

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

Even though we are still very much in the winter season, now is the perfect time to be thinking about cleaning up around our houses to get ready for the summer and the usual threat of a wild land fire. It seems that I am always harping on people to cut the brush around their homes. Not only is it the prudent thing to do when you live in an area that has a high risk for a wild land fire but it is also a state law. I thought I would take this opportunity to "publish" this law so that all of us know just what the State expects. The following comes from the California State Public Resources Code Section 4291.

Any person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains any building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous area of forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, or grass-covered lands, or any land which is covered with flammable material, shall at all times do all of the following:

- Maintain around and adjacent to such building or structure a firebreak made by removing and clearing away, for a distance of not less than 30 feet (this was revised by state law to 100 feet that went into effect on January 1, 2005) on each side thereof or to the property line, whichever is nearer, all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth. This subdivision does not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or similar plants, which are used as ground cover, if they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting, fire from the native growth to any building or structure.
- Maintain around and adjacent to any such building or structure additional fire protection or firebreak made by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth which is located from 30 feet to 100 feet from such building or structure or to the property

line, whichever is nearer, as may be required by the director if he finds that, because of extra hazardous conditions, a firebreak of only 30 feet around such building or structure is not sufficient to provide reasonable fire safety. Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from such building or structure and less than 18 inches in height above the ground may be maintained where necessary to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion.

- Remove that portion of any tree, which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead or dying wood.
- Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.
- Provide and maintain at all times a screen over the outlet of every chimney or stovepipe that is attached to any fireplace, stove, or other device that burns any solid or liquid fuel. The screen shall be constructed of nonflammable material with an opening of not more than one-half inch in size.
- Except as provided in Section 18930 of the Health and Safety Code, the director may adopt regulations exempting structures with exteriors constructed entirely of nonflammable materials, or conditioned upon the contents and composition of same, he may vary the requirements respecting the removing or clearing away of flammable vegetation or other combustible growth with respect to the area surrounding said structures.
- No such exemption or variance shall apply unless and until the occupant thereof, or if there be no occupant, then the owner thereof, files with the department, in such form as the director shall prescribe, a written consent to the inspection of the interior and contents of such structure to ascertain whether the provisions hereof and the regulations adopted

hereunder are complied with at all times.

There you go! The nuts and bolts along with all of the legalize on why we have to clear around our structures. Any violation of Code Section 4291 is seen as an infraction by the courts and results in a fine. The law specifies what the fine is and under what conditions it applies. Since this is a State law, it is the States responsibility to enforce it and that has been given to the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection.

I consider Code Section 4291 to be a good law as it establishes a basis for common sense, that being if you live in this kind of area you should make your house as safe as possible. If you follow the requirements of 4291 then it does not have any impact on you as you are exercising good judgment. If you do not, then 4291 can be considered a pain in the wallet. If you do not adhere to the requirements then you can be found guilty of an infraction and fined, then you still have to clean up your property. If you have any questions contact myself or Aaron at the fire station, 626-9017.

Take the next couple of months, cut some brush, trim some trees and enjoy living in the country. In the meantime it is still winter and the roads can get you, so be careful and be safe.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Teresa Wren

The MVFA Board held its first meeting of 2010 on January the 7th. With 4 new Board Members, our first task was to make some committee assignments to get some long time goals started.

First off we formed a Web Committee made up Board members Sandi Brauns and Rick Clemens along with Paul Beacham (our Web Master) and Sharon Hern. The committee has already met and, thanks primarily to Paul's efforts, we now have a web site for Finnon Lake up and running. We've gathered the best information we had about the area along with a brief history of the hill and information on the campground and its needs. The web site also has links to camping, maps of the area, MVFA events for 2010, ways you can volunteer, "Friends of Finnon" as well as some great photo's of the area. Again, a special thanks to Paul Beacham and the Web Committee who has produced a great web site which

we can all benefit from. Please check out the site, finnonlake.com.

In the near future we are going to have work parties set up to start cleaning up the campgrounds. The Campgrounds Committee will be putting together a wish list and it will be posted on our web site after our meeting in February. We are going to definitely need community support to make the beautification of Finnon Lake a reality.

