



September 2021

RIVER'S EDGE HOMEOWNERS

25 Blackberry Mtn. Dr., #8101
Ellijay, Georgia 30536

No short term rentals allowed

OFFICE MANAGER

Linda Black

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After Hours Water and
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(leave name, phone # and
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Should you require assistance
with obtaining medications or
groceries, let Linda know.

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The RIVER'S EDGE BAND

Performing musicians Tom Ostby, John Rathbone and Markham White, all residents of River's Edge, have joined their talents and formed a band. They have named their band, The River's Edge Band. AND, they are offering their services to you at no charge to play at house parties, special events or holiday celebrations within our community. If you would like to join them, they are looking for professional musicians and singers who live in

the community and who want to be part of the fun. If you would be interested in joining, or wish to schedule a performance, please contact John Rathbone at dirtcheap@hotmail.com, or call (706) 889-2038.

We know everyone appreciates their generosity of time and talent in making River's Edge even more special.

Summer/Fall Chipping Event

We are in the process of scheduling the next chipping event. This is always contingent upon getting the contractors to give us a sufficient amount of time. At the present, we are trying to schedule for mid-October. We will give you as much notice as we can, once we have confirmation of the date.

If you want to help out, please call Linda at (706) 273-3100.

The usual marching orders are to appear at gate at 8:30am.

Reminder of Covenants

Even though a recently passed Georgia law changes some requirements for small-scale outdoor burning, River's Edge's covenants prohibit open fires unless they are in a fire pit with a covered top.

The new law, however, did not change the absolute liability to anyone who causes

any damage to adjacent properties. If you are new to River's Edge and wish to obtain a copy of our covenants, please contact Linda. River's Edge has always had covenants, and when you purchased your property, you did so subject to the covenants.

ANNUAL MEETING

Absent any newly enacted governmental restrictions, we will hold our Annual Meeting Live on Saturday, November 6th at 9:30am. Please save the date! The location will be announced at a later date. There has been a lot of concern expressed whether masks should be required. We will evaluate the health/safety issues as they change closer to the time.

BBQ lunch will follow!

Dogs.....again

The most complaints we receive, are about dogs that are not kept on leashes. As we have previously reported, Gilmer County Animal Control is the authority that enforces violations. Please make sure your dog is under control at all times, to avoid any complaints. PLEASE continue to be considerate of your neighbors, as you enjoy your pets.

We Have Bears!

There have been several reports of spotting bears on Mountain Springs Circle, Orchard Lane and Lazy River Lane. There have also been bears seen in Blackberry Mtn. Some are young bears, but one bear was estimated at 400 pounds. We know there are residents who feed the deer. Yes, we know they were here first, however, Animal Control reports that any food is an attraction for the bears. Bears have been reported to climb up decks to retrieve food put out for other wildlife, or food you have left unattended for your pets.

Contractors/Service Workers

Please make sure your contractor/service workers do not park on our water lines. Some of the heavy trucks will damage, sometimes break, the lines. If you don't know where the lines are located, contact Linda, she will have our Water Manager advise you. Our water and wells are our most precious resource, and we need to be on guard to protect them.

Also, remember No Construction work should be done on Sundays, unless it's an emergency.

Blackberry Mountain is also Firewise

We are pleased to announce that Blackberry Mountain has joined River's Edge in becoming a certified Firewise Community. This makes five communities in Gilmer County that are actively working on lessening their fire threat. Obviously, a fire in Blackberry would create a huge danger of spreading into River's Edge.

We congratulate them on achieving this certification, as we all work together to lessen this ever present threat to our beautiful mountains. The Georgia Forestry Commission responds to more than 3,500 wildfires each year. Escaped debris burning is the number one cause of wildfire in Georgia.

The Apple Festival is coming for their 50th Year

It will soon be the most beautiful time of the year for our community with the coming of Fall, and the historic Apple Festival. 250 handcraft artisans will gather. This festival is the southeast's largest and longest running festival. Dates to remember for the festival: Saturday, October 9th; Sunday, October 10th; Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th. georgiaapplefestival.com for more information. Ellijay Fairgrounds.

Smokey Free Book Library on Mountain Springs Circle

Those book worms who have not yet enjoyed the Smokey Free Book Library, need to visit. There has been a lot of book turnover with contributions from residents. FACTS: It is closer than driving to the library; there is no due date so you can read at your leisure; it's a good way to share those books you have finished and are tired of moving around. We hope you will become a regular visitor and contributor.