



Ellijay Sunrise by ME Cates

RIVER'S EDGE ESTATES RIVERMIST SEPT. 2019

CHANGES. It is with sadness that we announce the retirement of Office Manager, Becki Taylor, after almost twenty years with us. Becki will be joining her husband in South Dakota where she will begin an exciting new chapter of her life in a beautiful new place. No one can express the magnitude of the professionalism that Becki brought to us. She has always diligently and perfectly handled all aspects of our Homeowner's Association business. No matter how small or how large the work she did, it was always done timely, correctly and enthusiastically. We wish her a new life that is full of the best things that make life enjoyable. She will be leaving us all with only fond memories and happy thoughts of the special person that she is.

Linda Black will be the new Office Manager for both River's Edge and Blackberry Mountain. Linda has been a member of the BMA community since 1997. She served as Executive Assistant to the President of the NBC affiliate station WESH TV in Orlando, FL for 28 years prior to moving to Ellijay full time in 2006. She was employed by the State of GA for 10 years. We are pleased and excited to welcome her as our new manager.

FIREWISE PARTICIPATION. Thanks to all of you who participated in our second Firewise cleanup of this year. We had more participants during this cleanup, than we have ever had before. The one day initial event had to be postponed, so that we could obtain more time and services to accommodate the increased number of homeowners who used this service.

Many thanks to Don Findell, who once again, coordinated this event for our community. As many of you are aware, the management of this event is more than making a phone call. Don personally is present to make sure that everything is done correctly, all debris is removed, and that the workers don't miss any pickups in the neighborhood. Special thanks are also in order for Dan Libby and John Tarrou who worked long hours helping Don and Mario's Tree Service in the chipping event.

Should you be unable to do the physical work and pick up debris on your property, but wish to improve the looks of your property and take advantage of our Chipping Days, you may call Jerry Hart at 706-502-3331. Jerry can secure the services of Promise Land Ministries personnel at a very reasonable cost to pick up debris and place it at the roadside for chipping. As the Association is providing the chipping service, this is an excellent way for you to have a low cost expense to have downed debris from your property removed and participate in this great event.

We would like to thank everyone who has realized the importance of this safety and beautification project. As always, we will continue to apply for grants to offset our expense as we continue our Firewise Program.

VOLUNTEERS ARE AWESOME! Thank you Peter Gonsalves for work on the concrete pad at the Lazy River Ln gate. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Firewise cleanup. Appreciation to Penni McDaniel for keeping the website updated and informative.

GILMER COUNTY LIBRARY. For those of us who would like a no cost way to read current magazines (and without them stacking up), the Gilmer County Library offers a service called FLIPSTER. All you have to have is an internet connection and a library card. The library card is of course free. Pull up the Sequoyah regional library website, and click on Flipster. Flipster is a next generation digital magazine solution that makes it easy for you to read your favorite magazines on your computer or mobile device. You put in your library number which is on your card, and you can read current editions covering business, entertainment, fitness and health, food and cooking, hobbies, home and garden, lifestyle, news and politics, science and technology, travel and regional and women's interest. Makes sitting and waiting much easier.

Also, the library has excellent programs and seminars which are free to the public and are noted in advance on their website. The Sequoyah system allows you to use all books and services in Gilmer, Cherokee, and Pickens. This includes the libraries at Ball Ground, Gilmer, Rose Creek, R.T. Jones, Hickory Flat, Pickens and Woodstock. What a wealth of entertainment, and it is all free with your library card. There are even more additional services available that you can explore. Personnel are knowledgeable and friendly. Great service from the County.

FARMHOUSE PRODUCE. Practically outside our back gate, you will note the sign for Farmhouse Produce. This is a small vegetable stand, run by the Weaver family. The Weavers live in a 100 year old home and represent lifelong generations of Gilmer residents. The best part is, of course, their vegetables. It is a convenient stop, and their vegetables are good. Some are grown right on site, some are from up the highway grown at Amish farms (who use no pesticides), and some are from a Berry College agricultural graduate who has spent his life growing them.

MASTER GARDENERS. Are there any master gardeners living in Rivers Edge who would be willing to give us suggestions to improve the appearance at the Lazy River Ln gate entrance? If so, please contact Mary Ellen Cates at 404-317-0015. We realize there is the ever present deer to consider.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS. The terms for Tom Ostby and Don VanLandingham will expire this year. Both have agreed to serve another term if re-elected. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your name and a brief bio to the office by Oct. 4, in order to have your name included in the meeting notification and proxy for the 2019 Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 2.