

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

Question: Why do those large, red fire trucks respond to every emergency, not just to fire related emergencies?

Answer: The mission of the Mosquito Fire Protection District is to protect life, property and the environment. Mosquito Fire Department responds to all types of emergencies while adhering to strict national, state and local mandates and protocols set forth by firefighter standards. These rules are the result of years of study of actual fire-ground activity to do the job of everyday firefighting: putting out fires, performing rescue as well as providing basic life support. Crew integrity must be maintained at all times for proper response to fire or non-related incidents such as medical aids, public service assistance, vehicle accidents etc. Crew integrity allows for maximum sustained fire suppression, rescue operations and medical assistance by our fire personal during emergencies. To complete their emergency assignments in the field, Mosquito Fire Engines all carry vital fire suppression, rescue and medical equipment as well as the ability to carry three firefighters in Engine 75 and up to five firefighters in Engine 275. They also carry specialized equipment including forcible entry rescue tools, i.e. the Jaws-of Life and Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs). So the next time you're driving around and you see one of those big red Mosquito Fire engines going to a emergency call, but you don't see any smoke or flames, please remember that we do more than put the wet stuff on the red stuff !

Safety Tip: As a civilian driver, when sirens or lights are noticed, always move to the right, and and stop. At intersections stop, look and live!

As we look back over the past year, there is a great deal we have to be thankful for. The fall was a great one as it was rather warm with enough rain to fill

most ponds and get us ahead of the average rainfall total. The summer was a terrific one. It started out somewhat hot with all kinds of predictions of California burning up; however as far as the fire season went, it was very quiet, not only for our District but for the State in general. California was very fortunate as it turned out to be one of the slowest fire seasons in many years.

From a medical standpoint, the District has had its normal responses. We are here to be of service to the community. Always keep our number (626-9017) close to your phone but in case of an emergency call 911. This past year, several members of our community passed away and they are missed. We also had a few new-borns and they are truly welcomed.

All in all, the past year turned out to be about average and for that we should all be grateful.

BE SAFE !

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Teresa Wren

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association had its first meeting of the year on January 6th. Our first item of business was to prepare this years schedule of events. So, mark your calendars for these dates and events: Easter Egg Hunt (April 16th), Community Picnic (July 9th), Halloween Party (October 29th) and the Christmas party and Santa visit (December 12th). We are not able to have the 4th of July fireworks this year as Finnon Lake will be dry while the dam is under construction. We are also planning to have the Big Boy Toy Show again this year; Chief Davis is looking into the best date for our area. And, we are considering having a community yard sale at the end of May.

MVFA is looking for fund-raising suggestions to help pay for room and board for the Job Corps employees

working on the Dam Restoration Project and other incidentals that our grant does not cover. If you have any ideas or have been to a fund-raiser that was successful please give me a call at 622-3903.

Sandi Brauns is getting ready to place another order of MVFA sweatshirts. If you are interested in purchasing a sweatshirt please give her a call at 626-6248. In order to get the best price we need to order at least 25 sweatshirts.

I would like to thank Dee Harris for her support and creating all the signs for the Finnon Lake community meeting. They sure looked good!! I hope everyone is looking forward to the meeting at the fire station on January 29th at 10am to hear about the Finnon Lake Project.

Our next MVFA board meeting is on Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm at the Fire Station, hope to see you there!

Finnon Dam Restoration (Editor)

I'm sure that you have all noticed that Finnon Lake is nearly empty. The draining device certainly works well! Beginning with the March edition of the Byte, we hope to have an "Update" article each month to keep you all informed on what's happening down there.

SCPOA Report by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

With our recent rains keeping our maintenance crew indoors, they spent their time rebuilding the Massey tractor in preparation for spring work. They were able to order the needed parts and do the work themselves at a significant savings to the Association. The tractor is now ready to go and should be good for years to come.

