

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

SNOW... and lots of it! That's what we got in mid February. But all in all we didn't do too badly. Snow-slick roads led to a few vehicle accidents but no serious injuries. We had a power outage but it was short lived compared to some that we have had recently and we had trees down here and there. Winter's not over so take the knowledge you gained from this storm to prepare for the next one.

As you have probably heard and/or read in the newspaper, the Board of Supervisors is considering stopping the payment of "augmentation funds" to eight fire districts in the county. Mosquito is one of those districts. We receive around \$35,000 annually from this funding source. Let me try to briefly explain what the "augmentation funding" is, how it came about and what its loss will mean to us.

When a special district is formed, the Board of Supervisors determines how much of the property tax that they collect will go back to the new district for the services they provide. When our fire district was formed in 1977, the Supervisors determined that we could function financially on about 10 cents of every dollar collected. There's no magic formula for determining what percentage will be allocated to a new district and as other fire districts were formed, the funding was not consistent. Right now it ranges from about 6% to 22%. In the early 1990's, the Fire Chiefs Association went to the Board of Supervisors and pointed out the inequity in funding. Why were some districts expected to provide fire services on 6% while other districts got as much as 22%. The Supervisors agreed that there were inequities and determined that 13% was an acceptable average rate. So those 8 districts that received less than 13% were given "augmentation funding" to bring their allocation up to the average level. (Those agencies that were getting more than the 13% average didn't change. They continued to get the amount allocated at their formation.) Since there is no legal mandate to

continue paying these supplemental funds, it's one of the budget cuts the Board of Supervisors is considering as they deal with the county's fiscal shortfall.

How will the loss of these funds impact us? Right now and for the last 7 or so years we have used this augmentation funding to make our annual payment on the new fire apparatus that we have purchased. We make one payment a year and it is just at \$35,000. So if we lose that funding, we will have to cut our operating budget in other places to come up with the \$35,000 for the payment at least for another five years until our newest engine is paid off.

It's not all gloom, however. The Supervisors haven't as yet voted to end augmentation payments so we might still get it in FY 2009-2010. And, our Fire District Board of Directors established a reserve account a few years ago which currently has enough in it to make one year's payment. So we might be good for a couple of years. But the following years will require some serious budget cuts to come up with the \$35,000.

The purpose of the augmentation funding was to right a wrong. That condition still exists and I personally think that the augmentation funding is fair and necessary. Our Supervisor, Ron Briggs, has stated that he supports the continuation of the augmentation funding fire departments. But as with all those in political positions, nothing is really important until the voters start "talking." So a phone call or email to Supervisor Briggs, letting him know that you do not want to see the \$35,000 we have been receiving from the County as "Augmentation Funding" go away couldn't hurt.

Supervisor Ron Briggs
Phone: 621-6513
Email: bosfour@co.el-dorado.ca.us

Have a great, fire safe remainder of the winter.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Then join the Mosquito Fire Department on **March 28 at 5:00 p.m.** for an open house where you can learn about becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, Support Group member or Explorer Firefighter. Due to some "retirements" and moves off the hill, we have openings in each of these categories. Here's your chance to learn how you can become a part of a great fire department and at the same time become an tremendous asset to the people of Mosquito.

FIRE FIGHTER REQUIREMENTS

You must be at least 18 and possess a valid California Drivers License coupled with a desire to help friends, neighbors, family, and all who are in need. Our training classes include EMT-B, First Aid, CPR, and basic fire fighting. The training is at no cost to you except for your time.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group is made for people who want to assist the Fire Department but do not want to be involved in active firefighting. They play a very important role in our district by performing the support activities thereby freeing up firefighters to perform their duties.

EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Mosquito Fire Department is starting a new program for our youth ages 14 to 18. It is an introduction to firefighting for young adults.

Hope to see you on the 28th.

your calendars and come on down to get a great (free) meal and learn the latest on the Finnon Dam project. This is a very important time for all of us to get together and work as a community for the good of all.

On **April 4th, at 11:00a.m.** we will hold our annual Easter Egg hunt at Finnon Lake. A week or so prior, there will be containers at the fire station to collect donations of wrapped candy and small prizes for the Easter Bunny to hide. Our youths ages 12 and under are invited to join in the hunt. In case of bad weather the Easter Bunny will come to the Fire Station.

