishes are also great, though I've never been able to figure out what makes the rice "broken." Looks intact to me.

Once you've mastered the basics, it's time for John's specialty items at the back of the menu. Spicy lemongrass chicken? Yes, yes, a hundred times yes.

Cubed beef stir-fry? On point.

The pork clay pot is a salty, sugary, fatty masterpiece and the last stop on your Pho Nam journey — the final boss.

Portions are generous, but if you're hungry for an appetizer, look no further than the crispy egg rolls. They're unlike any egg roll you've ever had and, in my humble opinion, should be renamed "the crispiest egg rolls."

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that John has the best orange soda in town. If you're lucky, he'll point to the cooler and say, "Grab a drink," while running around delivering food.

Check it out sometime, and if you do, tell them ol' Cloyd sent you.



John and Brian Tang

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Book Review



Snuggle up with a cozy fall book

BY LYN MULDROW

It's autumn, the time of year when leaves are falling, sweaters are calling, and time on the couch feels sublime. Here are a few staff picks to set the mood if you're looking for a cozy read to accompany the season of slowing down, resetting, and renewal.



Squash & Pumpkin: #SquashGoals,
By G.G. McQueen
(children)

We all know that pumpkin is the star of the season, but acorn squashes need love, too! What's a squash to do when a pumpkin takes the spotlight? This heartwarming tale of friendship and self-discovery will spice up your kid's life.

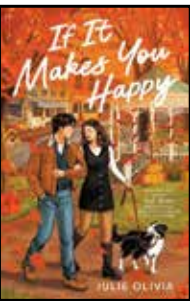


Verity Vox & The Curse of Foxfire
By Don Martin
(young adult)

Harry Potter fans meet Verity Vox! In this story, a magical apprentice saves the town of Foxfire and the fate of magic, not through strength, but cunning and connection. A masterclass in world and character building, it's a YA title that will delight all ages. Adventure awaits!

Stop by the library this fall— in addition to sharing new and popular titles, we offer baby, toddler, and preschool story times, children and teen art clubs, book clubs, pottery workshops, and more!

Lyn Muldrow is a library associate with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library in Cornelius.



If It Makes You Happy
By Julie Olivia
(adult romance)

There's nothing cozier than a bed-and-breakfast owner falling in love with the hot neighbor and baker next door, set in a small town during the fall. This low-stakes romance and dip into nostalgia is very Gilmore Girls, with a slow-burn, friends-to-lovers romance sure to heat up a chilly night.



Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
By Jesse Q. Sutanto
(adult mystery)

Vera will need more than her usual cup of tea when she discovers a man dead in her tea shop. As an amateur sleuth, she's used to solving puzzles—and juggling life as a mother to her single adult son. Now, she's determined to uncover the killer lurking in San Francisco's Chinatown. This cozy mystery brews suspense, humor, and charm, and it's the kind of story you'll be eager to "spill the tea" about to your friends.



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UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Lawsuits complicate the commercial development of Alexander Farms

BY DAVE VIESER

Legal proceedings over the stalled \$110 million Alexander Farms project have cast doubt on the future of the planned commercial development on the site.

The overall project, presented by WIN Development, was approved in 2020, and partial construction of internal roads, stormwater facilities, utilities and related infrastructure soon began.

The commercial development, which covers about 20 acres, was originally scheduled to be finished first, followed by the River Rock 55+ housing development. But commercial construction ceased in 2024 after the loss of financial support.

A significant number of infrastructure improvements were required by the developer, so when activity ceased, the town of Cornelius and Mecklenburg County called the bonds put in place to

ensure the public infrastructure would be completed.

Infrastructure work is still being carried out on the site.

Lawsuits filed

Town of Cornelius officials said several lawsuits have been filed between the private entities, further delaying a project that should have been completed years ago.

The dispute is between an entity associated with River Rock Communities — the developer of the private homes — and Alexander Farms MU LLC (AFMU), the master developer and commercial developer.

According to online court records:

- This past April, an entity associated with River Rock purchased AFMU's loan previously held by Stearns Bank



Construction at Alexander Farms / File photo by Jason Benavides

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after AFMU defaulted on the loan.

- The River Rock entity foreclosed on the note.
- AFMU challenged the foreclosure citing a violation of deed of trust and North Carolina foreclosure law. The challenge made its way through the courts to the N.C. Supreme Court and remains in litigation.



Grant

who stated the town is not a party to any of the lawsuits, litigation or court proceedings.

How things proceed at this point is unknown. Portions of the commercial area may not move forward until the legal proceedings conclude.

"The Alexander Farms plan has an approved rezoning and is vested," Grant said. "Unless substantive elements of

The town has been informed that at least two other lawsuits are pending in Mecklenburg County courts between AFMU and River Rock, according to Town Manager Andrew Grant,

the plan are proposed to be changed, such as the types of uses, the plan's development rights remain."