We have been waiting to order our road patching material until the plant was mixing it and that time has arrived. This product is only prepared in the late fall and winter so we are placing our 2011 order. The maintenance crew is limited in what they can do until we get the more consistent temperatures later in the year but for now, during warm spells, Johnathan and Kevin will repair what they can. Along that line, we will not be having an outside contractor doing major

road work this year. This was a compromise so that the dues would not have to be raised this year. So our crew will do it's best to patch and repair.

We still have a significant amount of delinquent dues, some are foreclosures and some are making payments, if you owe the Association please contact Lynda at 621-0309 to make arrangements with her. If you do not make contact, Lynda will continue to place liens on any property that is delinquent.

The budget process was finally completed pretty much at the last minute. First we had to wait for the updated Browing reserve study and then we had to correct a mistake found in the first approved budget. But it finally got done. It's a very tight budget especially when compared to the last couple of years but we tried to honor the desires that our members had expressed and that was to not increase the dues yet maintain the SCPOA properties as much as possible. There is, however, a possibility of a shortfall to our reserve fund that will not be made up by any excess in the operating budget. We will have to monitor our finances through the next year and make adjustments where needed. We thank those who attended the meetings and assisted in the process, it was really nice to have a larger group providing their input.

Since any major road work will be on hold for next year, this will be a good chance to have a good look at the current road plan and look at any changes that may need to be made. A significant portion of our dues goes to pay for road work so it's worth looking at possible alternatives that may be more cost effective. Particularly since our members seem to be more concerned about cost rather than super smooth roads. Meetings will be posted and we hope members will come and participate.

Lynda is doing her best to keep the website updated. She is now putting the minutes from the prior months meeting on the site as soon as they are approved to make it easier for members to print them out if needed. The site has upcoming meeting dates, DC&R's as well as lots of other information so check it out at www.scpoa.net.

We're changing the days for our board meetings to the fourth Thursday of each month. January 27th will be our next board meeting and our February board meeting will be on Thursday the 24th both meetings

are at 6 pm at the Fire Station.

Our annual community meeting will be Saturday, February 12th at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. This is our meeting to elect board members and have a community discussion. Our association attorney will also attend so we hope you will come join the discussion, ask questions and bring some great suggestions for the next year.

WANTED
 All CA CRV aluminum cans, beer bottles and plastic water bottles. Please drop off bags from 8-5 at the fire station or call Sandi at 626-6248 for pick up service. MVFA THANKS YOU!

Crafters
 by Sharon Hern

The "Crafters" are in full swing with their 2011 craft projects. All you crafters and those of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint etc. are encouraged to come. We are working on our spring projects and setting the dates for our craft sales. The dates for the sales will be in the March Byte. Come join us for the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, 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** Hope to see you on the 25th of February.

Tire Amnesty Days
 When - 3rd Saturday of each month through June
 Where - At the dump, 4100 Throwita Way
 Max 9 tires per person and no tires on rims
 Questions call 626-4141

News from the Café
 by Frank Ethridge

Valentines Day, the 14th, falls on a Monday this year, so we will be celebrating Valentines Day on Saturday the 12th, with our full menu and a pre-fix menu to be posted soon. Don't forget that you can pick up a Take N Bake pizza from the Café.

For those of you who have ordered shirts from the Café, they are now here. Sorry for the long wait.

To the gentleman who owns the candy machine down at the Café, please come and pick it up, thank you.

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

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

Recipe of the Month
 by Chef Frank

Fudge

Ingredients:

- 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips or milk chocolate or even peanut butter chips, they all work
- 1 -14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

Place chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk, and butter or margarine in large microwaveable bowl. Zap in microwave on medium until chips are melted, about 3-5 minute, stirring once or twice during cooking. Stir in nuts, if desired. Pour into well-greased 8x8-inch glass baking dish. Refrigerate until set. Yield 8 x8-inch pan or 16 servings

Classified Section

Please note, until further notice, which will be published in the Byte, items for placement in the Classified Section will only be accepted in **writing and mailed to: MVFA at 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667-9040**

Sorry, but no phone or e-mail ads at this time.

