



Blackberry Juice

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Blackberry Clean-Up Time

Over the next few weeks maintenance and clean-up projects will be underway throughout Blackberry. Please slow down, use caution and be on the lookout for construction and maintenance vehicles and personnel working on the bridge, roadways, ditches, gates, common areas, signs, ponds, fences and well houses.

This is also a good time to consider cleaning up our lots as well. As in past years, the Association is working with local tree-cutting services to arrange for a **multiple-day clean-up** of common area fallen trees, limbs and brush piles. If you would like to have your property cleaned up during this time and take advantage of the reduced group rates, contact the office.

In addition to cleaning up our lots, let's make sure that our homes, out-buildings, and fences are in good repair. Our CCRs require that when structures are in a dilapidated state and being neglected by the owner, the

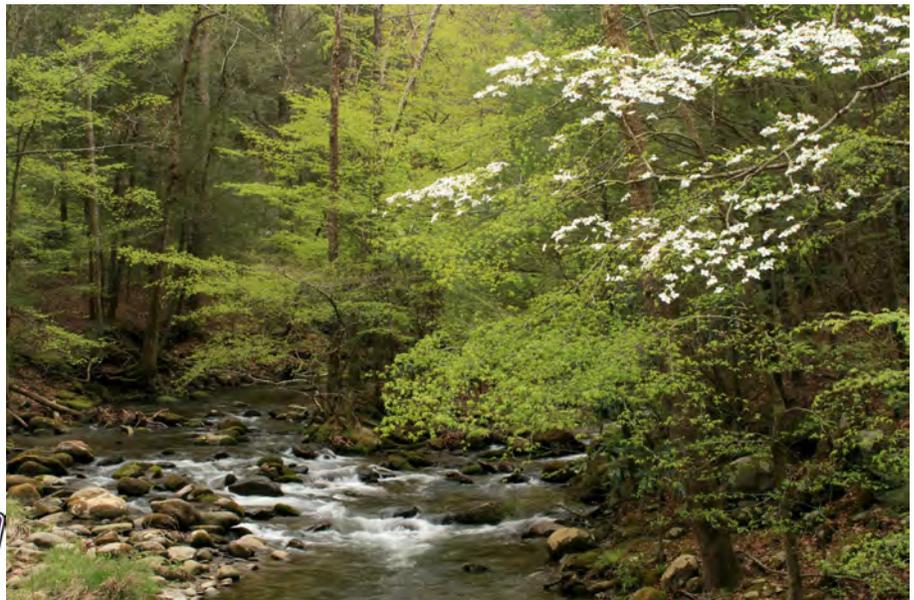
Association has the responsibility to **remove or repair the blighted structures at the property owner's expense**. If you have any questions regarding whether your fences or structures are considered blighted, please contact the office.

Also, if you've had your property surveyed recently, please **remove the surveyor's tape** marking your lot.

Do Not Feed the Wildlife

If you're one of the Blackberry residents that continues to feed the wildlife (including the deer), **PLEASE STOP!** Blackberry's deer over-population has become a serious problem. As the deer devour the understory of new trees and plants they are destroying the future of our woodland community. Feeding wildlife is not an act of kindness, and the result is the **reduction of our property values**.

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Prohibited Vehicles

Motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, 4-wheelers and golf carts are not allowed on any of Blackberry's roadways. Please make sure that your guests and service providers are aware of these restrictions. If you see any of these vehicles on our roads, please contact the office immediately.

Spring Lake Picnic Area Pond

Earlier this spring, the overflow drainage system in Spring Lake One failed. The system is being rebuilt. As the pond refills, it will be restocked as necessary.

Please remember that the pond on Blackberry Mountain Drive nearest the covered bridge is private and that the owners do not allow access to other Blackberry residents and their guests.

Attention Dog Owners

Gilmer County's animal control ordinance requires that all dogs must be kept under the care and control of their owners. The entire Animal Control Ordinance is on our website at:

www.blackberrymountainassociation.com/GC_Animal_Code.pdf

Section 14-32 of the ordinance addresses **animals that disturb the peace:**

It is unlawful for any person to allow any animal in his possession or control to persistently or continuously bark, howl, or make noise common to their species or otherwise to disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood. It shall likewise be unlawful to keep or maintain such animals in such a manner as to produce noxious or offensive odors or to otherwise endanger the health and welfare of surrounding inhabitants.

If you have an animal complaint **do not call the Blackberry office**, instead contact Gilmer County Animal Control through the Sheriff Department's Dispatch office at 706 635-8911.



May Flowers

Our mild, wet winter has ushered in an equally wet, but lush spring with prolific shows of wildflowers, azaleas, dogwoods, mountain laurel, honey suckle and blackberries. (Let's hope this abundance of flowers is an indication of this summer's blackberry crop).

Of course, these nectar-filled blossoms attract a host of pollinators. If you're allergic to insect stings, be on the lookout for wasps, hornets, honey bees, yellow jackets and carpenter bees.

Blackberry Needs Volunteers

If you have time, talent and interests that you would like to share for the benefit of our community, contact the office and volunteer to:

- Plan, coordinate and execute Blackberry's annual picnic
- Plant and maintain common area containers and beds
- Clear and maintain the common area trails and pond accesses

Welcome Our Newest Member

Wendi Sams - High Meadow 5



Spring is a good time to check the appearance and condition of homes, out-buildings and fences. Neglected and blighted structures may be removed or repaired by the Association at the owner's expense. If you have questions or need recommendations about making repairs, please contact the Association office.