While you have your calendars out, here's some more upcoming events for our community: Community Picnic, July 18th, Halloween (tentative), October 24th, Christmas Dinner and Santa visit, December 12th. Other fun events will be announced as they are planned during the year. Keep your eyes open for articles in the Byte about upcoming events and for signs posted telling you of an upcoming event.

If you noticed a big red vehicle on the dam at Finnon last week it was the Growlersburg Fire Crew workers cleaning off the dam face. Thanks to the efforts of Leo Chiloux and Chief Davis we were able to get the state mandated brushing done by Growlersburg for only \$600. Our Volunteer Firefighters came up with half and Dick and Darlene Rood paid the other half. MVFA would like to thank the Firefighters and the Rood's for their generosity and support.

SEE YOU March 21st at the Spaghetti Dinner and **April 4th** at the Easter Egg Hunt. By the way, if you would like to help us put these two events on please call me at 626-1204.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

The Weather broke just in time for our meeting in February but the snowy roads left some significant challenges for some of those trying to attend. This was our annual meeting to elect a new board of directors. There were five openings and we only had 122 ballots returned out of 700 sent out. The new board members are: Kim Purcell, Al Raymond, Tom Schmidt, Frank Surface and Nancy Truman. Tom had resigned from the board due to work and family demands but we hope that he will reconsider since he

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Leslie Baumgartner

I hope everyone enjoyed the beauty of the snow we have had so far this year. It's great to see but it does come with a few inconveniences as many of us saw.

Our next community event is on **March 21st at 5:30 pm.** We are having a Spaghetti Dinner at the fire station to update the community on the latest news concerning Finnon Dam. Get your sauces simmering and bring one to share. MVFA will provide the noodles, bread, salad, drinks and desert. So mark

has just been reelected. Tom has been a huge asset to the board with his experience, knowledge and dedication including taking his own vacation time to do board work.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the board members completing their terms, Tee Steirwalt, Tom Schmidt and Kim Purcell as well as to Barb Beacham who has become the SCPOA book keeper and Jeff John who resigned. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Tee for the many years of hard work as the association treasurer; a job that is not popular. She put in many hours to keep our finances straight, set up our loan for road work and researching banks. She will be greatly missed on the board but will still be assisting as a budget committee member.

Certificates of Appreciation were also given to Barb Beacham and Craig Arsenich for their work on the website, Wayne and Barb Mikels for all their work on the budget, Sharon Hern, Bill and Teresa Wren and Norm Nester for their assistance with the election and ballots. We also want to thank Lynda Lima, our secretary, for all the time and effort she puts in as well as Johnathan Skaggs, our maintenance man, who works so hard to keep our common areas and roads in the best shape he can.

With the new board together, we will continue work on several projects including finalizing the road work to be done this year and refinancing our loan at a lower rate. We are currently putting a package together for the road work. Once this is done and we have selected a contractor we will publish the name so anyone else in the community wishing to get bids on private work will be able to contact them. We are also talking with a new bank about transferring money and renegotiating our loan at a much better rate. We should have more specifics on this by the next meeting so that we can make a decision.

We still have a problem with vegetation and other objects along the runway within the 125 ft clear area, new letters will be sent out giving a time frame for clearing before further action will be taken.

The association is still looking for a maintenance helper for Johnathan, we will be conducting interviews next month so if you are interested contact Lynda at 621-0309 for information to submit a resume. It is a great opportunity to work in the community, save commuting costs and have a flexible position.

Our next meeting will be on the new day of Monday, March 9th at 6:00 Pm at the fire station, we look forward to seeing you there.

CPR Class Available to the Community

by Floyd Baumgartner

I will be giving a Heartsaver AED, CPR class on March 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Fire Station. I have openings for six students. If you are interested please call me at 626-1204 and leave a message with your name and phone number. I will be offering classes in the future so if this time does not work for you keep watching the Byte for upcoming dates. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the processing of the CPR card.

