



# Blackberry Juice

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## Are You Ready for Winter

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David Galusha, President  
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#### DESIGN COMMITTEE

Barbara Dunson  
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Now is a great time to take a few simple measures to lessen potential weather-related hardships this winter.

### Fuel and Heat

Check your propane tank fuel level. Don't rely on your fuel company to routinely check your propane tank. During the winter months it's a good practice to keep your fuel tank no less than 25% full.

It is not uncommon for portions of Gilmer County to be without electrical service for extended periods of time due to fallen trees brought on by wind, heavy rain, snow and ice. Remember your furnace must have an electrical source to operate.

Do you have an alternative heat source for your home? If you have a fireplace, make sure that it is functioning properly, the chimney is clean, and you have a good supply of dry, seasoned firewood, kindling and fire starters.

If you have a gas range, learn to light the burners manually.

If you have a generator, make certain that it is functioning properly and that you have sufficient fuel for several days of continuous operation.

### Water

Blackberry's wells are equipped with electric pumps. When there is a

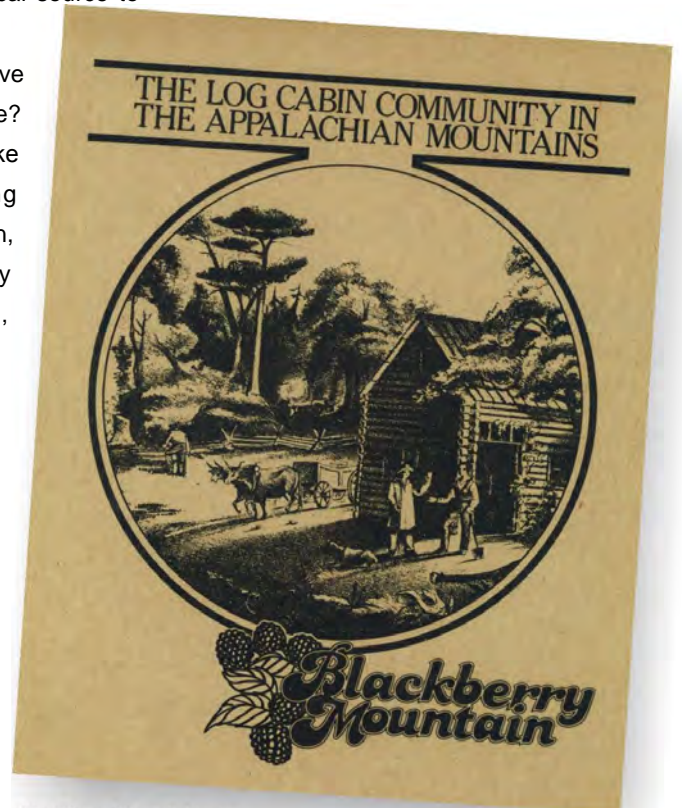
community power outage, the pumps will not function and water will not be pumped to your home.

Make sure you have a supply of potable water for drinking and cooking. FEMA recommends the storage of a minimum of 1 gallon of water per family member per day for no less than 14 days.

Many residents collect gray water in rain barrels to use for flushing toilets. Filling bathtubs with water prior to a snow or ice event is also a good idea.

Also, protect outside spigots and water pipes with insulated covers.

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Blackberry Mountain was developed in 1981, and soon became recognized as the premier log cabin community in north Georgia.

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If you plan to be away from your home, consider shutting off the water supply and draining the inside water lines. Set thermostats at 50 degrees or above and open cabinet doors where water pipes are located.

### Roads

If you're concerned about getting out of your home due to ice or snow, make sure you have an accessible supply of ice melt to apply to your porch, sidewalk and driveway.

Blackberry's roads as well as most of Gilmer County's secondary roads are not plowed. If you think you will need to drive on Blackberry and county roads, ensure that you have a properly equipped vehicle. Four-wheel drive, snow tires and chains may be necessary.

### Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 7**, at 9:30 am at the United Community Bank's Community Room located at 558 Industrial Blvd.

### Proxies

Approximately three weeks before the annual meeting you will receive a packet containing the annual report, board candidates' profiles, proposed budget and a proxy. It is very important that you attend the meeting, but if you are not able, please assign your proxy to a property owner who is attending the meeting. This is a **general proxy** and gives the holder the authority to cast votes on your behalf on any matter that requires a vote at the meeting.

### Board Nominations

The terms of three board members; Carolyn Sewell, Rich Baker and Dolly Vantrepotte expire this year. They have agreed to serve another term. Additional nominations for these three board seats may be made. Written nominations must be received by the Association office manager no later than Monday, November 11. Please remember that all nominees must be members in good standing with the Association. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

### 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, rats, mice and stray dogs.



## Who Do You Call?

Law Enforcement	911
Fire	911
Animal Control	706635-2166
Report Power Outages	706276-0359
Track Power Outages	www.amicalolaemc.com

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

## Your Help Is Needed

To better respond to water outages, we're in the process of developing a comprehensive map of the water lines in Blackberry. You can help by identifying the location of the curb stop valve for your property. Generally these valves are located along the main water line and are encased in a pvc pipe or box.

Blue utility flags to mark your valve's location are available at the office.

## Blackberry Welcomes Our New Residents

Melvin & Sherry Gilley, BF22  
Tim & Heather Holloway, BF08  
Pam Noakes, SL05  
Keith Sumner, LL12A

## Visitors and Workers

If you are expecting visitors or service providers, remind them to use the keypads located at the office and service gates, or meet them at one of the entrances.

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 service gate. Maps and directions to that gate are available in your property owners' manual, at the office and on the Blackberry website.

## Mark Your Calendar

<b>4th Quarter Assessment Due</b>	October 1, 2019
<b>Proxies Due</b>	December 6, 2019
<b>BMA Annual Meeting</b>	December 7, 2019
<b>1st Quarter Assessment Due</b>	January 1, 2020