

MOSQUITO BYTE

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MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, (MFPD)

by Ken Joseph

It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that we are in for another drought year. The lack of rain will pose additional risk this summer for another fire incident. Last year, we all experienced first-hand how a major incident can impact our lives. Are you prepared? Have you considered: +100ft clearance, evacuation plan, emergency supplies, medical kit, water, Grab-n-Go overnight bag, pets & livestock?

Now for the elephant in the room, what's the status of hiring a new fire chief? It's one of the hottest topics in and near the district. Here's the scoop: the District has extended an offer to a qualified candidate and is working through all the pre-employment steps and logistics. It might seem simple on the surface, but there are a lot of details that need to be addressed. Rumor has it we are getting close to making an announcement and introducing our new Chief.

One of the hot topics at the last MFPD board meeting was our budget and financial projections. I can tell you that we have some work to do to look for ways to trim our expenditures and increase our revenues. On top of our regular income/expenses, we need to figure out how to replace our aging 197x water tender. Our first budget workshop is on March 28 at 9am. Watch the website (<http://www.mfpd.us>) or sign up for email notifications (info@mfpd.us) of meeting announcements. Workshops and regular

meetings are open to the public and your participation is encouraged.

It's your department and you can help. Volunteering is a great way to help to cut expenses and generate revenue. Not all volunteers respond to emergencies. Professional/trade services, community representative to committees and councils, grant procurement, and volunteer recruitment/retention are all ways to volunteer. Karen Pullin has taken a lead role in creating a new organization to help manage these efforts. Introducing: the Mosquito Station 75 Firefighters Association. One of the core values of the new organization is to give the firefighters a larger role and influence in district affairs. The new association will be looking for ways to compliment, not displace, the other community organizations' activities and efforts. To dispel any rumors, the new organization is not affiliated with MFPD. The MFPD does not have any governing authority within the Mosquito Station 75 Firefighters Association. We do share some common goals.

Don't forget to replace your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide batteries.

Stay safe but be prepared!

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION (MVFA)

by Darcy Krieger

We had a great turnout for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Thank you to everyone who attended. These events do not happen without the extensive efforts of a whole crew of people, working away to make sure things come off seamlessly. Chairing this event was Eileen Guell, her first event! What a great job she did. But she didn't do it alone, so thank you's also go to the many individuals who pitched in: Setup – Norm Nester, Tom Harris, Mary Ann Haywood, Clay Heironimus, Connell Persico, Karryn and Gary Morris, Sandi Brauns, Eileen Guell, Bill Wren and Ken Joseph; Cooking – Sandi Brauns, Vicki DeKay, Mary Ann Haywood, Linda Heyart, Karryn Morris, Darlene Rood, Eileen Guell and Teresa Wren; Serving, Raffle, Dinner Tickets and Cleanup – Keith Krieger, Tom Harris, Mary Ann Haywood, Karryn and Gary Morris, Teresa and Bill Wren, Vicki DeKay, Joyce Radmanovich, Eileen Guell and Linda and Nick Heyart. For the donations of raffle prizes, we need to thank Dave Angelo, Pam Angelo, Sandi Brauns, Vicki DeKay, Joyce Radmanovich, Dee Harris, Tom Harris, Sharon Hern, Karen Holley, Candy Lupient, Dawn and Gus Moore (Mosquito General), Darlene Rood, Teresa Wren, and Friends of MVFA. If I missed anyone, please let me know. Everyone's contributions are so appreciated, and we couldn't do it without you. A huge thank you to you all!

Our next events will be Bingo on April 23rd at Mosquito General and Cinco de Mayo on May 2nd at Mosquito Fire Station. More info on these is available separately in this month's Byte.

Many Finnon Lake camping reservations have been received for the upcoming months, including some large groups. A huge thank you to Tom Harris and his crew of 10 who pitched in to do the spring cleanup at Finnon Recreation Area, just in time for the Easter Egg Hunt next weekend. (They didn't mow the lawn because the Easter Bunny prefers the grass to be on the longish side, the better to hide eggs!)

