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ernmental authority.

- Signs required by law.
- Temporary decorations or displays associated with any holiday, festival or celebration.
- Temporary political signs 150 days before any election and 14 days after the election, except that no time period applies if on private property with the permission of the owner or otherwise allowed by state or federal law. Georgia law controls campaign signs and this part of the ordinance attempts to follow state law.
- Temporary yard sale signs.

Q. Is a billboard permit required and where do you acquire one?
A. Yes, a permit is required and can be obtained at the Building and Development Office located at 46 Hughes

Street across from the Haralson Civic Center. An application for a billboard permit or a permit for modification to an existing billboard must be accompanied by plans, site plans, a survey, and any other information which the building department requires. Plans must include the exact dimensions, area and proposed location of each billboard on the survey.

Q. Are there any available locations remaining for billboards in the county?

A. Actually there are few, if any locations available now because there is a maximum number allowed per mile and we are near or at that point. Also, there has been no demand for new sites in several years as I think the companies that now own the billboards have had some difficulty in keeping them all rented.

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Papa said, "My little boy looked plum pitiful and all I could do was to hug him during the vaccination." After the vaccination Bud looked surprised when he realized his blood wasn't leaking out of his body. The vaccinations for the other kids took a while because their dad's all had to chase and catch their children. But, eventually all the kids received their vaccinations and everything calmed down in the little community.

Now it's time for us to chase down our vendors for the 2015 Farmers Market Season. If you sell produce, nursery plants, or any other agricultural products and wish to RSVP for 2015 you can sign up at the Farmers Market Office beginning on March 9 until March 13. Someone will be at the Farmers Market Office from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day during that week. If you were a nonagricultural vendor last year and wish to RSVP for 2015 you may register for a reserved spot at the Farmers Market from March 16 until March 20 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Farmers Market Office.

If you wish to reserve a spot for the 2015 year and have never been a reserved

vendor before you may come to the Farmers Market Office from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 23 through March 27 or until our RSVP Spaces are depleted. So, if we run out of spaces on Monday those names received afterward will be placed on a waiting list. The cost to reserve a spot for the 2015 year is \$209 and the registration form can be found on our website at UC-FarmersMarket.com or you can email us at Farmersmarket@uniongov.com.

Gray...

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where is the accounting for the multiple billions of dollars of Union dues spent on supporting political candidates?

It is now noon on Valentine's Day, and two hours of my Saturday have just been decimated; no hearts and flowers. I doubt I'll ever devote that much time to MSNBC on a Saturday morning in the future—there's not enough Pepto Bismol in the world. Nevertheless, everyone should watch it at least once—aspirin nearby.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene M. Gray

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in the winter. In the evenings he would make us Jiffy Pop and real hot chocolate. He'd play cards and board games, read to us out of the encyclopedia, tell us stories about his grandparents and growing up as a first generation Italian-American in the little town that was just 18 miles down the road.

We had a very steep hill directly behind our home. It was heavily treed with white birch. One snowy but sunny afternoon, my Dad took an immense cardboard carton and cut it up, tied a rope to the front of it and we went tobogganing in the back yard, dodging trees all the way down. It was the only time he initiated any outdoor activity in frigid temperatures, but it was enough fun for both my sister and I to hold it as one of our fondest of childhood memories.

When it was too cold to go outside, we'd have "jam sessions" indoors, playing instruments and singing up a storm. He'd teach us some great jazz arrangements. I can still see my little sister at age 6, playing *Caravan* on a full drum set, very much like Buddy Rich's arrangement. When she was 8 years old, she sang *Cry Me A River* with more soul than Barbra Streisand. I recognized my limited vocal skills, and chose to ham it up, singing *Hello Dolly* with a handkerchief, holding

a pretend trumpet and mimicking Louis Armstrong's gravelly voice. Mom would be the most appreciative audience, applauding every performance, tears of pride in her eyes.