The Board also selected the dates for our annual events. Please mark your calendars for these dates and events: Easter Egg Hunt (March 27th), Finnon Lake Fireworks (July 4th), Community Picnic (July 17th), Halloween Party (October 23rd), Christmas party and Santa visit (December 11th).

The 2010 MVFA Board members are:

Teresa Wren (Chair)
Sandi Brauns (Vice-Chair)
Barbara Beacham
Rick Clemens
Mary Ann Haywood
Jake Pritchard
Fred Wilder

I look forward to seeing you at the next MVFA board meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 7 pm at the Fire Station.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

We had a relatively short and small meeting for January, thank you to those who attended.

Johnathan and Kevin continue to clear brush and improve drainage along the roads, they have also completed the installation of the remaining 480 feet of vinyl fence along Mosquito across from Trout Lake.

They have cleaned up the area at the base of the dam at Trout in the hopes of eventually making it a nice picnic area since this is part of the common area of Trout. With the clearing, however, has also come the problem of off road vehicles being used in this area. This usage will will cause damage to the area and possibly to the dam. Logs will be placed along the road to hopefully stop this from happening and fencing may be considered for the area.

We still have a significant number of delinquent accounts that our secretary Lynda is dealing with. She has made many attempts to contact and work with these property owners and in many instances with no response. Given that, the board has decided to take the first step in sending those accounts to collections. When an account goes to collections, it adds a significant additional fee to the overdue amount for pay for the collection services. Remember, every owner who does not pay their assessment places an additional burden on the rest of the members. The board will make every effort to work with these individuals to get them current.

The budget committee is still trying to work with the Browning group to get our reserve study complete. As soon as it is done it will be sent to the members.

By now you should have received your annual packet. Please be sure to fill out and return your ballot as well as the survey that was included. Remember that your ballot **must be received prior** to the annual meeting, you **will not be able** to bring it to the meeting and have it counted. However, you may bring your completed surveys to the meeting.

Our next meeting will be our annual meeting on Saturday February 13th at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. Please plan to attend the meeting, we would greatly appreciate any comments and suggestions for the next year. Our association attorney will be attending, so this will be a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have of him.

Cattle in Swansboro by Tom Harris

About a month ago, some stray range cattle wandered into Swansboro and began grazing in some neighbor's yards. The rancher who owned the cattle eventually found them, and rounded them up. John Moalli and I talked with this rancher, and he asked us to post his name and phone number at the Fire Station and in the local newsletter. Anyone who notices loose range cattle that are outside the national forest boundaries is asked to call: Marcus Bacchi - 530-363-3116. Marcus lives in Coloma, and said he will come up here pronto to round up any more wayward steers.

Mature Driver Class Being Offered by Ralph Hern

Want to refresh your knowledge of the "rules of the road"? Want to get current DMV information updates? Want to review defensive driving techniques for older drivers? Want to possibly get a discount on your automobile insurance? If your answer is "YES" and you are age 50 or older, an upcoming "AARP Driver Safety" class is just for you. The 8 hour class (presented in two 4-hour blocks) will be held at the County's Senior Center in Placerville in March. Block #1 is on Saturday, 3/6 and Block #2 is on Saturday 3/13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. NO TESTING is required and a DMV certificate of completion is issued if you participate in all 8 hours of the class. There is a \$12 class fee for AARP members and a \$14 fee for non-members. **Pre-registration, with payment, is required.** Call the Senior Center at 621-6255 for additional information and to reserve your spot.

Can't make this one? Another class is being offered on April 20th & 22nd at the **Mosquito Fire Station**. If you're interested in this one call Sharon or Ralph at 626-5268 for additional information and to reserve your spot.

Recycling by Jo Thomas

TIRE AMNESTY DAY

On Saturday, February 20th, 9AM - 4PM, tires (up to 9 per vehicle) can be disposed of FREE of charge at El Dorado Disposal Service, 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville, 626-4141. This is just off Hwy 49, between Hwy 50 and Pleasant Valley Road. NO rims or large equipment tires. County residents only. Tire Amnesty will continue the 3rd Saturday of every month thru June 30th.

Just a block or two away is the off-site recycling center at 580 Truck Street, 9:30AM - 4PM Tuesday thru Saturday, closed noon - 12:30PM. This facility accepts all recyclables such as cardboard, newspapers, glass, plastic bottles and even pays for aluminum cans, certain glass and plastic bottles.

