



Blackberry Juice

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The clean-up of Blackberry's roadways and common areas will begin in April. Workers will be removing debris from the roadways, ditches, check dams and rights of way. PLEASE SLOW DOWN and use extra caution when driving on Blackberry's roads during this time.

This is also a good time to consider cleaning up our lots as well. If you would like to have your property cleaned up during this time and take advantage of group rates, contact the office before March 29.

Throughout Blackberry there are fallen trees, branches, neglected plant containers, dilapidated fences and forgotten surveyor's tape and markers that mar our

community's appearance and reduce property values. Likewise, several residents' street address signs are either missing or in need of repair and repainting.

If owners continually neglect the maintenance of their property, the Association has the responsibility and authority to perform the necessary maintenance at the property owners' expense.

Please remember that any tree work other than removing downed trees, branches and debris from your property requires Design Committee approval. Tree services are not permitted to perform any cutting or removal of standing trees and vegetation without this approval.

Mark Your Calendar

2nd Quarter Assessment Due	April 1, 2019
Roads & Common Area CleanUp	Month of April 2019
Chlorination of Blackberry Wells	Week of April 15, 2019
Mid-Year Meeting	June 15, 2019
3rd Quarter Assessment Due	July 1, 2019
4th Quarter Assessment Due	October 1, 2019
BMA Annual Meeting	December 7, 2019



High Speed Internet

Georgia Senator Steve Gooch of Dahlonega is shepherding legislation through the state capital to assist in the development of high speed internet services in north Georgia counties. You can read his frequent updates in the *Times-Courier*. You can reach Senator Gooch by calling 404 656-9221 or by emailing steve.gooch@senate.ga.gov.

Water Line Location Help Needed

To better respond to water outages, we're in the process of developing a comprehensive map of the water lines in Blackberry. You can help by identifying the location of the curb stop valve for your property. Generally these valves are located along the main water line and are encased in a pvc pipe or box.

Blue utility flags to mark your valve's location are available at the office.

Fishing

Poaching of Blackberry ponds by non-residents continues to be a problem. Fishing permits for property owners and their guests are available at the office.

Rules of the Road

In addition to obeying the posted neighborhood speed limits, don't forget to observe the commonsense rules of the road as well. When entering and exiting any of the Blackberry Mountain Drive connecting streets, keep right at all of the street dividers and islands.



Blackberry Welcomes Our New Residents

Brittain & Gwen Call, BF44
Richard & Judith Kearley, NP5

Who Do You Call?

Law Enforcement	911
Fire	911
Animal Control	706 635-2166
Power Outages	706 276-0359
Track Power Restoration	

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Calling the Blackberry Office instead of the appropriate agency will only delay the response.

Visitors and Guests

If you are expecting guests or visitors, remind them to use the keypads located at the office and service gates, or meet them at one of the entrances. Remember that any vehicle

parked at the office area without proper identification is subject to being towed. Stickers are available free of charge at the Association office. If you have a guest that needs to park at the office, daily guest parking passes are available during weekday office hours.

Also, please remember that the office gate and bridge are not for use by service, repair and construction vehicles. Drivers of those vehicles must use the Timber Falls Trail service gate. Maps and directions to that gate are available in your property owners' manual, at the office and on the Blackberry website.

Wildlife

Deer over-population continues to be a major problem in Blackberry. **DO NOT FEED THE DEER!** For wildlife related problems, contact a Gilmer County DNR Conservation Officer at 706 624-1367.



Volunteers Needed

If you have time, talent and interests that you would like to share for the benefit of our community, contact the office and volunteer to:

- Plant and maintain common area containers
- Clear and maintain the common area picnic areas, trails and pond accesses

In Memory

Sadly, since the year began **Don Smith** and **Betty Ann Henning** have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with their families and friends.

Visit Your Website



The BMA website is maintained as a resource for property owners. On the website you can:

- check for alerts, upcoming events and meetings
- download the membership handbook which contains maps, Bylaws, CCRs and Rules
- download Design Committee rules, forms and applications
- download current and past issues of the *Blackberry Juice*.
- contact Blackberry's office manager, design committee and board members

Pay your website a visit at:

www.BlackberryMountainAssociation.com