Please make a note that the **Motherlode Century** will be coming through our roads on Saturday, May 9th. This is a bike tour that ranges from 34 – 97 miles. They will be coming in on Mosquito Road and leaving via Rock Creek, with an aid station at Mosquito General. Please expect bicyclists on our roads from around 9 a.m. in the morning until 3 or so in the afternoon and please pass safely. They chose our area due to the beauty of the roads, and let's face it, undoubtedly the difficulty also. (If you ever see me with a road bike on Mosquito Road, you can be certain that I will be pushing it up the hill.) Also, they have asked for 2 – 3 people to man the aid station and will make a donation to MVFA for your help. Please call me if interested. We will be posting a sign to remind everyone of this event prior to May 9th.

The next MVFA Board meeting will be April 2nd, 7 p.m., at the Mosquito Fire Station. Hope to see you there!

MVFA EVENTS

BINGO, Thursday, April 24
Mosquito General Market and Kitchen
6:00 Dinner Available
7:00 BINGO

Cinco de Mayo Dinner
Saturday, May 2nd
6:00
at the Fire Station

FROM SCPOA (SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION)

by Connell Persico

It's been a busy month for the Board and its committees. In late February six of the seven Directors participated in a very helpful orientation session with our attorney. Treasurer Jerry Pullin and I also met with our CPA, who confirmed the need for stronger controls over the Association's finances. The suggested controls were approved at our March 19 Board meeting.

One of the most pleasant experiences of this past month has been the extent of member involvement in our expanded committee structure! It is true that more people means it takes longer to decide, but it is also true that more alternatives are proposed and so the recommended actions have been well vetted. The committees are composed of newcomers and old timers in the community who range in age from their 20's to their 80's. There seems to be a very strong learning curve.

The Communications Committee recommended to the Board a review of all the required disclosures to members so we can be sure we are in compliance with The Davis Stirling Act. The Board agreed to do so. In the June mailing we will make a concerted effort to get as many members as possible to opt into receiving their SCPOA communications electronically. We currently spend around \$3.00 of each parcel assessment on our two mandatory mailings and would like to reduce that. The Board also was treated to a mockup of a proposed new website that would be more interactive and user friendly, and joyously gave their go ahead to a six month conversion process.

The Architectural Review Committee updated the Board on its modifications to the methods of identifying existing building permits within Association boundaries and the forms and procedures to be used in generating Association signoff for new construction (main structure and other buildings). They expect to bring their completed recommendations to the next Board meeting.

The Common Areas Committee recommended a controversial plan to either exercise its water rights with EID or to utilize its existing well to fill Dyer Lake by the start of the summer. The difficult and controversial part of this decision is the use of water for recreational purposes in the midst of our serious drought. The committee will do more homework to discover what, if any, effect use of the well might have on surrounding properties and will continue its discussion with EID. A third alternative, siphon some water from Trout Lake to Dyer Lake will also be considered.

That committee will also look at the possibility of creating a several miles long riding and hiking trail along some of the currently inaccessible common area. That committee will also begin the process of creating a long term forestry management program for some of the inaccessible common areas.

The Roads Committee recommended and the Board approved putting out a request for bids to complete all remaining roads and road segments within the association. We will seek costs for each section so if the total costs exceed our budgeted amount we will be able to set priorities. The request for bids will be posted on several bid web sites as well as sent to those companies who have previously bid and those in the local area in order to generate an expanded set of bidders. The bid package will be ready for distribution by the end of March and will include an expected completion date of July 31, 2015.

The Policies and Procedures Committee discussed its ongoing examination of current practices as a first step toward creating written documentation on how the Board does its work. They look forward to bringing proposals forth to the next Board meeting.

The Budget and Long Range Planning Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the restoration of the role of the Treasurer to that which is written in the bylaws. As a result we will begin to see some of the activities currently conducted by the Association Secretary shift to the Treasurer. In response to our CPA's advice that

the Board establish firmer control over its finances, the Board approved the creation of a Finance Committee (made up of the Treasurer and three members) to review and reconcile the monthly financial statements. The Board also authorized an expenditure for the purchase of Quick Books Pro and a computer system to be held by the Treasurer so we can begin the transition of responsibilities and also better align our system with that of our financial services support team.