MOTOR OIL

There is a local oil recycling site located in the parking lot just west of the Mosquito Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Mosquito, 626-9017. This is

available FREE to residents. Motor oil ONLY, please.

E-WASTE RECYCLING

TV's, computers, monitors, cell phones, faxes etc. can be disposed of FREE of charge Monday thru Saturday 9AM - 4PM at Snowline Hospice, 455 Placerville Drive in Placerville, 621-1802.

LARGE APPLIANCE RECYCLING:

We now have a location to dispose of washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, etc at Snowline Hospice Recycling and Processing Center, 180 Industrial Drive, Bldg F, Placerville, 626-1641. This is a FREE service, Monday thru Saturday 9AM - 4PM.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

Our first Craft Sale for this year will be held on March 27th at the Rock Creek Café Pavilion. There will be Easter and Spring items galore. We will be working on Easter crafts and Spring projects at our next meeting. We need your expertise whatever it may be, come join the fun. Our next meeting is **February 26th**.

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**

Big Time Thanx

by Critter Don Reid

"Big Time Thanx" to MVFA, Swansboro Pilots Association and my Community for yummy Happy Ho Ho, Turkey and vittles. Sincerely Critter Don Reid

2009 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any additions or changes to the phone book.

Phone Books are available at the Fire Station for \$3 each.

New Listing:

Clemens, Rick. 626-4696
3800 Stope Drive

Changes: (changes are underlined)

Galvan, Chuck & Elaine. 295-0503

Public Assistance Programs

by Jan Escamilla

Here's some critical information that may assist you with family matters such as obtaining food and possibly other public assistance. These resources and programs are available to all who qualify so you may want to check them out.

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICE-FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (USDA)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(USDA)
C4Yourself (California Food Stamp Program)

SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM

Section 8 Rental Voucher Program (USDA)
HUD in California
Help with your utility bills: California

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM)

Foodstamps
www.dss.cahwnet.gov/foodstamps/
General Assistance(GA)/General Relief(GR):
www.csac.counties.org/default.asp?id=7

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

www.nccp.org/profiles/index_36.htm

CALWORKS PROGRAM

www.ladpss.org/dpss/calworks/default.cf
www.slocounty.ca.gov/dss/CalWORKS.ht

CHILD ACTION INC.

www.childaction.org/

RENTER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/hra/index.shtm

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS

www.cafoodbanks.org/

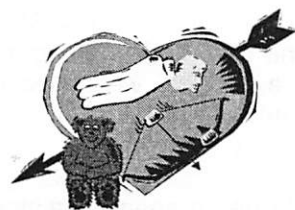
CALIFORNIA HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/home/default.aspx

News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge

We wish to thank everyone for their support of the Café.



Valentines Day, February 14th falls on a Sunday this year, so we will be doing a Valentines Day Brunch Buffet from 10:00am to 2:00pm for \$17.95+tax for adults. We are

also accepting reservations for our Valentines Day Sweetheart Dinner. The dinner will be a four course meal from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm **by Reservations only.**

Don't forget that you can pick up a Take N Bake pizza from the café.

Let us help you with any catering needs that you may have. You may reach us at 622-0210 or at fwethridge@gmail.com

Thank you from the Crew at the Café

Recipe of the Month

by Chef Frank

Southwestern Tortilla Soup (a repeat by request)

This will put a little warmth in you on those cold winter evenings

- 6-inch corn tortillas cut in strips
- 2 ounces corn oil
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 fresh jalapeño minced (Add a little more if you like it hotter)
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 16 ounces chopped tomatoes (canned)
- 16 ounces vegetable or chicken stock
- 8 ounces tomato juice
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon light chili powder
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 ounces cream

In a medium sauce pot, heat the corn oil, add the tortilla strips and cook until crisp but not brown. Add all of the other ingredients (except the cream) simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Place in a food processor or blender (be very careful the liquid is

going to be extremely hot) and blend until smooth, add the cream.

May be garnished with grated cheese or grilled chicken and avocado

Helpful Hints*HOW TO WHITEN LINENS WITH LEMONS*

Damask napkins, linens, even white socks can be whitened on the stove: Fill a pot with water and a few slices of fresh lemon, and bring to a boil. Turn off heat, add linens, and let soak for up to an hour, launder as usual. For extra brightening, spread them out in the sunlight to dry.