The approved plan includes a mix of single-family residential, senior housing, commercial and retail space, open space and parkland, as well as a greenway connection.

"There was strong support for this project," said Commissioner Todd Sansbury. "While I hated to see the farmland go away, it was part of the master plan for our overall area. I would probably vote yes again based on the land-use plan."



River Rock rental community
Photo by Jason Benavides

The project could be completed or sold to another developer who could



Sansbury

build the approved concept or submit a new rezoning request for a different project. Planning Board member Colin Furcht, who is running for a seat on the Town Board and supported the development as a previous town commissioner, said

he has a different perspective now given the delays and challenges.



Furcht

"It would be a tough one for me," Furcht said. "The benefits of a 55-and-older community coupled with retail was a plus for me back then. hindsight is always 20/20, but this is why I push developers to provide timelines before we approve projects."

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Downtown Cornelius



View North from Oak Street Mill

Major changes to downtown could be on the horizon

BY DAVE VIESER

Cornelius will be in for major changes if the recommendations in the draft Downtown Master Plan are approved by the Town Board at their Nov. 17 meeting.

The plan is the culmination of 15 months of work aimed at shaping the future of downtown in both the near and long term. It was unanimously approved by the town Planning Board at its October meeting and will now be considered by the Town Board following a public hearing.

"This plan contemplates a bold new vision for Old Town Cornelius over the next 25 years," said Town Planning Director Rox Burhans, who added that it was developed with extensive input from residents, local businesses, and planning experts.

Developed with Charlotte-based engineering firm Kimley-Horn, the master plan focuses on a 220-acre area along Catawba Avenue and Main Street. It analyzes existing conditions and provides a vision for the future of Old Town through three main components.

Kimley-Horn's Kyle Baugh expressed appreciation for the community's engagement.

"I've done many of these studies, and the input and cooperation we received here in Cornelius was really outstanding and very much appreciated," he said.

Downtown Core

The plan proposes a mix of uses and open spaces that promote a pedestrian- and transportation-friendly environment. Serving as the primary catalyst for revitalizing Old Town Cornelius, planners suggest the core is well-suited for retail, restaurants, offices, commercial services, hospitality, civic uses, limited residential, and the arts.

Mixed-use developments would be vertically integrated, with retail, restaurants, and commercial services on the first floors of shopfront-style buildings, and offices or limited residential uses on upper floors.

Downtown Core Perimeter

This section outlines a gradual transition between the residential Gateway Corridors and the denser Downtown Core. It accommodates a mix of active retail, office, restaurant, and commercial services on the first floors of shopfront-style buildings, with office and limited residential uses above.

Small-scale residential—primarily owner-occupied—may be included in larger mixed-use developments or as standalone projects on secondary roads, subject to review and conditional zoning for neighborhood compatibility.

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Downtown Cornelius



View South from Catawba Ave towards Oak Street Mill

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Gateway Corridors

The primary goal is to preserve the architectural style and historic character of Catawba Avenue and Main Street while promoting mixed-use development on infill sites. Suggested uses include single-family homes, retail, offices, restaurants, commercial services, and civic functions, with small-scale residential options integrated into larger developments.

Buildings should face public streets with rear parking, and streetscapes should balance tree canopy preservation with improved walkability. Buildings originally constructed as single-family homes should be preserved, either for continued residential use or adapted as commercial properties.

To achieve this development framework, the plan suggests four key actions:

1. Refined Framework

Redirect traffic away from the main block by adding a roundabout at Mulberry Street and Catawba Avenue, and create a new festival street design for Catawba that aligns with the plan's vision while accommodating greenway access and sidewalks.



View Looking West on Catawba Ave from N Main St

2. Central Civic Plaza

Relocate the police station and create a mixed-use area anchored by a centralized civic plaza that complements the Cain Center and Oak Street Mill. It would reserve portions of first-floor retail for artist suites to enhance the local arts community.

3. Property Acquisition

Consider acquiring property around the new Cornelius Elementary School for parks, open space, and recreation.

4. Town Center Redevelopment

Establish a public-private partnership to redevelop the property behind Town Hall, creating shared parking and capitalizing on first-floor commercial opportunities at this location.

Next Steps

The plan is scheduled for a final public hearing and adoption vote by the Town Board of Commissioners on Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

• For more detailed information, you can access the full draft of the plan, the executive summary, and the appendix through the official town website, Cornelius.org.

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Love of the game is foundation for new Bailey Road tennis operator

BY JON SHOW

Jeremy Martin was surrounded by hundreds of local tennis players last month during the grand opening of the Bailey Road Park tennis court complex.

The owner of Modern Strike looked out at a sea of people of all ages and abilities and saw opportunity — a chance to provide a platform for people to enjoy the game, to welcome new participants to tennis, and perhaps to develop a future star of the sport he loves.

