



Blackberry Juice

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Animal Ordinance

The Gilmer County Animal Ordinance applies to all residents of Blackberry Mountain. According to the ordinances, if an animal is a “public nuisance”, the owner is subject to several penalties.

“Public nuisance” means any animal that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of other animals or persons, or substantially interferes with the rights of citizens, other than their owners, to enjoyment of life or property. The term “public nuisance” shall mean and include, but is not limited to, any animal that:

- Is found at large
- Damages the property of anyone other than its owner
- Chases vehicles
- Attacks other domestic animals
- Unprovoked, attacks pedestrians or passersby

- Has been found by an officer of the department of animal control to be a public nuisance animal by virtue of being a menace to the public health, welfare, or safety
- Is found sick, dead, or injured on public property

Click [here](#) to read the Animal Ordinance or follow the link on the [Blackberry website](#).

Blackberry CCRs prohibit all animals other than household pets.

If you would like to report a violation, **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE**, call Gilmer County Animal Control at 706-635-8911 or for non-emergency issues create a case on the [Animal Control website](#).



Spring Clean-Up

The first phase of the Spring Clean-up has been completed. Many residents participated by clearing debris from their properties to be chipped. “Thank you” to the residents who also cleared debris from the Blackberry common areas for chipping.

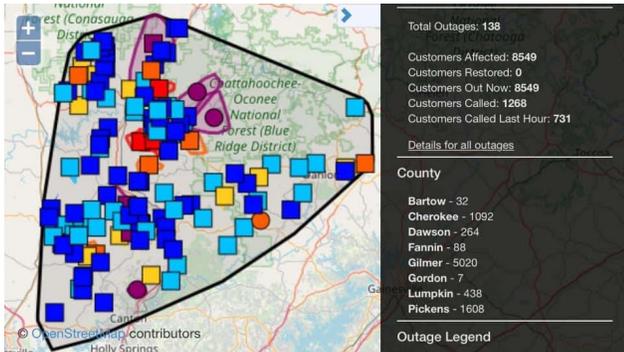
Over the next few weeks, several trees along the roadways will be removed as part of the road side-dressing and drainage improvements project.

For your safety and that of the workers, please use caution and observe the speed limits.



When the Lights Go Out

While most of Blackberry has underground utilities, our electrical service is subject to outages. You can report and check the status of your power outage through the Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation [website](#).



The website shows all outages, the street addresses affected and whether a repair crew has been dispatched.

Water and Fires

The warmer and often drought-producing months of summer place tremendous stress on Blackberry's wells. Please remember that **the use of sprinklers, filling of hot tubs and excessive use of water contribute to this stress** and can result in the lose of water supply for you and your neighbors.

Also, please remember that **all outside burning and the use of fireworks, campfires, fire rings and fire pits are prohibited**.



Beware of Snakes

If you spend much time outside during the spring and summer, you will likely encounter snakes particularly around brush piles and pine straw. Most of the snakes in this area are non-venomous and pose no threat to you or your pets.

However, this area is also home to two poisonous snakes, copperheads and rattlesnakes. Copperheads are the most common of the two and the least toxic. If you or a pet is bitten by a snake, don't spend time trying to kill the snake, but take a photo if possible to show the ER staff or veterinarian. Ellijay's emergency care facilities and veterinarians are experienced and equipped to treat snake bites, so seek treatment as soon as possible.

Blackberry Office Will Be Closed Week of June 28th

Linda Black, BMA's office manager, will be out of the office from June 28 - July 2. The lobby will be open for package pick-up from 9am to 5pm during that week.



Wildfires across the United States have cost more than 100 lives and more than \$25 billion in property losses in just the last two years. As a FireWise Community, Blackberry Mountain participated in the nationwide Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 1.

Blackberry Mountain is 1 of the 5 FireWise communities in Gilmer county, 113 in Georgia and 750 nationwide.

Mark Your Calendar

3rd Quarter Assessment Due	July 1, 2021
Office Closed	June 28 - July 2, 2021
4th Quarter Assessment Due	October 1, 2021
Annual Meeting	December 11, 2021



Copperheads are fairly large (24-40"), heavy-bodied snakes with large, triangular heads and elliptical pupils (cat eyes). The body is tan to brown with darker hourglass-shaped crossbands down the length of the body.