HOW TO STORE CANDLES

Candles should be kept in a dark, cool, dry place. Why? Light can cause the colors to fade, heat can cause the candles to warp, and moisture can make the wicks difficult to light.

INFORMATION ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS

(This was sent in by a Byte subscriber)

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us said that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.) But that was not what he wanted to show us. He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material - I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. WELL...the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets can cause a film to form over the mesh and that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free - that nice fragrance too, you know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box, well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to catch fire & potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot, soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months.

He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long!

How about that? Learn something new every day! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share! Note: I went to my dryer and tested my screen by running water on it. The water ran through a little bit but mostly collected all the water in the mesh screen. I washed it with warm soapy water and a nylon brush. I had it done in 30 seconds. When when I rinsed it, the water ran right thru the screen! There wasn't any puddling at all! That repairman knew what he was talking about!

Grandparent Humor ----

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond, I had a swing made from a tire that hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

A young grandson called to wish his grandfather a Happy birthday. He asked his grandfather how old he was. When he told him that he was 62, the grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

Classified Section

MEETINGS:

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

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

MAGIC THE GATHERING- looking for other adults who enjoy playing this game. Call 621-3875

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

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!

FREE:

ROOSTERS - 1 Araucana and 1 Blue-faced Red Wyandotte--very handsome birds, 7 months old. Take one or all. 621-9999. (2)

STOVE - Whirlpool propane cookstove. Needs cleaning and oven needs to be repaired. Contact Glen or Nancy Cochrane at 621-1114. Leave a message, your call will be returned. (2)

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 jcbackhoe@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

MOSQUITO AUTO- All general vehicle repairs including brakes, tune-ups and specializing in transmissions. Also repairing chain saws, weed eaters, lawnmowers and blade sharpening. Call Hippie at 642-2867

HAIRSTYLIST- Attention ladies, I am mobile, artistic and licensed. I have 30 years experience and am reasonably priced. Call Cathy for an appointment at 344-0555

NO MORE DROPPED CELL PHONE CALLS! Swansboro is a cell phone reception nightmare. Let us install a cell phone signal booster specially designed for difficult reception areas in your home and stop dropping those cell phone calls. Save big \$\$ when you eliminate your expensive land line phones. Call for more info and free site evaluation - Sierra Life Technologies, Chuck at 295-0503

REASONABLY PRICED- Field Mowing, Tilling & Light Tractor Work. Call Ron at 622-1558

LOGAN'S WEED BUSTING & BRUSHING -Chipping, Brush Removal and Weed Eating. Helping you defend your 100 feet. Senior discounts, Insured, WIC. # 041239. Call George at 530-889-2568

CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES – Your office and project support team specializing in Office Management, Business/Personal Contact Mgt. Event Coordination, Online Services, and Much More. Visit our website at www.creativeadminservices.com or call 295-1779

WELDING & FABRICATION - Steel, Stainless steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call 626-0691

SOUTHERN LIVING at HOME parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or kjhern@yahoo.com

HIMALAYAN CRYSTAL SALT LAMPS - Call Mel or Debbie Gephart at 626-7529 peacefultrailstradingco@yahoo.com

LOG SPLITTER - Owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. Call 344-9066

BOOKKEEPING - Bookkeeping services available for contractors and small businesses. All or a bit, let's talk. Assistance with business or personal tax filling-file for a faster refund. McCoy Bookkeeping. Bus license #042237. Call 916-997-4757(Cell) for an appointment or information.

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

SELL your FSBO home or lot and save \$1000s. Your home listed on regional MLS and Realtor.com for only \$199. For more info visit fsbo-eldorado.com or call Elaine at 530-295-0503.

HARLEY DAVIDSON - Need your Harley serviced. Don't go down the hill call Dan at Hawaiian Motorcycle 622-8326. Also Twin Cam performance upgrades in Swansboro. ripmcg@aol.com

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs. - Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs for you. Call Dee at 642-2333.

