

MOSQUITO BYTE

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MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, (MFPD)

Hello Mosquito Community,

My name is Crosby Markgraf. I am 22 years old and currently employed as a full time Firefighter/Engineer at the Mosquito Fire Department. I have worked here for a year now and was a Volunteer Firefighter for two years before my employment. It has been such a pleasure working here. I have come a long way in my fire service career as I am a state certified Firefighter in structural and vegetation fires, vehicle collisions, confined space awareness, and many additional aspects of the fire service. I am also a certified Emergency Medical Technician and have been able to use my training while responding within our community. I have lived in this area for twenty-two years now and love providing emergency services in this community.

As the fire season begins, we will all start preparing our properties for defensible space. I want to offer an awareness course for anyone in the community on fire awareness/prevention, chainsaw maintenance and proper cutting techniques. This awareness course will be held at the Mosquito Fire Department. It will be on a Saturday in March or April and last approximately 2 hours. You will need to bring your chainsaw, circular file, bar tool, gloves and safety glasses. We will be taking our chainsaws, breaking them down for maintenance, clean and sharpen the saws properly, and go over proper cutting techniques. Then, after that, we will go over fire prevention awareness.

Hope to see you here at the Mosquito Fire Department when we have the training. We will advertise it at the Fire Department and on Nextdoor Mosquito/Swansboro. Have a wonderful month and stay safe.

Thank you sincerely,
Crosby Markgraf

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION (MVFA)

by Darcy Krieger

March is turning out to be very busy month for MVFA, and the planning for our upcoming events is coming along great. We have lots of busy volunteers! On following pages in this issue of the Byte you will find articles about the St. Patrick's Day Dinner as well as the Easter Egg Hunt.

For many years, MVFA has asked for donations to sponsor community events, repair the Finnon Dam, and to enable us to provide community aid. Finally, the dam repairs are completed! We continue to have our recurring expense for the required annual inspection of Finnon Dam, which costs MVFA about \$6,600 per year.

Your continuing support of MVFA activities allows us to make repairs and improvements to Finnon Recreation Area as well as The Mosquito General Market and Kitchen, including the grounds around the store. Your support also helps us put on our great community socials, and

provide emergency support to community members who may find themselves in need. Last year, due to generous donations, we were able to pave the parking lot at Mosquito General Store, and what an improvement that has been! Remember that Finnon Recreation Area is there for your enjoyment, and your support makes it possible for this jewel to exist in our community. Having the eagles at Finnon Lake makes it even better!

If you find yourself, or know of someone else, who could use a hand when facing a difficult time, please remember that MVFA is there to help. We have a food pantry and can also offer other aid, depending on need. A big **Thank You** to all of you who have supported our endeavors to maintain, improve and provide assistance in Mosquito/Swansboro Community.

Finally, and with regret, I must mention that Tom Harris recently resigned from the MVFA Board. His shoes will be hard to fill, as he gave his time and skills generously to the Board and was instrumental in maintaining and improving Finnon Recreation Area. Although no longer on the Board, he will continue to volunteer at Finnon Recreation Area, and we all are very appreciative of his willingness to share his expertise with us.

We now have one opening on the MVFA Board. If you're interested in being on the Board, please come to our next meeting on March 5th at 7 p.m. at **Mosquito General Market & Kitchen**. Please note this meeting will not take place at the Fire Station. We'd love to hear from you.

SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION (SCPOA)

by Connell Persico

For those of you whom I have not met, my name is Connell Persico, and I am the newly elected President of the SCPOA Board of Directors. Our new Vice President is Jeff Hand, and our new Treasurer is Jerry Pullin. The highest vote getters in the February 14 Board of Directors election, each of whom was elected to a two year term,

were as follows: Jerry Pullin, Keith Krieger, Mari Miller and Kim Purcell. Our appreciation goes out to Heather Loyola, Tee Stierwalt and Guy Seaton, for helping to create a competitive election that shed light on how the Board operates and relates to the community. We look forward to their continued contributions to the Association on our committees.

I would also like to thank Kim Purcell for her many years of leadership as the SCPOA President. She has done some heavy lifting on behalf of the community and has worked tirelessly to build our reserves, improve our roads and enhance our common areas. Her continuation as a director insures the community will continue to benefit from her expertise and wisdom.

