



# Blackberry Juice

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## Blackberry and Community Watch

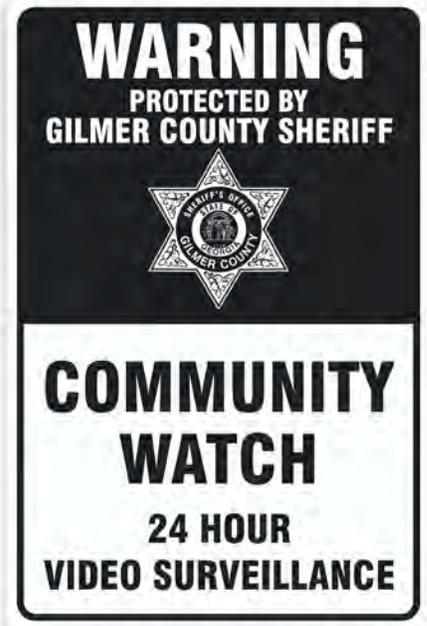
Blackberry Mountain Association has been accepted into the Gilmer County Sheriff's Community Watch program. The prevention of crime, particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods, works best when shared equally by law enforcement and residents. The fact is, the impact on crime prevention by law enforcement alone is minimal when compared with the power of private citizens working with law enforcement and with each other.

Community Watch is based on this concept of cooperation, and nationwide statistics prove that it works. When residents take positive steps to secure their own property and neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, burglary and related offenses decrease dramatically.

More information will be available at Blackberry's December 3rd annual meeting. In the meantime, to report a crime, vandalism or suspicious activity, do not call the Blackberry Association office. Call the Gilmer County Sheriff's office - EMERGENCY, 911 and NON-EMERGENCY, 706-635-8911.

### Annual Meeting

Please take a moment to mark your calendar for the **Saturday, December 3**, Blackberry Mountain Association annual meeting. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank's Community Room located at 558 Industrial Blvd. The doors will open at 9:00 am and the meeting will begin at 9:30 am. A couple of weeks before the meeting, you will receive a packet containing the proposed budget and a proxy. If you're unable to attend



the meeting, please return the proxy so the Association's business can be conducted.

The terms of two board members, David Galusha, President, and Dave Teffeteller, Vice President, expire this year. Both have agreed to serve another term. Nominations for these two board seats are being accepted. Written nominations must be received by the Association manager no later than Friday, November 4. 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.

### Package Pick Up

When notified by the Blackberry office that you have packages, please remember to pick them up as soon as possible. The Association can not be responsible for unclaimed items.

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## Ponds

Maintenance on Blackberry's ponds has been completed. In addition to dam and spillway maintenance, siphon overflow systems have been installed in the High Meadow, Peace, Harmony, Spring Lake I and Spring Lake II ponds. In accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division the annual removal of trees and shrubs that might threaten the integrity of the dams is currently underway as well.

## Rules of the Road

In addition to obeying the posted neighborhood speed limits, don't forget to observe the commonsense rules of the road as well. When entering and exiting any of the Blackberry Mountain Drive connecting streets, keep right at all of the street dividers and islands.



## Wildlife

Deer over-population continues to be a major problem in Blackberry. **DO NOT FEED THE DEER!** For wildlife related problems, contact a Gilmer County DNR Conservation Officer at 706 624-1367.

## Visitors and Guests

If you are expecting weekend guests or visitors, remind them to use the keypads located at the office and service gates, or meet them at one of the entrances. Remember that any vehicle parked at the office area without proper identification is subject to being towed.

Also, please remember that the office/Mulkey Road gate and bridge are not for use by service, repair and construction vehicles. Drivers of those vehicles must use the Timber Falls

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



## Blackberry's Fall Visitors



Blackberry and much of the north Georgia mountains have been inundated by fall webworms. Native to this area, their abundance this year is thought to be due to this year's wetter than normal spring. They feed on almost 90 species of deciduous trees. Similar to eastern tent caterpillars, the fall webworm construct their nests over the ends of branches rather than at the trees' crotches.

The fall webworms overwinter as pupae in cocoons that are concealed in ground litter, cracks, crevices, or in the soil. Adults first appear in mid-summer but may continue to emerge in small numbers for several weeks. Females usually deposit their egg masses on the undersurface of the leaves. Larvae hatch in approximately 7 days, and they immediately begin to spin a small silken web over the foliage on which they feed. As they grow, they enlarge the web to enclose more and more foliage. These webs may sometimes surround 2-3 feet of infested branch. Larvae mature in about 6 weeks and leave the web to pupate on or in the soil. The remains of the nests may persist through winter.

While fall webworms will certainly defoliate portions of a mature tree, they rarely kill it. Various species of natural enemies help to manage this insect. Birds and many insect predators attack the egg and larval stages. If you want to reduce the spread of the webworms and their webs, prune and destroy the affected branches.

## Mark Your Calendar

4th Quarter Assessment Due

October 1, 2016

BMA Annual Meeting

December 3, 2016