“I have two things in tennis,” Martin said. “I like to see players improve — whether it’s going from beginner to advanced, or take that next step to college or pro tennis. But no matter what, everybody has to have fun doing it.”

Modern Strike was selected by the Town of Cornelius to manage the new tennis court complex, which features 12 courts built as part of a \$3.4 million parks and recreation project.

Similar to other partnerships between the town and sports organizations, Modern Strike pays the town for access to the facility in exchange for offering programming and events to residents. As part of the arrangement, a portion of the courts must always remain available for open play.

Martin is a certified tennis instructor through the United States Professional Tennis Association and has more than 15 years of teaching experience. He learned the sport from his father and played at the collegiate level alongside his brothers at North Carolina A&T.

After college, Martin spent three years



Jeremy Martin, owner of Modern Strike

traveling the world as a tennis professional until an elbow injury ended his career. He then spent several years in the corporate world before launching a full-time coaching career with Modern Strike.

Founded in 2014, Modern Strike has built a strong presence at Davis Park through a similar partnership with the town of Belmont. The name “Modern Strike” is a nod to the “strike zone” in tennis — the optimal area where a player makes contact with the ball.

Programming at the new court complex caters to players of all ages and skill levels, including junior development

and after-school clinics, adult beginner classes, cardio tennis, summer camps, and competitive match play.

The programs are designed to be both engaging and educational, helping players improve their skills while developing a lasting passion for tennis.

“We want to create a schedule that balances organized play with plenty of open court time so players can practice, play casually, or hit with friends,” Martin said. “We want Bailey Road Park to feel open and welcoming.”

Modern Strike has two full-time teaching professionals at the facility — Taylor Melville and Aidan Palladino —

along with several part-time instructors who support clinics, camps, and special events.

One of Martin’s first initiatives in his new role was reaching out to nearby Bailey Middle School about starting a club tennis program. There are 80 middle schoolers participating in the first year.

“The goal is to make Bailey Road Park a true community space where everyone feels like it’s their home court, regardless of their age or experience,” Martin said. “I think this program is going to be recognized nationally for what we’re going to do here.”

Hough boys soccer gearing up for state playoffs

BY RYAN MOXON

The Hough boys soccer team is eyeing a deep run into the state playoffs this month on the back of a close group of players and a coach looking to build on the legacy of his predecessor.

Last season marked head coach Mike Kutcher’s first as head coach after being elevated from junior varsity to replace David Smith, who retired with a 515-102-31 record and was the only head coach Hough had known since the school opened in 2010.

“David and I kind of built this program together and we have very similar philosophies, so it was a pretty easy transition for the kids,” said Kutcher.

The Huskies roster is old in age but not in experience. The team only returned four starters from last year’s squad that lost in the third round of the playoffs to Charlotte Catholic.

Scoring is led by senior forward Dylan Cox and midfielder Piercon Selland, who have combined for 33 goals and 35 assists. Cox is the team leader in points with 23 goals and 16 assists.

“Dylan is a tremendous leader with the way he carries himself on the field and is a guy we’ve really leaned on this year,” said Kutcher.

Selland has added another 10 goals and 19 assists, and serves as the team’s utility player, often shifting from an offensive to a defensive role when needed.

Junior midfielder Lukas Patrignani has been an important addition in his first year as a starter, displaying the toughness that his former junior varsity coach is quite familiar with.

“He’s our enforcer on the field,” said Kutcher. “You don’t want to get into a tackle with him, or get near him when the ball is in the air, because there’s going to be contact and you’re going to lose.”

Senior goalkeeper Nolan Bosche anchors a defense that often features only two backs and not the four common in high school soccer. He’s played much of the season with a broken hand that’s protected by an old keeper glove he retrofitted to fit the splint on his hand.

Bosche is fronted by another returning senior starter, defenseman Santiago Giraldo, who has also been playing hurt most of the season.

“He’s the heart of our team,” said Kutcher. “He’s just a guy that guts everything out. You don’t see that kind of player as much as you used to.”

The Huskies are 14-7-3 overall and



Hough Forward Dylan Cox / Photo by Max Gallagher

5-4-1 in conference play, with signature wins against Myers Park and Grimsley, and one of the toughest schedules in the state.

The seven losses have all come against

teams that are expected to advance to the state playoffs.

First round playoff games are scheduled to begin Nov. 3, and Kutcher expects his team’s camaraderie to be the

backbone of whatever they can accomplish in the postseason.

“The biggest thing for our team is they’re really a tight group of guys,” he said. “They’ve been friends outside of soccer for years, so they have a sense of loyalty and trust with each other.”

“They play for each other, and I think that will really help us in the playoffs.”

Girls Golf

The Hough girls golf team won their conference this fall behind the performance of a stellar group of players, two of whom advanced to the individual state tournament.

The Huskies bested Myers Park by 12 shots to win the conference championship over Myers Park at Harry L Jones Sr. Golf Course in Charlotte. In the individual matches, junior Reagan Sokol finished second, sophomore Avery Gordish finished fourth and freshman Addison Chaffin finished fifth.

