

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

How about our snowstorm the other night! It was rather spectacular and caught many of us by surprise. We received about 18" at the station and I have heard from people living at the higher elevations in the District that there was well over 24" or more.

I was working in my garage Sunday afternoon and around 5:00 pm I noticed that the snow was starting to come down heavier and stick to the ground. I drove to the station just in time to catch Aaron and Nathaniel before they closed the station for the day. Looking at the conditions, we decided that it would be a good idea to chain up the equipment. I'm sure glad we did! By the next morning the area looked like a "Winter Wonderland".

By 8:00 Monday morning the phones were ringing with a myriad of questions about road conditions, power, etc. I began planning our strategy for "responding" should the need arise. With the depth of the snow, I knew it was a going to be a very SLOW process! After we made some phone calls to check on some of our older residents, I ventured outside and began checking the conditions on some of the major roads (and to make sure there were no stranded travelers). Before I could get down Mosquito, we received a walk in report at the Station of several people stranded down near the bridge.

Myself and 3 firefighters started down Mosquito Road in Engine 275. We didn't get too far before our path was blocked by tree limbs in the road. After removing about 8 trees, we finally made it to the first switch back. There we found 2 people walking up the road and two others in their car. After taking them home, we continued driving the District and found more vehicles that had either slid off the road or could not continue on the road with their vehicle because of the snow depth. All together, we had over 25 public

assist incidents that morning.

Now that we are dealing with the cold, rain and snow, the thought of a wild land fire is quite removed. Yet in about five months we could find ourselves gearing up for it and hoping once again to get through a summer without a disastrous fire. Now is the time to be preparing ourselves, our houses and our land for that fire potential. It's open burn season so we now have the best opportunity for eliminating unnecessary ground fuels. If you have any questions or need information on how to best alleviate some of the serious vegetation fuel problems please contact us at the station.

Driving around the District in the snow brought to mind another issue - "driveway access". It seems to me that many of the driveways in the community are getting rather narrow. Most of us don't notice this because they are always adequate for the vehicles we drive. Unfortunately, fire engines and ambulances are somewhat larger than the average personnel vehicle. When we are responding to an emergency call for service, the last thing we need to be doing is worrying about whether our fire engine or ambulance is going to make it down the driveway at the residence. So when you are out there cutting and burning, look at your driveway. The driveway should be at least 15 feet wide and have about a 15 foot height clearance. Now, that doesn't mean that your driveway has to have a 15 foot wide path of gravel. Ten feet of gravel with about 2 ½ feet of clearance from brush on both sides would be terrific. As far as the height clearance goes, any branches that extend over the driveway that are less than 15 feet from the ground should be removed. A light bar on a fire engine now days costs about \$3,000 and it's a really big budget hit when a tree limb tears one off. Help us all out and please make the access road to your home "emergency vehicle friendly".

Hope that you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a great New Year.

A Lesson For Us All (Part 2 of 2)

by Chief Bob Davis

(In the December Btye, I talked about the District's role in a "Search and Rescue" event that occurred in October. The person involved, wrote a letter of thanks to the District which I thought you might like to read as he speaks of his "ordeal" and his thoughts during that time.)

"Yesterday I went for a walk, Why? All I can say is because a shadow moved across my eye and I wondered what it was. Well curiosity got the best of me, as I thought what could that be? So I headed down the canyon wall past the bushes, rocks and trees. Now I ain't such a young man and it's easy enough to fall. So I "butt slid" down the mountain best as I can recall. Then half way down I realized there weren't no going back up 'cause 40 years of working hit my body like a truck. So I sat me down upon a log and stared up at the sky when I saw that shadow move again from the corner of my eye. So again I jumped up and ran to see with gravity at my back and when I finally stopped again I was at a miners shack. Well the shack's no more than rusty tin with neither wall nor room. Just a twisted pile of confusion above a broken flume. But from that old foundation I watched that river run, I was now about 800 feet below from whence I had began.

For a while I was hypnotized as I listened to the river call, but then that something moved again near the lowest canyon wall. So I jumped across the footings, then tripped across the flume and landed in some muddy leaves that smelled like scat perfume. That's when I began sliding down with no way to stop this time, well not until I was half way stuck in some wild berry vine. Well that vine was like a wild cat and scratched me all to shreds. Then it threw me at a pine branch which slapped me in the head. Like a bird my glasses flew which nearly made me cry. Then I realized the dirty lens had been the shadows across my eye. So I escaped out of the berry vine like any feller oughter, only to find I'd escaped myself into the icy river water.