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>

WANTED:

Freezer: Small stand up or chest. Newer, cheap, energy efficient. Please call Charlene Fields at 544-8967 (2)

Pet Care - Someone to take care of our sweet ten year old Beagle in your home while we are away on vacations. He gets along well with other dogs and cats, but mostly likes people and a warm place to stay, eat and sleep. We will pay a daily rate or swap pet care. Call Diane or Jeff Ellis at 295-1651 (2)

Truck Hauling - Someone to haul 1-2 truck loads of material to the dump. Please call Solon or Jeanie at 621-3857 to give a bid. (2)

SERVICES:

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

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

NEED HELP WITH YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS? Call Big Dave, 40yrs experience, 25yrs right here on the Hill. Very Dependable, with excellent references. I am experienced in all phases of construction and masonry work. i.e. retaining walls, rock walls etc. have pictures. \$25/hr for construction work and I will also do weed eating for \$15/hr. Please call 621-4168

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

OPTOMETRY CLINIC - Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eyecare, 532 Main Street, Placerville. Open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00AM to 5:30PM, Saturday by appointment. Call 622-8300 - most insurance accepted. (New Patients Welcome!)

RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY - Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit www.ridleyk9academy.com or call Garrett at 409-1879

XM WRENCHING - Swansboro mechanic, now providing routine maintenance for all your dirt, snow and water toys. Engine building, high performance racing upgrades, exhaust systems, carb mods/ rejetting, tire mounting/wheel lacing/accessories installation, cylinder boring and more. Specializing in motocross suspension re-valving and cylinder/head porting/ polishing. Call 417-3260 or 626-7873

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 Cell 391-2007 or e-mail jcbackhoe@att.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

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

CHANA'S DOG SITTING SERVICE AT THE CAFÉ - You're hungry and you have a dog to watch. You don't want to run in and out every 5 minutes to check on your pet, so call Chana at 622-0210 or 344-8015.

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

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

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

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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

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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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 295-0503.

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.

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 295-0503

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

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

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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

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. Ken Osborn at 622-0551.

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

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

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

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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

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 at 622-6822

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VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS - Once a week, January - May here on the hill. Have fun meeting new people, discovering tasty new recipes and sampling the results. Interested? Call Fred or Diana Adams at 642-9441

FOR RENT:

Three bedroom, two bath on 5 horse fenced acres with well. \$1350 per month plus deposit. Pet deposit additional. Available now, call 306-0821 for application.

Two bedroom, single mobile home. Pretty, woodsy setting. Includes water and satellite TV. \$550 per month plus deposit. Call 621-3485

3 BR/2 BA single story house, 1800 SF, on quiet court in Swansboro. \$1100 per month plus deposit. Pets negotiable. Call Pam or Dave at 621-3688 for more info.

FOR SALE:

CRAFTSMAN - 10" Radial Arm saw, Table saw, Joiner-Planner, includes a wide assortment of saw blades. \$75 each or all for \$200. Call 626-1107 (12)

RIVAL ELECTRIC FOOD SLICER - Slices cheese and meat, great condition, clean, 6.5" blade, manual food push tray, thickness of food sliced can be adjusted. Silver in color. \$20 OBO. Call Dustin at 363-4991 (12)

BATHROOM - Flush mount electric heater, and above the sink lights. Combination exhaust fan, heater and light, works good. \$15 OBO. Also for FREE - Mirror, sink, metal tub and toilet (tub and toilet are pink), includes shower attachment and shower curtain bar for the tub. Call 622-6337 (1)

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February 2011

Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED		1	2 Beef Stew Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe**	3 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Support Group
6	7	8	9 Chicken Pot Pie Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe**	10 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	11	12 10:00 AM SCPOA Annual Meeting Valentine's Day at Rock Creek Cafe
13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16 Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe** Tostadas	17	18	19
20	21  President's Day	22	23 Asian Salad Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe**	24 6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting	25 Craft Meeting see page 3	26
27	28	**ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS				

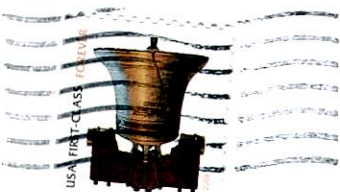
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