Mosquito/Swansboro "Phone Tree"

by Kelly Hern

Hi, I'm Kelly Hern and I'm the "Phone Tree Coordinator" for our community. I would like to introduce our new residents (and reacquaint some of our old residents) to the Phone Tree. First off, what's the Phone Tree, you ask? Well it's one of the ways that we get the word out when there's an event that warrants wide spread notification to our residents. These "events" are generally emergency in nature; a wild land fire, a road closure or a pending evacuation, but it could also be simply letting the community know about a special meeting which would be of general interest to our residents. Some examples of these types of meetings (events) would be the updates given by DOT when our bridge was closed, a "Town Hall" meeting held by our District 4 Supervisor or the meetings held by the Forest Service to let us know about pending operations or activities in the National Forest.

Who are the Phone Tree callers? They are a group of community members who have volunteered to make these calls when the Phone Tree is activated by either the Fire Department or the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. And.... we could use your help because we need a few more volunteer callers. If you are interested in becoming a Phone Tree caller give me a call at 295-9165

Will I be called if the Phone Tree is activated? If you are listed in the new 2009 Mosquito Phone Book you will be called. If you're not in the Phone Book but would still like to be on the Phone Tree call list give me a call and I will see that you are added to the list. Our Phone Tree lists are not public and are only accessed by our callers so your privacy will not be

compromised by being placed on the Phone Tree call list.

Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!! So to those of you who are already Phone Tree caller volunteers (and you others who volunteer in the community), a great BIG THANK YOU for your service. For those of you who want to become a caller volunteer or those of you who are not in the phone book but want to be on the call list CALL ME at 295-9165.

Fire Protection for Common Areas by Deanna Snyder

Dogwood Lane is a very narrow road that runs between Mosquito and Stope. A good portion of the land along the west side of the Lane makes up the Dogwood Common Area. It is a very heavily treed and brushy area for fire protection equipment to access safely. The area was "brushed" a couple of years ago during the fuel reduction program and then sprayed by Sears Weed Control to keep new growth in check. But, a lot of debris has accumulated over the last two winters and some community volunteers are working get it burned and cleaned before the summer fire season.

The Lane has changed over the last 18 years. A horseback riding and walking trail was established so that people could safely enjoy the area without having to use the narrow pavement. Jonathan has widened the lane in a few spots where two cars can now pass safely. New signs have been posted to keep large, heavy trucks off of the roadway. So now it's our turn to do our part. If your property is on Dogwood Lane between Mosquito Road and Stope Drive or backs up to the common area you may want to participate in the clean up because fire usually burns up the hill, not down. If you like to run, jog, walk, bicycle, do bird watching, ride your horse, take pictures or just like to use Dogwood to pass thru for sight seeing you might want to join in. There are a large number of people who use the Lane and the trail daily, we see them from our home on Dogwood.

We will be having our first official work day on **March 14, 2009 at 9:00 am**. We will meet on the Lane about midway. The fire department will be on hand for water supply as we do our burning. If it's not be a burn day we can still get the piles ready for the next burn day. So, if you can help please bring your clippers, hand pruners, shovels, gloves, chainsaws, gas powered

weed eaters, drinking water, etc. There are a few large trees that have fallen also and the wood will be available to those that help. In the meantime, you may see small work parties already working on the trail as time and weather permits. If you decide to work on a common area in and around your own home, remember to contact the SCPOA secretary, Lynda Lima, and obtain the insurance forms before you begin. If we don't see you on the lane for cleanup, please continue to use the trail for your exercise and enjoyment. Thanks in advance and you can contact Joe or Deanna at 626-5278 if you have any questions.

Thank You ROCK CREEK CAFÉ by Dick & Darlene Rood

We just want to thank FRANK and HEIDI for the wonderful addition they have brought to the Swansboro/Mosquito area by their talents at the ROCK CREEK CAFÉ. Beyond the great hamburgers and other daily offerings, they have offered and provided special menus for special days that will rival the menus of any five star restaurant.

Franks' culinary expertise seems to go beyond imagination at the variety of dishes he can prepare, so if you have a special desire I am sure he would be eager and able to prepare it for you. And don't forget they will cater special occasions for you.

And lets not forget the serving help, their friendly and familiar banter makes dining there a real "up on the hill dining pleasure".

During these bleak economic times having a business can be very trying. We have a place to go right in our backyard and have a meal that will be difficult if not impossible to replace anywhere else. So we would encourage everyone in the Swansboro Mosquito area and beyond (invite your off the hill friends up for a dinner out) to help support this local business.

