



# Blackberry Juice

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## Picnic - Saturday, October 8th

Don't forget to attend the annual picnic on Saturday, October 8, from **4 to 6 pm**. Reservations are not required but appreciated to help us know how much barbecue to order. Remember, this is a potluck picnic, so **bring your favorite dish**. Since the number of picnic tables is limited, please **bring your lawn chair**. This is always a fun event and great way to spend time with friends and neighbors.



### Office Parking and Security

Thanks to Gilmer County Sheriff Stacy Nicholson who arranged for off-duty deputies to patrol the office parking area, the previous problems of trespassing, unruly behavior and vandalism were all but eliminated this summer. With the participation of Rivers Edge Estates, we were able to have this professional service and stay within our budget.

Please continue to observe the procedures for allowing entrance to your guests, realtors and service people.

### Landscape Clean-Up

It has been a warm summer at Blackberry Mountain, and several severe storms have played havoc with the landscape. As a result, the association is considering contracting with a chipping service for a few days to allow property owners to dispose

of unwanted brush, limbs and debris. If you are interested in participating, please notify the office before October 14th.

Also remember that tree-cutting and removal require the approval of the BMA Design Committee. Local tree services have been notified that they will not be allowed access to Blackberry to perform any work without an approved work order on file. Design Committee forms are available at the association website and office.

### DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE!

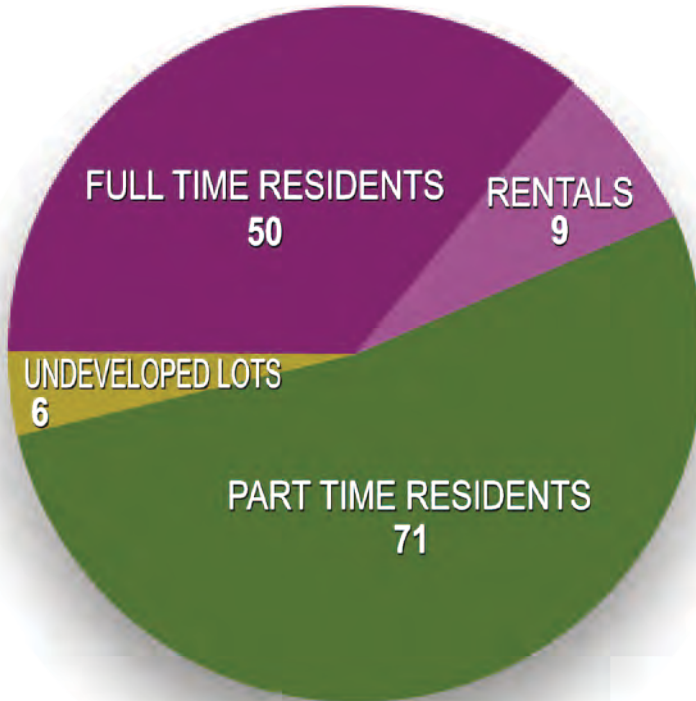
If you're one of the Blackberry residents that continues to feed the wildlife (this includes the deer), **PLEASE STOP!** Blackberry's deer over-population has become a serious problem. The deer are destroying our understory of new trees and plants.

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## Welcome To Our New Property Owners

Jack & Neva Anderson - LL32	Mike & Pam Hamby - BF27
William & Barbara Blaschke - SS21	Frank & Barbara McCollum - LL39
Barry & Jill Brock - SS15	Trisha Sugarek - SS14
Debbie Cornell - SS15B	Stephen & Deborah Williams - BF04
Mike & Rhonda deGraauw - LL54	

## BMA Member Composition



## A Note on Assessments

While the vast majority of Blackberry property owners pay their association assessments in a timely manner, from time to time a few fall behind. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact the property manager to arrange a payment schedule.

When assessments go unpaid for two successive quarters, a lien is placed on that property and the association-provided water supply is shut off.



## The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Is Here!

Without successful intervention, this non-native insect will kill every hemlock in Blackberry. Please take a few minutes to examine the hemlocks on your property. If you find tiny "cotton balls" (the woolly adelgid's egg nests) you have infestation. To discuss your treatment options, or for assistance in identifying your hemlocks and the woolly adelgid, please contact Seth Hegert or Dave Teffeteller of the Design Committee.

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Feeding also attracts bears, racoons, rats, mice and pets.

Other mountain communities have resorted to fining residents for feeding wildlife. Hopefully, Blackberry will not need to resort to this measure.

## Dogs

While Blackberry does not have a leash law, as county residents we are bound by the Gilmer County Animal Ordinance (a link to the ordinance is on the Blackberry website). Blackberry is a small community, and just a few uncontrolled pets can make life unpleasant for everyone. **Please be a responsible pet owner and obey the county ordinance.** If you are aware of dogs roaming in Blackberry, please call the animal control officers at 706 635-4625. These officers will respond to calls in Blackberry.

## Speed Limits

For many of us, crossing the bridge into Blackberry has a calming and stress-reducing effect. Ideally, this effect results in a reduction of speed as well. For your safety as well as that of other drivers, children, walkers, runners and cyclists, **SLOW DOWN** and observe the speed limits.

## Windshield Stickers



The Blackberry Mountain windshield stickers will be available at the picnic. All property owner vehicles should have one of these stickers adhered to the lower driver side windshield. Any vehicle left unattended in the office parking area without a sticker is subject to being towed.