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The ABC's of Drowning Prevention

By **Mike Hazlett, Mosquito Fire Chief**



Drowning is the main cause of death for El Dorado County toddlers and preschoolers. In El Dorado County, 70% of drowning deaths occur in children under the age of five. In California, every year, 75 families lose a child under the age of five to drowning. That is three empty classes of kindergartners. Help protect your children from these preventable tragedies. Learn the ABCs of drowning prevention. Your child's life depends on it.

Home Water Hazards

Each year many young children drown in swimming pools, other bodies of water, and standing water around the home:

- Hot tubs, spas and whirlpools
- Bathtubs, even with baby bathtub "supporting ring" devices
- Backyard kiddie pools, ponds and water fountains
- Buckets and pails, especially 5-gallon buckets and diaper pails
- Toilets
- Irrigation ditches, post holes and wells

Children must be watched by an adult at all times when in or near water. Children may drown in an inch or two of water. Stay within an arm's length of your child.

The ABC's of Drowning Prevention

A for Adult Supervision

- Adult supervision is key to drowning prevention. Always assign a "water watcher" who knows how to swim.
- Provide active adult supervision 100% of the time when children are in or near the water. Do not drink alcohol while supervising children.
- Children under 5 should be kept within arm's reach while in water.
- Water wings, noodles, inner tubes and life jackets should never take the place of adult supervision for children ages 0-5.
- Know where your children are at all times. 69% of children who drowned in swimming pools were not supposed to be in or around the water. If a child is missing, check the pool first.

B for Barriers

- Put in, check, and always use a childproof barrier around your pool/spa area.
- The only proven effective barrier is a 5-foot-tall non-climbable fence with self-closing, self-latching gates that separates the pool from the house and yard.
- Remove toys from, in, or around the pool area they pull young children to the pool.
- Keep chairs, tables and other climbable items away from the pool barrier.

C for CPR & Classes

- Learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and rescue breathing.

- Call 911. Start CPR and rescue breathing at pool side. This can save a life while the ambulance is on the way.
- Make sure all children and adults in your family go to swim lessons and water safety training. However, remember these classes do not take the place of the need for adult supervision and barriers.
- To find swimming classes ask at a local community pool, family resource center, or parks and recreation district locations.
- To find CPR classes contact your local Red Cross chapter, family resource center, or American Heart Association.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, September 8th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.
You are welcome to attend!**

MVFA

By **Tom Harris**

The "Community Clean-Up Day" took place on August 27th with two large dumpsters located at the Fire Station. This event was organized by the Swansboro Pilots Association and sponsored by MVFA. Thanks to all Pilots Club members and MVFA volunteers who helped. Participating residents filled two 30-yard dumpsters in four hours.

More thanks to the Swansboro Pilots Association (SPA) for sponsoring Placerville Troop 88 Eagle Scout Grayson Egbert. SPA donated \$500 for Grayson's Eagle Scout project at Finnon Lake.

The annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed will be held at the Fire Station on Saturday, **September 17th**. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, sausage, pesto and marinara sauces, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Requested donations are \$10 for adults and \$4 for kids. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be a gift raffle at dinner, and donors are requested to bring a gift, or drop one off at a board member's home ahead of time. In addition, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Get your raffle tickets early, starting at 5:30 p.m. Call Gary or Karryn Morris at 621-2837 for more information. MVFA now accepts major credit cards. Join your neighbors and have some fun!

Do not forget to make plans for this year's "Trunk R Treat" at Finnon Lake campground on Saturday **October 29th**. The Fire Station will be our alternate venue in case of rain. Look for details in the October Byte.

For current information, event photos, and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org. The Finnon Lake Recreation Area website: www.finnonrecreationarea.com has a new look. The new version is friendlier for mobile devices and has numerous other features. Check it out.

If you would like to donate your time to help maintain Finnon Lake Recreation Area-Campground, Day Use area, or Disc Golf course on your own schedule, call Tom Harris. If you or someone you know is interested in developing Mountain Bike trails on the Finnon Lake property, please call Tom Harris at 642-2333. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area

By the **MVFA Board of Directors**

The MVFA Board of Directors is responsible for finding ways to pay the costs of keeping Finnon Lake Recreation area and the café open, operating safely and always improving. The MVFA Board alone is responsible for park maintenance and payments of more than \$10,000 in annual bills to keep the park open to the public. MVFA is entirely self-supporting. It receives no money from the Fire Department (MFPD), other tax source, or the Swansboro Homeowners Association (SCPOA).

The MVFA budget is public information. The budget is discussed, and copies are available at each board meeting. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the fire station. Also, Fish and Wildlife Committee Chair Dave Angelo or Campground & Property Committee Chair Tom Harris can be reached by phone or email at: mvfa95667@gmail.com.