Thank You Frank and Heidi and Good Luck.

Thank You Community by Don Reid

Big time belated Thanx to MVFA, the Pilots and the Mosquito Community for my wonderful box of "Christmas vitals". Sincerely and lots of Mosquito mountain love, "Critter" Don.

Fire Safe Council

by Leo Chaloux

As a Board member of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council it was brought to my attention that in the near future there will be the possibility of acquiring federal grants that could be utilized for the protection of communities from wild fire. The recently passed stimulus bill signed by the President will have available large amounts of monies specifically established to provide fuel reduction, wild fire awareness, and public education programs. A large portion of these monies will be assigned to communities in the western states where wild fire is a major threat. In order to obtain top consideration for any of these funds it is necessary for a community to be recognized as a **Firewise Community**. Currently, Mosquito has been recognized as a Fire Safe Community through the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, but a great deal of work has to be done in order to become a Firewise Community. I have gained support from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association to help in the effort of becoming a Firewise Community. In fact, Board Member Aaron Green volunteered to help. Firefighter Joe Lima has also volunteered to help with this endeavor. Now, if there is anyone else that would like to be a part of this process please contact me at 622-8611 or by email (which I really prefer) at chaloux@netscape.com. This could be a great opportunity to lessen the fire threat to our community.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

We are working on our spring projects. Our first Craft Sale is on April 4th at the pavilion at Rock Creek Café. All of the proceeds from our Craft Sales benefit our Volunteer Fire Department.

Our next craft meeting will be held on Friday March 27th, at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road, from 9:30 -11:30 am. See you there!!!

Pilots Association Scholarship Program

by Al Raymond

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors or college under grads a chance to compete for a \$500 scholarship. If you live in our community, are a high school senior going on to college next fall, or are already in college and plan to continue, you can apply for one of the scholarships.

To apply send a one-page, double-spaced, typed essay (*postmarked no later than 6/30/09*) that states: who you are, what college you plan to attend, your life plans, and why you should receive one of our scholarships. Please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address if you have one. Send your essay to: Pilots Association, 6234 Pineneedle Ln., Placerville, CA 95667.

News from the Café

by Chef Frank

We wish to thank everyone who came out and joined us for our Sweetheart Dinner. We hope to do more of these events in the future along with some outside events so we will keep everyone posted. We know that things are very tough with the economy for everyone right now and we really appreciate the support but we have no choice but to make some changes here at the café. We will keep everyone informed as these changes take place. Our e-mail address is fwethridge@gmail.com.

On March 21st the Café will have been re-opened for 2 years. We plan on doing a B-B-Q to celebrate the anniversary when the weather gets warmer. Last year was a blast and it was so nice to have so many of you join us. We will keep you posted!!

Family Nights - Unfortunately the cost of food has caught up with us and beginning in March the price for our Wednesday "Family Night" dinners will be going up to \$7.50

Thank-you and we look forward to serving you at the Café.

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BACKHOE & TRACTOR WORK: Trenches, driveways, gravel needs, footings, house pads, utility lines, brush clearing, septic systems, stump removal!! 4X4 backhoe. Licensed and Insured. Jim Collins 621-4794 or jcbackhoe@sbcglobal.net

LET'S STOP POISONING OUR CHILDREN! HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS – A LOADED GUN – "Of chemicals found in our homes, 150 have been linked to allergies, birth defects, cancer, and psychological abnormalities. Don't wait! To make your home a healthier and safer place, call today. Angela or Debbie at 626-8536

GLASS & CERAMIC ART: Affordable handcrafted items made here in Mosquito! Studio open most days, call first to be sure. Do your gift shopping here on the hill. Call Pam Angelo at 621-3688

METAL STRUCTURES: We build metal buildings, carports, sheds, stalls, Fifth Wheel covers, etc. Local family, free estimates. We also do concrete work, sidewalks, foundations, etc. Call Jeremy at home 626-4406 or work 916-826-9758

REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Specializing in Mosquito /Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 35 years experience "on the hill". Located next to the fire station. **SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES:** 622-6822

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BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE RAJA YOGA classes- M.W.F 6pm - 7:30 pm at the Fire Station during the cold season. Loaner mats available, wear loose, comfortable clothing. Call Bill for more info at 916-276-7087