I'm assuming it was pride. I know it wasn't from any smoke emitting from the unlit fireplace.

Sure, I recognize how faux a gas insert is. Every once in awhile I get an overwhelming urge to watch the dancing of the flames as they travel across true red hot embers of artfully stacked logs. That's when I make the pilgrimage to Brass-town Valley Resort, invest in a hot toddy from the bar and watch a log the size of a F-150 burn in that man size cave they call a fireplace.

Today, I will work from home, with my pug curled up at my feet, both of us cozy with the gentleness of the no-hassle fire. I'm not sure what he's dreaming about, but my thoughts drift back to those winter days a few decades ago... no, not the ones I just recanted of my childhood. The ones I spent walking my dog on the beach in South Florida, with just a windbreaker on, the waves gently rolling in with an amazing sun rising on the horizon...

Did I mention that both of my fireplaces are remote controlled?

Botting ...

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This action by the board I fear will come to haunt them in the future if not already. Mr. Akins' resignation or dismissal should have been immediate after last year's annual meeting if not before.

I also find culpability with the Finance Committee who according to Minor's report, had not discussed an ageing report over the prior 10 years, which would have brought to light Taylor's debt long before. The remainder of the blame lies with those members who had been made aware a year or so earlier and who should have demanded full clarification at the next Board meeting.

Not having been privy to Gene Allen's audit work, I cannot comment on his part, however, Lawrence Sorgen's responsibility to the board did not include informing them of the Taylor situation, that responsibility lies squarely with the GM Akins. Termination of Sorgen's services serves no purpose, on the contrary it would be as harmful and as costly as the removal of all the six board members indiscriminately.

Apparently the suit is also demanding, and I quote "damages in an amount to be proven at trial..." What is not clear is where these monies would be coming from if awarded, and what would be its disposition.

Also worth mentioning is the work of a group from the general membership on a motion to change the by-laws, specifically in regards to length of terms and nominations for board member elections. These changes alone would correct the problems associated with self-perpetuating boards, or as more commonly referred to as "the good old boy" system which largely contributed to the problem.

I fear that the actions of bringing suit does not correspond with many of the membership, including many who signed the petition, who may wish to withdraw if they had only taken the time to consider it in more depth or rather "the other side of the story."

Richard Botting.

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who represents SCORE Atlanta, a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Mr. McKnight will be discussing marketing tips and trends. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information on the Roundtable series, please contact the Chamber at (706) 745-5789. Special thanks to this year's Roundtable series facilitator, Rick Siefken of Budget Blinds.

Fowler ...

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tion applies." It seems quite unreasonable to think that the universe caused itself, and for no reason.

It is more reasonable to consider an outside cause, such as the Christian doctrine of creation, which speaks to the act and the reasons for it. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1). In Fatherly love, God created a world that makes Himself known to created people.

Gov. Walker later issued a clarifying statement, "Both science and my faith dictate my belief that we are created by God." He wasn't prevaricating, but was stating a hopeful thought that science and faith can sincerely coexist.