Well that frozen water barley thawed before it started running. But it ran right smartly down my drawers. 'It must have seen me coming' So there I stood in the liquid blue, looking for the Swansboro bridge, but all I saw were boulders on a 30 foot rock ridge. Well the sun was brightly shining when I left not long ago but now that sun had faded into a cool evening glow. I saw the writing on the walls the night would soon be

here with me inside the freezer and think'n I'm the beer. So I found myself a corner and filled it up with leaves. Then laid there wet and covered up by a t-shirt with no sleeves.

First I watched the moon a rising then it went into its fall and when morning froze I realized I'd get no sleep at all. Just then a crow came flying down to see what he could get and it would've scared the — from me if I wasn't already wet. That's when the whole thing ended where tracking dogs and helicopters are brought onto the scene.

And me, I just went for a walk to enjoy the tree lined hills but I changed into Survivor Man and was thinking I'm Bear Grylls. But mostly I did write this though it's hard to understand because people living in these hills do actually give a damn! There was Pete and Karen and Jeff and Paisha, Ken and Mary and all the volunteers that came to save my life. There's folks from Search and Rescue and the Fire Department and two Australian shepherds that were also heaven sent. Then all the local sheriffs came along with the CHP. Not to mention the ones I never met and the whole Caulfield Family. Then of course my boys Sean and Aaron and Josh had a reason for their fears but none of these folks I will forget not for the rest of all my years. So if I be some friend or stranger I raise my glass to you and pray if you're ever on the ridge that it don't swallow you."

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Leslie Baumgartner

Welcome to the new year!! The last few years have been a wonderful learning experience for me. As I leave the board, I want to welcome in the new members and may they all find a new spirit in the community. The three community members newly elected are Barbara Beacham, Rick Clemens and Fred Wilder. Thank you for coming forward and embracing the community and showing your support for our community and our volunteer firefighters.

The Christmas party, chaired by Mary Ann Haywood and her co-chairs Sandi Brauns and Theresa Wren, was a wonderful experience and if you were not able to make it you missed a great party. Santa showed up just in time to take orders from many of the younger community members and the "feast" that followed was nothing short of spectacular!

May you all have a wonderful New Year and please be sure to attend as many MVFA Board meetings as you can. We meet at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of the month. We need the community's participation in order to keep this a vibrant, caring and supportive organization.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GATHERING (the Board Meeting) on January 7th at 7PM.

Christmas Potluck

by Mary Ann Haywood

Oh My Gosh!! What a great turn out for our Christmas Potluck. Even with the snow and then the rain, we still had a full house. The food was plentiful and oh so good. Thanks to all who brought a dish to share. A good time was had by all.

A big thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to find his way to our Fire Station and visit with the children in our community. I am sure his list is much longer now.

A special thank you goes to my co-chairs, Sandi Brauns and Teresa Wren for all their help. Also thanks to Jerry Avery, Bill Wren, Leslie Baumgartner, Lynda and Joe Lima, Ralph and Sharon Hern, Rick Clemens, Debbie Rood, Dee Harris, Chief Bob Davis, Leo Chaloux and Jake Pritchard for all of their help. Without them this Christmas Potluck would not have been the success that it was. Hopefully I did not forget anyone, but if I did, thank you so much, your help was also greatly appreciated.

And another "thank you" to Heidi and the "Mosquito Caroler's" who led us in some Christmas caroling just after dinner. They were great and I hope they will be back next year.

Happy New Year to everyone on the "Hill".

Christmas Baskets

by Mary Ann Haywood

"Thank You Community" for your sharing of food and gift items for our Christmas Basket program in a year when our need was the largest anyone can remember it being. And a special Thank you to all who helped put the baskets together and deliver them. What a truly wonderful, caring community we live in.

Thank You MVFA Board

by Editor

Many "THANKS" from the community to MVFA Board Members: Leslie Baumgartner for her leadership and dedication to MVFA for many years; Floyd Baumgartner for representing the Volunteer Fire Fighters on MVFA and for all of his work at Fannon Lake; Linda Buchanan for representing the Community on MVFA and her work on the Fannon Lake Dam project; and to Mary Ann Haywood, Sandi Brauns and Teresa Wren for all of their work organizing the community activities for 2009. Without their commitment to our community these wonderful events would not have happened.