The team was eliminated from post-season competition in the regionals but Gordish and Sokol advanced to the state tournament at Pinehurst No. 6.

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Golf carts cannot be used on roads, sidewalks or greenways

The town of Cornelius passed an ordinance stating that unregistered golf carts cannot be driven on roads, sidewalks or greenways, in line with state law. The Town Board unanimously adopted the regulation at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Deputy Town Manager Wayne Herron said the measure may be temporary.

“Whatever the Town Board approves at this time may be an interim step, as Mecklenburg County and the state are considering changes in definitions and allowances,” he said.

Other personal conveyance vehicles (PCVs), such as electric-assisted bikes, scooters and skateboards, are still permitted but must operate at reduced speeds. A full list of regulations is available on the town website.



The 36.18-acre parcel on Bailey Road.

Herron said enforcement will rely largely on public education.

Town buys land on Bailey Road

The Town Board approved the purchase of a 36.18-acre parcel on Bailey Road for \$3.45 million.

The area east of Highway 115 is iden-

tified in the 2024 Parks and Greenways Master Plan as a priority for land acquisition to improve park access on the east side of Cornelius. The property could eventually be developed for recreation, greenways and open space.

Currently designated as Business Campus in the town's land-use plan, the property is intended primarily for corporate offices, light industrial and

warehousing. If used for parkland, funds may come from the previously approved \$20 million parks bond, part of which is earmarked for land acquisition.

New turf and sidewalk improvements coming to Bailey Road

The Town Board approved plans to replace the synthetic turf on two soccer fields at Bailey Road Park.

Geosurfaces Southeast of Mooresville will remove the existing turf and install new fields at a cost of \$756,000. The existing rubber crumb will be saved and reused to reduce costs.

Installation is expected to begin in December, with the fields reopening by early February. The board also authorized \$47,500 to upgrade sidewalks along portions of Bailey Road.

Cornelius Parks Department wins award

The Cornelius Parks and Recreation Department received a Regional Excellence Award from the Centralina Regional Council for its greenway connectivity.

The award recognized Cornelius' Emerald Necklace, a 13-mile greenway network connecting neighborhoods, schools and businesses while promoting active living and sustainability.

“The Emerald Necklace was developed with a clear goal: to create an interconnected loop of greenways and multi-use trails that connect where people live to where they work, shop and recreate,” said Parks and Recreation Director Troy Fitzsimmons.

Rotary, Giving With Grace donate van to Neighborhood CARE Center

The North Mecklenburg Rotary Club and Giving With Grace donated a Dodge van to the Neighborhood CARE Center of Cornelius.

The center serves neighborhoods in and around Cornelius, assisting low-income and underserved families, people needing language help, children requiring tutoring, and adults seeking life skills or job training.

The van will help deliver food to families facing food insecurity, provide moving services, pick up donations for vocational programs, and transport bikes for youth biking initiatives.



Early Voting Begins:
October 23rd at Town Hall
Election Day:
Tuesday, November 4th

REFERENDUM

Mecklenburg County
Public Transportation Systems
Local Sales and Use Tax

One percent (1%) local sales and use taxes, in addition to the current local sales and use taxes, to be used only for roadway systems and public transportation systems.

☒ For
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Facts You Should Know About the 1% Sales & Use Tax

- **HB 948 (The PAVE Act) statutorily guarantees Cornelius funding (\$5.75M first year) for road projects necessary to reducing traffic congestion. Revenue distributed directly to Cornelius to be invested based on Cornelius priorities.**
- **Approximately 30% of the sales tax will be paid by non-Mecklenburg County (e.g., non-Cornelius) residents. (source: Charlotte Regional Business Alliance)**
- **The additional sales tax will not apply to sales tax exempt food as well as other basic and critical expenses for families. (HB 948, Section 4.3)**
- **Cornelius will receive 125% of eligible funding for critical road infrastructure projects. This means Cornelius will receive 100% of its eligible funding based on street mileage and population, plus an additional 25% as a means of recognizing and addressing the sensitive issue of the additional 1/2% paid over the past 25+ years. (HB 948, Section 4.8(1)a.)**
- **The Red Line is guaranteed to be the #1 rail priority. At least 50% of the Red Line must be completed before any other rail project can be completed. This requirement is law. The language is explicit. (HB 948, Section 4.9(2))**
- **The contract for the Red Line will not be awarded until the project is fully funded (no funding delays). The contractor must deliver the project on time or face liquidated damages (significant financial penalties for failure to deliver the project on time).**
- **All entities, public and private, will be highly motivated to complete the Red Line on time and on budget.**
- **Passenger safety will be a priority! Law enforcement will be robust!**