Thanks also go to Sharon Hern, Bill Wren, Mary Ann Haywood, Sandy Brauns, and Norm Nester for their excellent work as the Inspector of Elections team. It's wonderful to witness such grace under pressure!

We are actively engaged in our leadership transition and are trying to be careful that, along with the big issues of dues, budget, roads, airport and common areas, the bureaucratic and administrative aspects of leadership are given priority and handled. We will produce a policy and procedures manual that will make the knowledge needed to manage the association more accessible to board members. This manual will also help make future Board transitions easier, and it will be available to anyone seeking to understand why or how the Board goes about its business.

Many of you are aware that the Board has been unable to generate a fully reconciled financial statement for over a year. We are not concerned that the financial health of the Association is questionable, but, like in our homes, if we can't get the bank statement to agree with our records of income and expenses, we are frustrated and troubled. We have noted that the Association records have not been subjected to an independent audit in several years. Our accounting firm does not believe an audit is necessary. We will be

meeting with them to work through these issues and at our March meeting we will present an update on the reconciliation of our financial records to the community.

At our meeting on February 19, we established our working committees and most Board members stepped up and assumed the committee chair roles.

The committees and their chairs are:

Budget and Long Range Planning – Jerry Pullin

Roads – Kim Purcell

Airport/Runway – Connell Persico

Architectural Review – Jeff Hand

Policies and Procedures – Keith Krieger

Communications – Connell Persico

Complaints – Jeff Hand

Common Areas – Connell Persico

Thanks to those community members who signed up at the annual meeting to serve on committees and to those who had previously volunteered. The truth is we need more of you. If you have some time and an inclination to help improve our community, please consider adding yourself to the roster of volunteers. Please contact our Secretary, Lynda Lima, at secretary@scpoa.net or me at cpscpoa@gmail.com and we will get you included.

The SCPOA Board of Directors meets monthly. Those meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station. For those of you who have attended Board meetings in the past, and as a result, decided to stay away from them, we would ask you to reconsider. Next month we hope to publish a set of meeting rules that encourage your participation.

I want to conclude this column with one final thought on the relationship of the Board and the community. The new Board shares a belief that the community benefits when the underground rumblings and rumors that abound are surfaced and explored in the open. We learned from the survey we conducted last Spring and from ongoing conversations with community members that there are concerns, misinformation and distrust on how some of the Association assets are managed. We hope to surface those items and

engage the community in fact finding, discussions, and understanding. One such issue we intend to tackle is the airport. We are not “going after the airport.” The lack of information about it feeds the rumblings, and it is our hope that making it a discussion item will enable all of us to better understand its role in our community. I sought the position of chair of the Airport/Runway committee so that we could collectively forge a non-threatening and fact filled process leading to community consensus. Kim Purcell has agreed to be the Vice Chair. And again, our hope is that you might join us.

So please come and participate. Our next meeting will take place Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to working with you and on your behalf. Thanks for your support.

MOSQUITO BYTE IS SEEKING A NEW EDITOR

by Darcy Krieger

Candy Lupient, who has volunteered to edit the Byte for the last couple of years, is hoping to retire from her position by September. MVFA is seeking 1 or 2 volunteers to take over her duties. These duties include reviewing and editing articles which have been submitted for inclusion in the Byte, computer formatting the material, and delivering it to the printing company. When the printing is completed the finished copies are picked up, stamped, addressed and mailed to our subscribers. There is a great committee to help with mailing. Candy will be available to train her replacement(s), but she would like to get started with it as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Darcy Krieger (642-2336) or Candy Lupient (344-0897) or attend the next MVFA Board meeting: Thursday, March 5th, 2014, 7 p.m. at Mosquito General Market and Kitchen.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

by MVFA Board

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on March 14th starting at 6 p.m. at Mosquito Fire Station. Requested donation for dinner is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children. Takeout meals will be available if you can't stay for dinner. We will also be holding a raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. We are still requesting donations of raffle items, so if you have something you would like to donate, please contact Eileen Guell at 642-3588, or you can bring it the night of the dinner. You can receive a letter for your donation for tax purposes, so be sure to request one if you'd like one.