CHIMNEY SWEEP for hire, 27 years experience. Wood/ pellet stoves, fireplaces, dryer vents, gutters. Repairs, installations, problem solving. Call Richard Smith at 530-306-2438

FOR RENT:

LARGE HOUSE for rent on Log Cabin Lane. 5 bedroom 5 bath 3600 Sq feet. Long term rental agreement desired. 1,500 per month or possibly less for an exceptional tenant. Will consider a rent to own agreement. Call for info at 919-0759

RENT HOME -2 bd/ 2 ba in Swansboro. 5 acres w/ fenced area for livestock, barn, large toolshed/workshop, large fenced garden & Dog run. 1385 square feet. Spacious kitchen. Wood burning stove, pellet stove, electric heat. Wrap around porch with amazing views. \$1500/month plus \$500 annual home owners Association dues. Available January 6th. Please call Alice at 916-208-8945

LARGE STUDIO APARTMENT. Private deck with a spectacular river view. Kitchen with granite counter top. Features lots of storage. Water and electricity included. \$595/ month plus deposit. Call (530)-906-2021.

RENT HOME - 1 bd/1 ba Fresh & bright, w/d hook-ups, fenced yard. One small pet OK.. \$750 per month + deposit. Call (530) 906-2021.

FOR SALE:

VEHICLES - 1973 Jeep CJ5. 350 Chevy engine, SM 420 4sp trans, Mod 20 transfer, Dana 44 rear w/Detroit Locker, limited slip in front diff. \$2,000 OBO Clean Title. 1956 Willys PU, has flatbed. \$500 OBO Clean Title non-op registration. 1973 Chevrolet C50. Heavy duty trans, 350 eng, Many new Chevrolet parts. \$1,000 OBO Clean title non-op registration. **Moving and must sacrifice by MARCH 15th**. Call Tim 295-8112 (3)

SEASONED OAK FIREWOOD- \$225/cord. Call 642-8685 (3)

MOVING SALE - Antique Soap Stone/Enameled Wood Stove, Works, \$500. OBO, New in the box, surround sound theatre system \$50 OBO, New in the box Car Canopy 10x20 w/doors \$75 OBO, Sm. Turntable Micro \$25 OBO, New Basketball Hoop set-up, put in ground type, \$40 OBO, 2yr. old GE Side By Side Refrigerator 26cf, w/ works in the door, \$400 OBO, 2yr old Maytag kitchen range w/canning burner, \$400 OBO, 2yr old Whirlpool Dishwasher, (quiet type) \$100 OBO, Canning jars, 25 cents ea., Sm. Computer desk w/chair \$15. **Must sell by March 15th**, call Sharon at 295-8112 (3)

94 FORD RANGER XLT -, 190K miles, 2-wheel drive, 5-speed, extra cab, with AC, toolbox, and bed-liner. No major body damage. Needs tranny (no 3rd or 4th gear). Driveable. \$1,500/OBO. Call Dave or Alyson at 626-7396 (2)

MISCELLANEOUS -Blonde wood crib and Graco Pak N Play in excellent condition, infant high chair (needs new seat cushion), and suede beige La-Z-Boy with some animal damage. Make us an offer! Call Dave or Alyson at 626-7396. (2)



HOME FOR SALE - 3,600 sq ft. Home is large, well landscaped, in good shape and has lots of extras: double showers, custom ceilings, an entertainment room, and a large lawn, and back yard. Not that expensive to heat and priced right for the market. Monthly rate approximately \$2400, not included taxes and insurance. Will help in making transaction happen. Call 642-1620 for details. (2)

BIRDHOUSES, wooden and Peace Signs. Call Jerry Butterfield at 622-8724 (2)

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th - Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 \$7.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Roasted Chicken	5 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	6	7 10:00 AM Support Group
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting	10	11 \$7.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Corned Beef & Cabbage	12	13	14
15	16 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 \$7.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Tacos	19	20	21 5:30 PM MVFA Spaghetti Dinner
22	23	24	25 \$7.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Meat Loaf	26	27 Craft Meeting see page 5	28 1:00 PM CPR Class 5:00 PM Fire Department Open House
29	30	31	<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p> <p>** ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</p>			

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