Four (4) Questions to Consider Before You Vote

- **As a Cornelius resident commuting to and from Charlotte, would you prefer a relaxing seat with a nice view from the train or your driver's seat and the stress of a windshield filled with a sea of other vehicles?**
- **As a Cornelius resident commuting to and from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, would you prefer the travel time by train (Red Line to Silver Line to the CLT “people mover”) or the congestion and unpredictable travel time of the interstates, plus the CLT parking fee and the bus transfer?**
- **As a Cornelius resident commuting to and from Charlotte, would you prefer the expense of a train ticket or the expenses of fuel, vehicle maintenance and insurance, parking, and expensive express lane tolls (optional)?**
- **Without funding for strategic investments in our community's transportation infrastructure, how will we avoid the inevitable increases in congestion as well as declines in access, affordability, and economic mobility?**

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https://cornelius.org/government/departments/planning/_transportation_sales_tax_referendum.php

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9/24/25, \$3,020,900, 17806 John Connor Rd, 4BR/3.5BA, The Peninsula, 4,541 sq ft, Built 1998

9/24/25, \$415,000, 20840 Sierra Vista Dr, 3BR/2BA, Bahia Bay, 1,270 sq ft, Built 1994

9/24/25, \$293,000, 18819 Cloverstone Cir, 2BR/2.5BA, Edinburgh Square, 1,709 sq ft, Built 2000

9/25/25, \$1,200,000, 16819 Flying Jib Rd, 4BR/3.5BA, The Peninsula, 3,985 sq ft, Built 1998

9/26/25, \$825,000, 19701 Valiant Way, 4BR/3BA, Blue Stone Harbor, 2,711 sq ft, Built 1997



\$7,100,000 | 16500 Green Dolphin Lane, Cornelius

9/26/25, \$1,040,000, 18802 Pentwater Ct, 4BR/4.5BA, The Peninsula, 3,797 sq ft, Built 1997

9/26/25, \$1,060,000, 18745 Bluff Point Rd, 5BR/4.5BA, Cornelius, 3,348 sq ft, Built 2006

9/26/25, \$3,160,000, 18302 Town Harbour Rd, 6BR/6.5BA, The Peninsula, 7,186 sq ft, Built 1997

9/26/25, \$7,100,000, 16500 Green Dolphin Ln, 6BR/7.5BA, Cornelius, 8,286 sq ft, Built 2018

9/29/25, \$612,000, 18236 Coulter Pkwy, 3BR/2BA, Baileys Glen, 1,992 sq ft, Built 2011

9/29/25, \$695,000, 20219 Tailwind Ln, 4BR/3BA, Sawyers Landing, 2,673 sq ft, Built 2000

9/29/25, \$455,000, 18547 The Commons Blvd, 3BR/3BA, Harborside, 2,382 sq ft, Built 2008

9/29/25, \$639,000, 8107 Houser St, 3BR/3.5BA, The Retreat At West Cawba, 2,676 sq ft, Built 2022

9/30/25, \$2,135,000, 20361 Enclave Oaks Ct, 5BR/4.5BA, Enclave, 6,145 sq ft, Built 2004

9/30/25, \$1,574,000, 19641 Meta Rd, 4BR/3.5BA, Diane Shores, 3,653 sq ft, Built 1994

9/30/25, \$910,000, 21721 Shoveller Ct, 4BR/3.5BA, Heron Harbor, 3,202 sq ft, Built 1997

10/1/25, \$348,000, 18674 Oakhurst Blvd, 2BR/2.5BA, Oakhurst, 1,547 sq ft, Built 1999

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10/2/25, \$469,900, 9930 Caldwell Depot Rd, 3BR/2.5BA, Caldwell Station, 2,048 sq ft, Built 2005

10/3/25, \$428,000, 19333 Pocono Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Heritage Green, 1,592 sq ft, Built 2010

10/3/25, \$475,000, 18027 Train Station Dr, 4BR/2.5BA, Caldwell Station, 2,267 sq ft, Built 2007

10/3/25, \$995,000, 16219 Winnow Ct, 5BR/3.5BA, Sterling Pointe, 3,209 sq ft, Built 1994



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10/3/25, \$3,315,000, 17112 Green Dolphin Ln, 5BR/5.5BA, Cornelius, 5,711 sq ft, Built 1971

10/8/25, \$510,000, 11123 Bailey Park Nature Dr, 3BR/2BA, Baileys Glen, 1,930 sq ft, Built 2018

10/6/25, \$425,000, 19701 Swiss Stone Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Willow Pond, 1,772 sq ft, Built 1989

10/9/25, \$950,000, 19112 Gloucester Ct, 5BR/3BA, Jetton Cove, 3,429 sq ft, Built 2004

10/7/25, \$779,100, 17925 Kings Point Dr Unit C, 3BR/2BA, Biscayne Bay, 1,410 sq ft, Built 1991

10/9/25, \$478,000, 18414 Victoria Bay Dr, 4BR/2.5BA, Victoria Bay, 2,611 sq ft, Built 2001