CRAFTERS

by Sharon Hern

ATTENTION LADIES (men too if you want) –If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Our next meeting is on March 27th (see time and location below).

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12Noon** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the **27th of March**.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

by Sara Infante

Girl Scout Troop 747 will be selling cookies at Mosquito General Market on Wednesday, March 4th from 4-6:00 pm. If you haven't already pre-ordered cookies, you may want to stop by to purchase cookies and support our local troop.

EASTER EGG HUNT

by MVFA Board

We are busy making plans for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on March 28th at Finnon Recreation Area. The event starts at 11 a.m. Mosquito General – Store & Market will open at 10 a.m. that day and will have some wonderful breakfast goodies and beverages available for sale. We have also planned several additional kid activities, and there may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny! We are requesting donations of small wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to supply candy, please bring your donations to the Mosquito Fire Station or to an MVFA Board meeting.

MOSQUITO PANTRY

By Sharon Hern & MaryAnn Haywood

Need a small helping hand to get through some temporary hard times? The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association maintains the "Mosquito Pantry" where donated, non-perishable food items are available to any member of the community who might find themselves in need. The Pantry is located at the Fire Station and is available anytime the Station is open. So if you find yourself in need, don't hesitate to visit the Mosquito Pantry!

**The new 2015
Mosquito Phone Books
are available at:
Mosquito Station 75**

\$5.00

MVFA, MFPD, SCPOAWHO ARE THEY?

Occasionally, there is a degree of confusion by residents when trying to draw the distinction between these three organizations in our community. Here is a very abbreviated explanation of those three community organizations, who they are and what they are about. Please feel free to come to any of the organization's board meetings (see Byte calendar) to ask a question or give suggestions.

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) is a non-profit, community-wide organization; if you live up here in the Mosquito/Swansboro area you're automatically a member of MVFA. MVFA's stated role in their articles of incorporation is to provide community support and community fire education. MVFA owns and manages the Finnon Lake property but their major source of funding is through public donations and fund raisers. MVFA organizes, funds and puts on the Community Christmas Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Picnic and the Halloween Party as well as other special events. MVFA also publishes the Mosquito Byte and the Mosquito Phone Book. Additionally, when donations permit, MVFA purchases small tools, implements or medical equipment to donate to the Fire Protection District. MVFA has no employees and all of the things that they do are done by volunteer staff without any form of compensation.

MVFA is governed by a 7 member Board of Directors elected by the community residents for two year terms. The election is held at the Christmas dinner in December. The Board meetings are open to the public and held at 7:00 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month.

The Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) is a State of California Special District charged with the responsibility of providing fire suppression, fire prevention, and first responder emergency medical services within District

boundaries. MFPD was created in 1978 by the voters living in the District at that time and is a tax supported entity. Their assets include the Fire Station, the Station grounds and the fire equipment. MFPD does **NOT** own or manage the Finnon Lake Property. The members of MFPD are its paid staff, the men and women living in the community who volunteer their time as firefighters, support group members, and district board members.

MFPD is governed by a 5 member Board of Directors who are public officials elected for a 4 year term by the District voters in the State's General Election. Board meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Station 75 at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA) is the Homeowners Association that governs the Swansboro Subdivision (which is a part of the Mosquito community). SCPOA members are those people owning property within the subdivision. The SCPOA Board is responsible for managing the Homeowners Association business. They are funded by assessments on the property owners. SCPOA owns and maintains the airport, the roads within the subdivision, and the common areas such as Dyer Lake, Catfish Pond and Trout Lake. SCPOA does **NOT** own or manage the Finnon Lake Property.

SCPOA is governed by a 7 member Board of directors elected for 2 year terms by SCPOA members at their annual meeting in February. Board meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Station 75 at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED

530-295-4980

or mosquitogeneral@live.com

Important Phone Numbers

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Mosquito Fire non-emergency	626-9017
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Maximum limit of containers is 15 gallons of any liquid material. For further information, call 295-2800.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE 4-6 AT MOSQUITO MARKET	MVFA BOARD MEETING 7:00 AT MOSQUITO MARKET		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 AT FIRE STATION		ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 6PM at FIRE STATION
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				SCPOA BOARD MEETING 7:00 AT FIRE STATION		
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