



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

What better place to spend the Holidays than Blackberry Mountain! We are all so fortunate to call this our home.

From time to time, particularly during the inclement winter months, some of our residents need assistance. It might be delivering a package, running an errand to pick up groceries or a prescription, clearing a walkway or driveway, or walking a pet. If you would like to be available to offer assistance, please let Linda know. Likewise, if you need assistance, don't hesitate to let her know, and she will put you in contact with a neighborhood volunteer.

There are also opportunities to help the Blackberry community as a whole. Picking up litter, blowing leaves from the roadways, removing fallen trees from common areas and roads are all welcomed tasks that benefit our community.

If you are having guests during the Holidays, please make sure they understand our call-box, keypad system. The guests should enter your three digit code followed by the # sign. Your designated phone will receive the call. Press 9 on your phone and the gate will open for your guest. Also, remember to instruct all vendors, workers and service companies to use the newly-surfaced Timber Falls Trail entrance. Downloadable maps are available on the Blackberry website.

**The office will be open for package pick-up Monday-Friday, December 27-31, 9am - 5pm.**



## High Risk of Forest Fires

Unfortunately, this is the most opportune time of the year for forest fires. Low humidity and fallen leaves can result in a major fire that can destroy our homes. Remember, no outside burning is allowed in Blackberry Mountain. This not only includes burning leaves, debris, brush and trash, but fire rings and outdoor fireplaces as well. No burn permits are ever issued for Blackberry Mountain.

Also, please use extreme caution when removing ashes and cinders from your fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. Do not dispose of them in such a way that they might ignite leaves or ground cover.

Let's all have a safe and happy holidays.