10/10/25, \$1,300,000, 8505 Preserve Pond Rd, 5BR/3.5BA, Robbins Park, 3,211 sq ft, Built 2013

10/10/25, \$490,000, 10306 Meadow Crossing Ln, 4BR/2.5BA, Glenridge, 2,548 sq ft, Built 2001

10/10/25, \$400,000, 18009 Kings Point Dr Unit C, 2BR/2BA, Baybridge, 1,164 sq ft, Built 1992

10/14/25, \$425,000, 19607 Tryon St, 3BR/2.5BA, Wellsley Village, 1,667 sq ft, Built 1987

10/14/25, \$410,000, 10213 Conistan Pl, 3BR/2BA, Wellsley Village, 1,634 sq ft, Built 1991

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10/20/25, \$3,800,000, 18100 Watercraft Pl #141, 4BR/4.5BA, The Peninsula, 4,345 sq ft, Built 1997

9/25/25, \$510,000, 921 Northeast Dr #39, 3BR/2BA, Spinnaker Reach, 1,381 sq ft, Built 1999

10/21/25, \$1,473,000, 19245 Stableford Ln, 4BR/3.5BA, The Peninsula, 3,678 sq ft, Built 1991

9/26/25, \$1,120,000, 104 Edgewater Park St, 5BR/2.5BA, Lake Davidson Park, 2,795 sq ft, Built 2000

10/23/25, \$2,200,000, 18843 Flat Shoals Dr, 5BR/4.5BA, The Peninsula, 5,019 sq ft, Built 2006

9/26/25, \$822,500, 19679 Wooden Tee Dr, 4BR/3BA, River Run, 2,957 sq ft, Built 2005

10/23/25, \$285,000, 18001 Delmas Dr Unit 1F, 2BR/2BA, The Terraces at Oakhurst, 1,160 sq ft, Built 2006

9/29/25, \$210,000, 513 Annie Lowery Way #37, 3BR/2.5BA, Parkside Commons, 1,849 sq ft, Built 2025

10/23/25, \$925,000, 20615 Rio Oro Dr, 4BR/3.5BA, Bahia Bay, 3,387 sq ft, Built 2022

9/30/25, \$290,000, 233 Northwest Dr, 2BR/1BA, Harborwatch, 797 sq ft, Built 1984

10/23/25, \$3,800,000, 19029 Brigadoon Pl, 5BR/5.5BA, Cornelius, 5,276 sq ft, Built 2011

9/30/25, \$485,000, 12024 John Newton Dr, 4BR/3.5BA, Summers Walk, 2,355 sq ft, Built 2022

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9/24/25, \$1,720,000, 19155 Newburg Hill Rd, 5BR/5BA, Davidson Woods, 3,850 sq ft, Built 2025

9/30/25, \$734,900, 17423 Summers Walk Blvd, 4BR/3.5BA, Summers Walk, 3,671 sq ft, Built 2018

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Things to do

Here are some of the best bets around Lake Norman.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Mt. Zion's Annual BBQ

11 am | Nov. 1. Dining room and drive-thru open for the 86th annual event with 100% of the proceeds supporting local missions and ministries. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Kathy Mattea

7:30 pm | Nov. 1. American country music and bluegrass singer with more than 30 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts. Pricing from \$52.88 to \$73.48. Cain Center for the Arts.

Ghost Hunt at the Hugh Torance House and Store

7:30 - 9:30 pm | Nov. 1. Authentic ghost hunt led by the experts at the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. \$25 per person; limit 24 participants. Hugh Torance House and Store.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5

Bunco

7-9 pm | Nov. 5. Bunco every first Wednesday of the month. Three tiers of prizes. Eleven Lakes Brewing.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

49th Annual Working Fingers Craft Show

10 am - 4 pm | Nov. 8. Showcasing a wide array of handmade items. Charles Mack Citizen Center, Mooresville.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans Day Program

11 am - 1 pm | Nov. 11. The Town of Cornelius and American Legion Post 86 hold an annual Veterans Day Program at the Cornelius Veterans Monument at Rotary Plaza to honor military veterans and service members. Cornelius Town Hall.



SATURDAY, NOV. 29 | 14th Annual Light Up Cornelius

4-7 pm | Nov. 29. Annual tree lighting. Community group performances, children's activities, a model train display, food and drink, s'mores and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Cain Center for the Arts.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

Christmas Bazaar

9 am - 2 pm | Nov. 15. Vendors, kids activities and raffles. Proceeds help provide a memorable Christmas for local children in need. Lake Forest Church, Huntersville.

Lake City's Christmas Bazaar

9 am - 2 pm | Nov. 15. Lake City Church's 6th Annual Christmas Bazaar. Vendors will be both inside and outside of the church. Proceeds help fight human trafficking including registration, table fees and silent auction donations. Lake City Church, Mooresville.