Thank You Fire Department

by John & Allison Moalli

On November 15th, our rental home on Stope Drive was accidentally set on fire when our tenant placed ashes from the wood stove, in a cardboard box and placed it outside on the wooden deck. After several days, the smoldering ashes caught the deck and house on fire, causing a nearby propane cylinder to rupture. The noise of the explosion alerted a neighbor, Jim Pritchard, who walked over to the house, saw the fire, and called 911 and us as well.

When John arrived at the scene, Chief Davis was already there, making certain that no one was in the home and shutting off the utilities, while he waited for assistance from volunteers. In very short order, Leo, Jake, and Aaron arrived, hooked Engine 75 up to the nearby fire hydrant. Leo manned the pump panel and supplied water to the hoses that went to the rear and side of the house to dispense a water and foam mixture on the fire. Chief Davis manned the hose that was used directly on the fire, knocked down the visible flames on the rear elevation, basement and eaves, and then directed the water and foam into the attic which was pouring out smoke. Jake shot water into the attic vents on the other side of the house, while Aaron and Jarrod donned SCBA's and entered the home, which was full of smoke. By that time, Cal Fire and Garden Valley arrived, the ceilings were removed adjacent to the burned exterior section, and the fire was completely extinguished. All of the firemen on scene then proceeded with the mop up operation, and the support group was there to help as well.

The quick action of the Mosquito Fire Department saved our house from being a total loss. It became clear after the fire was extinguished that it had been well established in the attic and crawl space, and left unchecked, in just a few more minutes would have engulfed the entire home. The fire investigator from the insurance company, who has been to hundreds of fire scenes, said that it was an awesome save.

We are grateful to you Chief Davis and your volunteers, and thankful that although you were in harms way, that no one was injured. We also hope that the citizens of Mosquito appreciate what a great Fire Department we have, and that they never get to experience your skills first hand as we did.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The SCPOA board has been operating with one less person since last year. We would like to welcome a previous board member back, Tee Steirwalt has agreed to step up to fill that position and the board unanimously approved her appointment. Tee was a very valuable board member and treasurer in the past and we can't thank her enough for her willingness to help out again.

Our maintenance crew Johnathan and Kevin have been continuing brush clearing in the common areas as well as along the roads. They have finished up the fencing replacement along the north side of Rock Creek Road and as weather permits will use up the rest of the materials on hand along Mosquito Road.

They will also be doing road repair, again as weather permits. However, for only the most significant problems since the material requires a torch to heat it and make it adhere on these colder days.

We still have about \$50,000 in outstanding dues. Some are foreclosures, some are making payments and some are just not paying. Lynda has been doing a great job in working with owners on payments as well as getting the mortgage companies to pay when they take over a home. The board wants to encourage anyone who wishes, to start prepaying dues for next year. We know that the assessment due date comes at a bad time, so anything paid throughout the year may make it a bit easier when the full amount is due.

The budget committee has been waiting to get our updated reserve study so that we could get the budget together for next year and make a decision on dues. We held a special meeting on the 17th to review the reserve draft and felt that we had enough information to put a budget together and make the decision that we **will not raise** the dues this year. We have been under budget for this year and our reserve fund is in good enough shape that we felt we could hold off on any increases for this coming year.

We are working on the December packet to be sent out to all owners. It will include a newsletter format from the board instead of the traditional letter as well as another brief survey and the ballots for the election of new board members. Please do not include your assessment in with the ballots since they will not be opened until the annual meeting in February. You can include your assessment with the survey.

Our next meeting will be Monday January 11th at the Fire Station at 6:00 PM, we hope to see you there.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

The "Crafters" are beginning their new craft year with their first meeting scheduled for Friday January 22nd. All you crafters and those of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint etc. are encouraged to come. We will be starting work on our spring projects. We also have coffee, goodies and of course table talk.

Our craft meetings are held on the 4th Friday of each month at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road, from **10AM to 12Noon** (NOTE: the new time) Hope to see you on the 22nd.

Big Thank You to Rock Creek Café

by Jo Thomas

December 3rd was a big BIG day for me and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a memorable occasion. Rock Creek Café was a most gracious host for this surprise dinner gathering. Frank is a fantastic chef who prepared a scrumptious, customized buffet just for our group (which included regular as well as vegetarian offerings) at a moderate price, (he will even cater to your site) Did you know that he has been written up in the Style Magazine!