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

	Every Monday:	
Children's Story Time	Union County Library	11 am
Kiwanis Club	Steve's Steakhouse	Noon
Civil Air Patrol	Blairsville Airport	6 pm
Boy Scouts #101	United Methodist Ch	7 pm
	Every Tuesday:	
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
Smoky Mtn. Melodies	United Methodist Ch	6:30 pm
Hi Country Harmonizers	Branan Lodge	6:30 pm
	Every Thursday:	
Masonic Luncheon	Cooks Restaurant	11:30 am
Rotary Club	Cadence Bank	Noon
Get Fit	First UMC	5:15 pm
First Monday of each month:		
Lockheed-Martin Ret.	Blairsville Restaurant	9 am
Volunteers/Handicap	First Baptist, H Bldg.	6 pm
Allegheny Lodge	Masonic Temple	6:30 pm
CERT	St. Francis of Assisi	6:30 pm
Allegheny Masonic Lodge #114, off the square		6:30 pm
First Tuesday of each month:		
Business Women	Cook's Restaurant	8 am
Brownie Scouts	United Methodist Ch	3-5 pm
Blairsville City Coun.	City Hall	6 pm
Amateur Radio Club	Branan Lodge	7 pm
Gaddistown Hmakers	Woody Gap	7 pm
Knights/Colum. #2563	place TBA	7:30 pm
Enotah Ch. #24 RAM	Masonic Temple	7:30 pm
First Wednesday of each month:		
Exercise class	Senior Citizens Center	10:30 am
Tri-City Wom. Lunch	Monet's Rest.	Noon
First Thursday of each month:		
Awake America	City Hall	11:59 am
NAMI Fam. Support	New Hope Counseling	12-1:30 pm
Blairsville Sorghum Fest.	Fort Sorghum	6:30 pm
Open Road ORV	Civic Center	8 pm
First Friday of each month:		
"Nailed" Book Club	G-N-G Bakery	10 am
UG Hospital Aux	UC Nursing Home	Noon
Feel Good Friday	Wellness Center	7 pm

Chamber of Commerce events	
For details and future events see events calendar at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com	
Wednesday, February 25	
12 pm	National Alliance on Mental Illness Education Program at UGH
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	BINGO at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Thursday, February 26	
8 am	Mtn. Networking Referral Group Meeting at Cook's Country Kitchen
12 pm	Rotary Club of Union County at upstairs meeting room at Cadence Bank
6 pm	Blairsville Cruisers Car Club Meeting, info www.blairvillecruisers.com
6 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
6:30 pm	Trivia at The View
7:30 pm	Live Theater- <i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> at Blue Ridge Community Center
Friday, February 27	
12 pm	BBQ weekend at 7M Farms, 596 Crump Creek Road (all weekend)
1 pm	Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild, 232B Chatuge Way, Hiawassee
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
4 pm	Ribbon Cutting for Cigars After Dark at 935 Murphy Hwy.
7:30 pm	Live Theater- <i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> at Blue Ridge Community Center
Saturday February 28	
10 am	Knitter's Knitch Class at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
12 pm	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at Copperhead Lodge
12 pm	BBQ weekend at 7M Farms, 596 Crump Creek Road (all weekend)
12 pm	Soup Saturdays, Hightower Creek Vineyards, 7150 Canaan Dr., Hiawassee
1 pm	Mountain Crossings Thru Hiker Kick Off Party, 12471 Gainesville Hwy.
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
4 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at Copperhead Lodge
7 pm	Leather and Lace at The Copperhead Lodge
7:30 pm	Live Theater- <i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> at Blue Ridge Community Center
Sunday, March 1	
12 pm	BBQ weekend at 7M Farms, 596 Crump Creek Road (all weekend)
2:30 pm	Misty Mountain Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
2:30 pm	Live Theater- <i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> at Blue Ridge Community Center
Monday, March 2	
12 pm	Blairsville Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting at Steve's Steakhouse
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group at Cadence Bank
Tuesday, March 3	
8 am	Tri-State Business Women's weekly meeting at Blairsville Restaurant
8 am	New Member Reception & Membership Orientation at Community Cntr.
10 am	Crochet Class at The Knitter's Knitch at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
5:30 pm	OPEN MIC(LESS) Night-Acoustic Open Mic Night at Monet's
6 pm	Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at Copperhead Lodge
6:30 pm	Smoky Mountain Melodies at First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, March 4	
1 pm	Knitter's Knitch Class at 64 Brackett's Way, Suite 6
1 pm	Better Breathers Club Meeting at Union General Hospital
1:30 pm	Misty Mountain Model Railroad Tour, Misty Mountain Lane
6 pm	BINGO at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center
Ongoing Exhibit	
10 am	Robyn Cappelli and the Lynn Mayes Exhibit and Youth Art Month at the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, West Main Street, Blue Ridge