Ada Jenkins Center Food Fight

10 am - 1 pm | Nov. 15. Community event and competition between local restaurants, caterers and home chefs to benefit the Ada Jenkins Center. Tickets for sale online. Ada Jenkins Center, Davidson.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

The Heart of Rock & Roll: America's No. 1 tribute to Huey Lewis & The News

7:30 pm | Nov. 21. Infectious blend of rock, pop, blues and soul for audiences of all ages. Pricing from \$41.83 to \$73.48. Cain Center for the Arts.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Mooresville Fine Arts Festival

10 am - 5 pm | Nov. 22. Local and regional selected artists showcasing and selling original fine art. Demonstrations and musical guests. Charles Mack Citizen Center, Mooresville.

Mike Super: Magic + Illusion

3 and 7:30 pm | Nov. 22. Mike continually delivers new magic experiences, pushing the art to places it's never been pushed. Pricing from \$41.68 to \$83.38. Cain Center for the Arts.

AmeriCarna LIVE

9 am - 3 pm | Nov. 22. 13th annual AmeriCarna LIVE hosted by Ray Evernham. Car registration \$30. Spectator tickets \$5 (kids 10 and under are free). Trane headquarters in Davidson.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

Lake Norman Turkey Trot

7:30 am | Nov. 27. Half marathon, 10 K and 5K. LIFE Fellowship, Cornelius.

NOV. 29 - NOV. 30

4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza

10 am - 4 pm | Nov. 29-30. Indoor Christmas shopping event featuring small businesses. \$7 admission. Free parking. Cabarrus Arena & Events Center, Concord.



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Heart of Rock & Roll: Huey Lewis & The News Tribute

NOV. 21 | 7:30 pm

The show is a non-stop multimedia ride through all of HLN's biggest hits in a colorful and exciting concert complete with video, costume changes and engaging audience interaction.



Mike Super Magic & Illusion

NOV. 22 | 3 pm, 7:30 pm

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Dutchmans moving to downtown

Dutchmans Casual Living, the popular home décor retail store located in Jetton Village, is moving to a new space in anticipation of the makeover soon coming to downtown Cornelius.

Store owner Stephanie Nieuwendijk Bramble is excited about the opportunity to serve her customers and the community at large.

“I really like the idea of being more involved in the community in Cornelius,” she said. “Moving to this location with everything that’s going to happen is just exciting.”

Dutchmans is known for its eclectic selection of home furnishings that combine quality and charm. The store features furniture and décor items for every room in the home. It also offers

interior design services and in-home consultations.

The new 11,000-square-foot store is located in the Oak Street Mill. Dutchmans is leaving the 8,000-square-foot space it has occupied since 2013, after relocating to Cornelius from its original Lake Norman store at Merino Mill in Mooresville.

The new retail footprint, previously occupied by Oak Street Mill Antiques, is being upgraded with new wiring, air conditioning, and windows to help showcase the products inside. Much of the interior charm of the 120-year-old building will remain, including its wide-open floor plan, wooden floors, and exposed brick walls.

Nieuwendijk Bramble launched her flagship Dutchmans store in the picturesque North Carolina mountain town of Highlands in 2000, seeking a new challenge after leaving the wedding and events business.

The Cornelius store is one of five retail locations in North Carolina and Georgia, joining Highlands, Atlanta, St. Simons Island, and Athens.

Renovations to the mill space are expected to be completed in February. Nieuwendijk Bramble plans to close the Jetton Village store, begin moving, and reopen ten days later in the new building.

The move to Old Town Cornelius is the latest development for a retail store that rarely has the same look and feel when you enter its doors.

“We’re not a boring furniture store,” Nieuwendijk Bramble said. “We’re constantly doing different things like adding new colors. We always try to have a little something new for everyone, and that seems to make them happy.”

Early next year she’ll have her most

important home decorating project to date, outfitting the largest new retail store in her portfolio.

“It’s so nice to have a building that’s been completely renovated,” she said. “It’s kind of a blank canvas.”

New record vinyl shop opens downtown

Wax heads and vinyl junkies can stop hunting beyond town limits in search of records. Old Town Vinyl, a new record shop near town hall in Cornelius, has opened its doors to music lovers.

The quaint shop, just across the street from Old Town Public House, is a family affair. Owner Chris Sewell runs the store with his wife, Allison Rowett, and his daughter, Luna Sewell — a Hough High grad now in college.

Old Town Vinyl offers hundreds of records across every major genre. The bins in the 900-square-foot store are lined with classics and curiosities alike, from collectors’ pressings of the Beatles and Chuck Berry to a prized first edition of Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon.

Prices range from \$20 to \$40 for new releases and \$6 to \$22 for used LPs, with a dollar bin ready for those who love the thrill of a dig.

