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# Spring Update

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### **Red Flag Warnings**

The National Weather Service, Georgia Forestry Commission and US Forest Service have issued several warnings of high fire danger across north Georgia including Glimmer County. Even with the frequent rains, relative humidity levels remain low, with dry fuels and light to heavy winds creating conditions ripe for rapid fire spread. **PLEASE REMEMBER - NO OUTSIDE BURNING IS ALLOWED IN BLACKBERRY.**

### **We Are a Firewise® Community**

**Blackberry Mountain Association is a recognized Firewise® Community.** The National Fire Prevention Association's Firewise USA® program teaches folks how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take proactive action to prevent losses. There are no costs associated with membership. While encouraged, it is not mandatory that all homeowners in the Association comply with implementation of the risk reduction steps necessary to make their homes safer during a wildfire event.

If you're interested in having a Firewise® assessment of your property, contact Anthony English, (706) 754-2354, of the Georgia Forestry Commission and request that an onsite Firewise® Risk Assessment Survey be conducted on your home and property. There is no charge, and you do not have to be present for the survey. Following the survey, you will receive a written report identifying any areas where attention is recommended.

Pamphlets are available at the Association office providing an overview of wildfire risk



### **Farewell Linda, Welcome Jeannie**

Linda Black, Blackberry's office manager since 2019, is taking her well-deserved retirement and relocating to Florida. While we all hate to see Linda go, we wish her the very best.

Jeannie Miller replaces Linda and will take over the reins on April 1. Jeannie, her husband, Robert, and sons, Tanner and Tyler have been Blackberry residents since 2021.

The office hours (9am-5pm, M-F), email address ([blackberry@ellijay.com](mailto:blackberry@ellijay.com)) and phone number (706 273-3100) remain the same.

reduction measures that can make your home safer during a wildfire. The major threats during a wildfire in the North Georgia mountains are airborne embers and radiant heat. Historical and empirical data confirm that taking the following simple steps will greatly increase the probability that the integrity of your home will be maintained.

- Maintain a perimeter around your home free of flammable vegetation such as fallen leaves and twigs.
- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles.

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- Replace or repair loose or missing or missing shingles.
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8-inch mesh screening over the vents.
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens or broken windows.
- Clean areas under patios and decks of debris and screen or box in those areas.
- Remove all flammable material away from the foundation such as mulch, flammable plants, leaves and firewood – anything that could burn.
- Remove anything flammable from underneath decks and porches.
- Ensure the area around your propane tank is free of any flammable material.
- Trim branches that overhang the home, porch or deck.
- Store firewood no closer than 30 feet from the home.



To learn more, go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact Dave Teffeteller BMA Board Member, at [dave@ellijay.com](mailto:dave@ellijay.com).

### Roadway Mowing

Landscapers will begin mowing along the roadways and common areas this month. Please make sure there are no brush piles or debris along your portion of the roadways. If the landscapers are unable to mow, **the property owner will be charged for the cost of the removal of the debris.**

### Prohibited Vehicles

**Motorcycles, motorbikes, UTVs, ATVs, 4-wheelers, golf carts, electric-assisted bicycles and scooters, and all unlicensed and street-illegal vehicles are prohibited on Blackberry Mountain roadways.**



### Who Do You Call?

Law Enforcement	911
Fire	911
Animal Control	706 635-2166
Report Power Outages	706 276-0359
Track Power Outages	<a href="http://www.amicalolaemc.com">www.amicalolaemc.com</a>

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

### 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. Feeding also attracts bears, raccoons, possums, rats and mice.



### Visitors and Workers

If you are expecting visitors or service providers, remind them to use the keypads located at the office and service gates. Also, please remember that **the office/Mulkey Road gate and bridge are not for use by service, repair and construction vehicles.** These vehicles must use the Timber Falls Trail service gate. Maps and directions to that gate are available on the Blackberry website.

Also, any vehicle parked at the office/mailbox parking area without proper identification is subject to being towed. All property owners' vehicles should have stickers adhered to the lower driver side area of their windshield.



These stickers are available, free of charge, at the Association office during weekday hours. Daily guest parking passes are also available if you have guests that need to park at the office.

### Mark Your Calendar

2nd Quarter Assessment Due	April 1
3rd Quarter Assessment Due	July 1
4th Quarter Assessment Due	October 1
Annual Meeting	December 6