Regarding the Airport Committee, I owe the community an apology. My intention was to use it to create a community wide discussion about the airport. That is why I sought the chair position. In the past month, I had begun reading the available documentation on the airport and seeking guidance and help from pilots with a long history in the community. I was impressed by what I perceived as their willingness to educate me and their willingness to serve on the committee. Five pilots had agreed to serve on the committee, and in speaking with some of them I mentioned I was going to seek "intelligent skeptics" to round out the committee. Apparently in my earnestness and in my choice of terms, I created unintentional resistance to the process and a belief among some of the pilots that involving "skeptics" could create an adversarial situation. The apparent flash point was having a non-pilot as the committee chair and so I stepped down as committee chair and Kim Purcell, a pilot, took over as the chair. I am sorry for generating the resistance. But when I look back at last year's survey results, and review the issues and concerns raised during the last election cycle, I remain committed to causing the discussion. As the specifics of that evolve, I will share them with you.

Yep, it has been a busy month! I would be remiss if I failed to give special thanks to our colleagues at MFPD and the fire station. We have asked for meeting space at an unprecedented clip and they have been gracious and supportive in meeting our every request. Thank you, thank you.

Finally, please remember all board members are accessible by email through the SCPOA website and you can reach me at cpscpoa@gmail.com. Praise, concern and criticism are all welcome.

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. We will be working on our summer crafts getting ready for our annual summer craft sale at the Community Picnic in July. Our next meeting is on April 24th (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 **24th of April**.

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).

Girl Scout Troop 747

by Sara Infante

Troop 747 would like to thank our neighbors for your amazing support during this cookie season. The girls raised enough money to complete their service project and provide for next year's activities.

We would like to say a special thank you to Gus and Dawn who allowed us to hold a booth sale at Mosquito General Market and Kitchen Wednesday, March 4th.

We apologize for not having a second sale up in this area. The girls were quite the entrepreneurs and sold out of their inventory faster than expected. We hope everyone enjoyed their cookies. If we missed you this year, don't worry, we will be back next year.

The girls would also like to ask for your participation in their service project. At their April meeting they will be organizing and shipping care packages to our men and women serving overseas. If you have a name and address of a local person who is serving, we would like to include them in the care packages. Please email Sara Infante, troop leader, at slinfante@yahoo.com or call (707)689-1673 with his or her information. Thank you.

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

\$5.00

MVFA, MFPD, SCPOA ...WHO ARE THEY?

by The Editor

The above titled piece is one from our Mosquito Byte files and I run it from time to time when space permits. In the past month a couple of errors in the article have been brought to my attention:

1. SCPOA meetings are NOT open to the public, but open to all property owners within the subdivision and their guests. FYI, some properties within our boundaries were privately owned before the development of Swansboro Country and they are considered NAPOT, or not a part of the subdivision. You may notice the designation NAPOT on local plot maps.
2. SCPOA does not own our roads but is responsible for maintaining most of them.

Please accept my apology for the errors and if you'd like to see the amended copy, just email me at byteeditor@gmail.com or call me at 530-344-0897.

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!

WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER
BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER
BOTTLES.

Please drop off bags from 8-5at the Fire Station.

Please consider this option when you organize your
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can't use them)

This is a very important fund raiser for the
Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association
so **MVFA THANKS YOU!**

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KITCHEN WINTER HOURS**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am-
7:00 pm

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Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED

530-295-4980
or mosquitogeneral@live.com

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Burn Day Information	621-5897
Mosquito General Market and Kitchen	295-4980

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 MVFA BOARD MEETING 7:00PM AT FIRE STATION	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 7:00PM AT FIRE STATION	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 BINGO AT THE GENERAL MARKET 6PM DINNER 7PM GAMES BEGIN	24 CRAFT MEETING AT DARLENE'S 10:00AM	25
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