The look and feel of the shop are all Allison’s doing, from the interior vibe to the retro, ’70s-inspired logo. The idea for the store itself was born over drinks one night at Bin 110. Three months and countless record hunts later, the doors finally opened.

“It was partly passion and partly because Cornelius really needed something like this — especially in this part of town,” said Sewell, who has resided in Cornelius for 18 years and previously worked in the boating industry.



New Corporations

These businesses registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State

9/16/25 Angel Accounting LLC, Gano Duann Ashcraft, 9021 Chagrin Dr. Apt. 103, Cornelius

9/17/25 Huber Accounting & Book-keeping Services LLC, Kimberly A. Huber, 1628 Lovers Lawn Trce., Cornelius

9/17/25 The Green Arena LLC, Paul Arena, 17020 Shady Glen Dr., Cornelius

9/18/25 Apex MHP Fund I GP LLC, Jeffrey Wakeman, 16930 W. Catawba Ave. Ste. 100C, Cornelius

9/18/25 Catmando LLC, United States Corporation Agents Inc., 20552 Southshore Dr., Cornelius

9/18/25 Ceron Services LLC, Carlos Agustin Ceron, 19614 Center St., Cornelius

9/19/25 wannagofast LLC, Chad Emmons, 20328 Willow Pond Rd., Cornelius

9/22/25 D.A.T.A. Solutions LLC, Marie Elizabeth Strickland, 21031 Catawba Ave. #205, Cornelius

9/22/25 Nourished Connections Counseling PLLC, Esther Simone Whyte, 20311 Chartwell Center Dr. #422, Cornelius

9/22/25 Satad Holdings LLC, Sylvester Tyler, 19901 Henderson Rd. Unit B, Cornelius

9/22/25 Woo Coaching LLC, Chad A. Lubben, 19104 Lakehouse Pointe Dr., Cornelius

9/23/25 Big Kev’s LLC, Little Day-dreamers Academy LLC, 17811 Delmas Dr., Cornelius

9/23/25 Sunshine Connections Group LLC, Kim Kennedy, 18021-H Kings Point Dr., Cornelius

9/23/25 Triple S RE LLC, Erica Honick, 17811 Largo Pl., Cornelius

9/25/25 DocLocker LLC, United States Corporation Agents Inc., 16930 W. Catawba Ave. Ste. 205, Cornelius

9/25/25 Gibbon Road Partners LLC, Robert Nathan Sipp, 19610 Weavers Cir., Cornelius

9/25/25 O&S Services LLC, Mark Ortiz, 20619 Torrence Chapel Rd. Ste. 116 #3031, Cornelius

9/25/25 RTCore Inc., William Alessi, 20311 Chartwell Center Dr. #1469, Cornelius

9/25/25 Valleymist Ventures LLC, Christine M. Robbins, 19453 W. Catawba Ave. Ste. E, Cornelius

9/26/25 A.T.Nail LLC, Anastasia Tsybulyak, 19900 S. Main St., Cornelius

9/26/25 Huntella Property Holdings LLC, Nathan T. Ewing, 19425 Liverpool Pkwy. Ste. G, Cornelius

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Details on the sales tax referendum

Vote NO. This dates back to I-77 and toll lanes. All very poor decisions and traffic continues to worsen. Mismanagement within CATS at its best.

—Robert LeValley

The opponents of this bill have no clue on how this works. This is the only way roads will get built in the next decade or longer. If you need an example on how this works, you need to look at York County, SC which probably has the best roads in SC because of the penny sales tax that is used for roads/infrastructure only. Get your heads out of the sand and let's get this money for Cornelius while we have the opportunity. Thanks!!

—Randy Dalton

Downtown master plan unveiled at town hall

If the board plans on new buildings

and structures the architecture should complement the quaint charm of old Cornelius. The glass Cain Center architecture does not fit in. We don't need any more ugly modern glass buildings that have zero character.

—Rosemary Marano

Stop building apartments!!!!

—Tim Alles

Town affirms state law on golf carts, PCVs

I think this is great because I've seen 12-year-olds zipping around the neighborhood on them and also with those speed bikes on the sidewalk going very fast. No helmets to be found.

—Lauren Gerry Mergel

We were almost run down by a pack of seven young boys on electric bikes riding in a group on the sidewalk.

—Kenneth Kincaid



The Serve Pickleball + Kitchen now open

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—Margi Kyle

Crate diggers have new home for vinyl quests

I've been to all the record stores around and it's my favorite by far! Thank you for opening in Cornelius!

—Greg Dienna

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—Todd Sansbury
(Town Commissioner)

Town board approves land acquisition

I'm so happy for the Hunter family and hopefully the residents of Cornelius if our current commissioners honor their pledge of less traffic and smart, but reduced, development!

—Lee Fleming

Milling About: Celebrating the end of summer around Lake Norman

Enjoyed this read - the vibes and energy was awesome. I'm a single mom in Cornelius and been here over a year now but loving it. Thanks for sharing.

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