I love to play games so we played either Mexican Train or Mexican Poker (with beans, no cash) and everyone had a lot of fun that evening, especially me!! So may I please say thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU to all.

Mosquito Phone Book Changes

The Mosquito Phone Book is reprinted every 2 years and the last printing was January 2009. Each month we list any changes that we learn about in the Byte. Below are all the changes that occurred in 2009.

Additions:

LAMB, Ed & Gloria.....363-2637
6793 McGuire Court

SMITH, Mark & Kristee.....626-0723
6581 Log Cabin Lane

THOMAS, Paul & Sophia.....295-1092
6685 Mosquito Road

Corrections: (underlined)

ABELS, Alison.....510-206-0968

DeLETTE ,Bob.....626-8689
7280 Mosquito Road

FRENCH, John.....916-660-0314
Gravel Road

JOSEPH, Ken & Mary.....642-0338
7475 Pino Roble Drive

SARGENT, Michael 919-2836

WARNER, Taffy.....626-8689
7280 Mosquito Road

If you wish to be listed in the phone book or have any changes please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268 or email at sahern@directv.net.

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Thank You Byte Helpers
by Editor

As we start a new year with the 281st issue of the Mosquito Byte, I would like to **"THANK"** the following volunteers, yes we are **all volunteers**, for helping me publish and mail your Mosquito Byte:

- All of the monthly contributors of articles.
- Gail Barrett, the advertising editor.
- Georgina Barnett, Sandi Brauns, Nell Dasher, Mary Ann Haywood, Carol Schultz and Susan Smith - the mailing crew who label, stamp and seal your Byte.

Step-Fast Lifestyle Series
by Diana & Fred Adams

Come to our home and join us as we host another Step-Fast Lifestyle Series. This dynamic 12-part video series will help you understand the relationship between lifestyle and disease. You'll receive practical, scientific, Bible-based instruction in nutrition, exercise and stress management. By making simple, natural lifestyle changes, you can improve your health. Yummy samples will be served! Call Fred or Diana at 642-9441.

News from the café
by Frank Ethridge

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We wish to thank everyone for your support of the café this past year. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year with more special events such as our sweetheart dinner on February 14th. We are in the early stages of planning possible wine dinners with some of the local wine companies. **The Café will reopen for Lunch at 11:00 am starting January 6th** Let us help you with any catering needs that you may have. Send us your email address to we can keep you informed of what is happening here at the café. You may reach us at 622-0210 or at fwethridge@gmail.com

New Hours effective January 6, 2010:
Closed Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday thru Friday - 11 AM to 8 PM
Saturday & Sunday - 8 AM to 8 PM

Thank you from the Crew at the Café

Recipe of the Month

by Chef Frank

Ginger-Marinated Grilled Portobello Mushrooms - Portobello mushrooms are big, firm and good candidates for stuffing or grilling. They have a satisfying taste and texture with virtually no fat or sodium. SERVES 4 (Something on the healthy side)

Ingredients

4 large Portobello mushrooms
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup pineapple juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger, peeled
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

Directions

Clean mushrooms with a damp cloth and remove their stems. Place in a glass dish; stem less (gill) side up.

To prepare the marinade, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, pineapple juice and ginger. Drizzle the marinade over the mushrooms. Cover and let marinate in the refrigerator for about 1 hour, turning mushrooms once.

Prepare a hot fire in a charcoal grill or heat a gas grill or broiler. Lightly coat the grill rack or broiler pan with cooking spray and position the rack 4" to 6" from the heat source. Grill or broil mushrooms on medium heat, turning often, until tender, about 5 minutes on each side. Baste with marinade to keep from drying out. Serve the mushrooms garnished with basil.