S & S GENERAL LAND MAINTENANCE- Junk car & appliance removal; Trash hauling; Light tractor work; Log splitting; Weed-eating; Brush & tree removal, brush burning. No job too small, friendly honest service. Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. at Home 344-8402 or Cell 363-4991

HANDYMAN -Your best friend. Odd jobs—Reasonable rates. Call Ken Gambee at 621-2530

REAL ESTATE SERVICES - Live the American Dream; the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! Utilize your new neighborhood website www.mosquitoadneighbors.com, or 295-4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com

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

FAX AND PHOTOCOPY SERVICE here on the hill. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441

ATTENTION BUSINESS MINDED INDIVIDUALS - In need of an extra income? Consider a proven solution. No Selling, No Inventory, No Taking Orders. Work from home on your time. Absolutely No Risk. Over 2 decades of positive growth. Call Angela or Debbie Soto at 626-8536

CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site – www.california-gardens.com or email – li@california-gardens.com

VICK'S PLUMBING - Specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling. Offering over 30 years of experience. Call me for repairs and installation of water heaters, garbage disposals, ice makers, etc. 30% discount for seniors. Call Victor Garcia at 626-6493 or cell 957-0170

MURALS AND MORE - Unique wall treatments for your home. Local personal references available. Call D. Harris for ideas and prices at 642-2333

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.

DOG RUNNER! - I'm responsible and I love dogs. I will run your dog for you. \$6 per dog. Call Kristin at 295-4851.

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

OSTERKAMP CONSTRUCTION INC. - General Building & Plumbing Contractor, specializing in custom homes, remodels, additions, decks. Free estimates, exceptional service, competitive prices. Bonded & insured, WIC #612033 Swansboro resident since 1987. Call 626-7873

WEST SLOPE CONSTRUCTION - Your local builder - quality work at reduced rates. No job too small. CA WIC# 625536. Call 622-1178

SEARS WEED CONTROL - Licensed, insured herbicide applicator on the hill. Now is the time to spray for star thistle and other broadleaf weeds. Call and let us customize a vegetation control plan to suit your needs. Dustin K. Sears, Sr., Owner. Call 344-8402 or 363-4991

RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY - Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit Ridleyk9academy.com or call 409-0879

NOTARY SERVICE - I am a "Mobile" Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at 621-2433

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

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** swansbororealestate@gmail.com or 622-6822

NAUTILUS MARINE SERVICE - Marine engine, inboard & stern drive specialists. Generator repair - marine & stationary. Fabrications, installations, electrical & electronics. Call Toll Free 800-760-1430

CHIMNEY SWEEP - For hire, 33 years experience. Wood/pellet stoves, fireplaces, dryer vents, gutters. Repairs, installations, problem solving. Call Richard Smith at 306-2438 or scheduler, Karen at 306-6512

FOR RENT:
ROOMS FOR RENT - Building and need a place to stay? I have 2 rooms with separate bathrooms available. \$450/mo each or both for \$650/mo, includes kitchen use. Call Steve at 626-0691

HOME FOR RENT - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in Swansboro. 1450 sq feet, \$1300/month. Fenced in back yard with large deck, wood stove, central heat/air, 2 car garage. Pets considered. Call Allison or John at 626-9469

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 919-0759

FOR SALE:
PUPPIES - Papillon puppies (Born 11/18/09) 2 girls and 1 boy and 1 phalène puppy (Born 11/18/09) male. Contact Glen or Nancy Cochrane at 621-1114. Leave a message your call will be returned. (2)




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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p>	1	 Groundhog Day	3 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Beef Stew	4 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	5	6 10:00 AM Support Group
7	8	9	10 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Lasagna	11 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	12	13 10:00 AM SCPOA Annual Meeting
14  Happy Valentines Day	15  President's Day	16	17 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Soup & Salad	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 \$6.50 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Meatloaf	25	26 Craft Meeting see page 4	27
28	<p>**ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</p> <p>ROCK CREEK CAFE HOURS Closed Mon. and Tue. Wed. thru Fri. 11am to 8pm Sat. and Sun. 8am to 8pm</p>					

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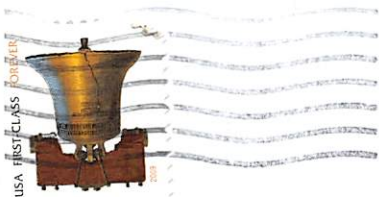
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