



# Blackberry Juice

SUMMER 2009

## BLACKBERRY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION

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## Notes From the Office Becki Bray, Manager

Although the drought is officially over, owners should still follow the odd/even outdoor watering bans in place in the metro areas. **Also, please limit your weekend use of water** since more residents are present and water use is heavier putting a strain on our wells and pumps.

Georgia Forestry Commission permits are required for outdoor burning (1-877-OK2-Burn). Please provide the office with your permit number and the date and time you plan to burn. All outdoor burning should be monitored and fires extinguished half an hour before dark. It is unlawful to burn man-made material; permits are issued for natural vegetative materials. **Burning permits are good only for the day they are issued.**

Blackberry Mountain is a beautiful place to be outdoors. When you are driving please observe the speed limits and watch for joggers and walkers.

Birdseed, pet food and garbage are fast food for bears, foxes, and raccoons! **Please do not feed wildlife.** Feeding will cause the spread of disease, promote stress from overcrowding and result in habitat degradation.

We have had recent vandalism and thefts in the area. **Please be observant of anyone you think does not belong in the community.** As a neighbor, you can always, in a friendly manner, introduce yourself and ask who they are and where they live. If you observe an act of vandalism or trespassing, please contact the office during weekday

hours or the Sheriff's Department after hours. The sheriff's office is aware of the recent incidents and will respond to your call. If you plan to be away from your cabin for an extended time, ask a neighbor or friend to check on your property on a regular basis.

As you know from the annual meeting, the board of Rivers Edge Estates has decided to no longer contribute their afore-

agreed-to 50% for gate attendants. Your board is exploring various security options. If you are allowing friends or relatives to use your home in your absence, be sure to notify the office beforehand to assure them access.



### "No parking"

**signs** have been placed in the turnaround area adjacent to the river picnic area. For everyone's safety and convenience, please obey these signs and park your vehicles in the mailbox/office parking area when using the river and picnic area.

Kudzu has been found in several areas of Blackberry. **If you have kudzu on your property eradicate it immediately.**

Please mark your calendar for the first Saturday in October, the 3rd, for our annual picnic. 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 own lawn chair. This is always a fun event and great way to spend time with friends and neighbors.

## Pond Maintenance

The pond maintenance program outlined at the annual meeting has begun. The five association ponds have been analyzed, stocked and fertilized. All of this work has been performed by a licensed company under the guidelines established by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The fertilizing will continue on a monthly basis throughout the summer.

Our ponds, while constructed for drainage control, are for the recreational use of all residents - not just those adjacent to them. Each of the ponds has **common access**. If you are unsure about the common accesses to the ponds, please contact the office.

In order to protect our investment in the ponds and the newly stocked fish, anyone wishing to fish should stop by the office and obtain a **fishing permit**. There is no charge for this permit. It is a way to ensure those fishing the ponds understand the rules regarding **catch and release** and that the ponds are only being used by residents and their guests. Please remember that all guests must be accompanied by a property owner when fishing or boating in the ponds.



## Animal Control

The Gilmer County commissioners have turned the responsibility of animal control over to the Gilmer County sheriff's department. **Remember, the Blackberry Mountain Association does not provide animal control.**



If you have a problem with a dog-at-large or a vicious dog on your property, call the Gilmer County Sheriff's Department Animal Control Office at 706 635-4625.

A downloadable copy of the Gilmer County Animal Control Ordinance is available on the Blackberry website.

Make plans to attend the annual picnic on **Saturday, October 3, at 4:00 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 own lawn chair. This is always a fun event and great way to spend time with friends and neighbors.



## Board Nominations

The terms of three of the directors of the BMA board will expire this year. If you have an interest in serving on the board, please contact the office.

*Welcome New Members*

James and Cathy Young  
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