Classified Section

MEETINGS:

MAH JONNG - Looking for people to play MAH JONNG using Wright-Patterson rules. Call Barbara at 626-4747

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP - Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am then a Celebration service at 11am. Mountain Fellowship is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All events meet at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information call 295-0503 or www.mfom.net

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Adeline Penn at 621-2639 or <http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html>

ART CLASSES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS- Art Classes for Teens & Adults- Have fun creating unique ceramic or fused glass art in my new Swansboro Studio. Afternoon & evening classes available to suit your schedule. Contact Pam Angelo at 621-3688

PICKING' POTLUCK - Local Acoustic Musicians: Starting a jam session once a week, hosted by a Fiddle & Mandolin player. Blue Grass, Country, Oldies, Blues, Cajan, Rock-a-Billy or originals. Singers & listeners welcome, bring something to share. Call Jerry for details at 622-8724

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BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE RAJA YOGA CLASSES- M.W.F. 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Fire Station during the cold season. Loaner mats available, wear loose, comfortable clothing. Call Bill for info at 916-276-7087

GROUP EXERCISE CLASS:

Group exercise is a great way to get in shape, maintain fitness, and stay committed to your fitness goals. 1 hour class 3 times a week, includes cardio/fat burning, shape muscles and strengthen, stretch and relaxation. Group exercise class is limited, please call Paisha Weaver if interested. Home 642-8991 or Cell 409-1317, please leave your name and number!

WANTED:

Hanger space to rent. Call John at 344-1912 (11)

SERVICES:

TRACTOR & BACKHOE WORK- 4x4 BACKHOE, Driveways, Gravel needs, Dirt moving, Grading, House pads, Power & phone lines, House, Barn & Garage footings, Water lines, Culverts, Brush Clearing, Stump Removal, Septic Systems, I Dig your needs!! Licensed & Insured. Jim Collins 621-4794, Cell 391-2007 or e-mail jbackhoe@sbcglobal.net

DROP-IN CHILDCARE- Stay at home Christian mom willing to care for your child as need arises. One family per day, mildly sick children ok, all ages are welcome. I am a credentialed teacher, Swansboro resident for 9 years, and enjoy children. \$30/child/day Shelly Sears 344-8402

PET CARE - Pet feeding while your away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Devin & Dylan's Pet Feeding Service at 295-9165

HOUSE CLEANING - Silvia's Professional House Cleaning. Call Silvia at 626-5710

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CATERING-FOOD SERVICES - Special event planning. Large or small. We will help you design your menu. Catering on the Hill by Rock Creek Café. Call Frank at 622-0210 or FAX 530-622-0211

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NOTARY- Will travel, Loan Doc's experienced. Call Shannon at 621-2530

GUITAR/BASS LESSONS here on the hill. Beginners to intermediates, all ages. Call Heidi at 344-8015

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Owner, specializing not only in all types of custom stair rail installation; but also in all types of finish trim, custom as well as standard packages. New construction or remodel. Licensed, bonded and insured. 20+ yrs in business, 30+ experience. Call Ken Osborn at 622-0551.

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VETERINARY CLINIC OF MOSQUITO - Got ticks? Frontline Plus and Preventic Collars available at Veterinary Clinic of Mosquito, 9200 Rock Creek Road, Mosquito. Open Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 6 pm by appointment. Pamela Steinke, DVM 621-9999

RESPIRE CARE - available in Swansboro/Mosquito, M-F, weekends or overnight as needed. Also available for short periods of time (barring previous scheduled commitments) and/or for hospice care for your family member. I have 9 local home-care references to verify my skills and the level of care I will provide for your loved ones. Call Nancy West at 626-7975

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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

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

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, safer place, call Angela or Debbie at 626-8536

BOTTLED WATER on the Hill - Are you interested in having bottled water service without leaving your home? If so email Jeremy or Nicole at services@drcoolers.com or call 916-316-4043.

BUTTERFIELD HANDYMAN SERVICES - Mosquito Area Quality/Craftsmanship. Small jobs welcome for time and material. Call Jerry at 622-8724

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FOR RENT:

ROOMS FOR RENT - Building and need a place to stay? I have 2 rooms with separate bathrooms available. \$400/mo each or both for \$650/mo, includes kitchen use. Call Steve at 626-0691

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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED					1  Happy New Year	2 10:00 AM Support Group
3	4	5	6 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Chicken Pot Pie	7 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	8	9
10	11 6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting	12	13 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Tostada	14 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	15	16
17	18  Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	19	20 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** BBQ Pulled Pork	21	22 Craft Meeting see page 4	23
24	25	26	27 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Spaghetti	28	29	30
31	**ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS					ROCK CREEK CAFE HOURS Closed Mon. and Tue. Wed. thru Fri. 11am to 8pm Sat. and Sun. 8am to 8pm

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