There is a \$6.00 Day Use fee for day use activities: swimming, fishing, boating (including inflatables), and disc golf. This fee is no more than other private parks charge for similar activities. Hiking, bird watching and bicycling at Finnon are free of charge. Every dollar collected from park fees and donations goes back into improving the site. MVFA has no paid employees; everyone who gives their time is a volunteer. MVFA offers an annual Day Use Pass for Mosquito Fire District residents. Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688 to purchase the Resident Day Use Pass.

MVFA holds most of its community events at Finnon Lake, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Trunk or Treat. Mosquito residents are encouraged to consider Finnon Lake when planning family events, church outings, or club campouts. Finnon Lake Recreation Area is open all year. Click on the "Camping" page of our website at www.finnonrecreationarea.com to check the reservations calendar for availability and to make reservations on-line. For more information and to make reservations by phone, call 530-409-5515.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area has progressed a long way since our dam was condemned a number of years ago, and the decision was made to reconstruct it. Most of the costs of the Dam Reconstruction Project were paid by grants from private conservation organizations and state grants set aside for wildlife and wetland preservation, thanks to the efforts of Mark Egbert and the Resource Conservation District. Now that the dam project is complete, MVFA must comply with the requirements of these grants, which call primarily for fish and wildlife protection and monitoring to ensure the health of the habitat for years to come.

Other projects as well as maintenance work will continue at Finnon Lake under the MVFA Campground and Property Committee and the Fish and Wildlife Committee. Future projects include improvements to the campground bathrooms, development of the beach/swim area, a group camp site, and improvements to the cafe gardens and pavilion area. We will continue to have our annual Campground Cleanup Day late in the spring. Volunteers are always welcome. Many thanks go to Jan Okumura and friends for their ongoing volunteer work and contributions to the cafe gardens. Thanks go out to the many volunteers who helped build, improve and maintain the park over the years. MVFA continues the work that was begun years ago. These are people who want to give back to their community, and make it a better place. If you would like to help, call Dave Angelo or Tom Harris.

If you cannot volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. If you would like to contribute to Finnon Lake projects, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville CA 95667. Alternatively, visit www.GoMVFA.org - major credit cards accepted. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount can be provided. We look forward to seeing you at our fundraiser dinners and thank you for supporting MVFA and your Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Finnon Lake

By **Dave Angelo**



The lake is maintaining its current level with the infusion of water from EID. This will certainly help fill the lake this winter with an average rainfall.

As for fishing, I have found recently that the bass fishing has shown significant numbers of fair sized bass. I have not really tried for the bluegills or sunfish, but I'm sure their populations have risen to good numbers as well. Small poppers, on the surface, have worked best for me in the evening hours. I know those 6-10 pounders are going to make a mistake one of these times, and I'll be ready for them. It's a fun way to spend the last 2 hours of daylight.

Resolving Neighbor Complaints

By **Roger Stenbock, SCPOA President**

Although we live amongst the serene and bucolic foothills of the Sierra Mountains, with plenty of room, we still have neighbors. 99% of the time they are our friends, and we get along really well. But then, there is always an exception.

Your First Course of Action

The Swansboro HOA does not have a police department and can only deal with DC&R violations in a very limited way. So, generally before calling 911 to complain about a barking dog, it's much better to start with a more reasonable approach. One of the first things to do is talk with your neighbor about the situation. Amazingly, some folks aren't even aware they're being a nuisance. Schedule a friendly face-to-face meeting and calmly tell them about what bothers you.

Sometimes your neighbor just doesn't want to listen and accommodate you, and it is time to put pen to paper. The Swansboro website <http://www.scpoa.net> contains a simple complaint form. The instructions are straightforward, and your information is kept confidential. First, check to see if you really have a valid complaint. Ask yourself is it a noise, property line, dog dispute or even some parked clunker issue? Then get a copy of your local El Dorado County ordinances and the SCPOA bylaws and DC&Rs to see if they cover these issues. They clearly state what is and isn't acceptable in the community. Make a copy and provide it to your neighbor explaining that you would like to resolve things without going to the authorities.

Your Next Step

Is their music still keeping you up all night? It is quite common for a neighbor to retaliate by either ignoring you or even turning the volume up a bit. Well, now, it may be time to call the police. The police will often respond to noise complaints and remind the offending person about the same noise ordinances mentioned earlier. However, if things have gotten bad enough to call the police, it may be time to ask for mediation. Mediation is often cheaper and less threatening than going to court. Again, you may want to look to your homeowner's association. The Swansboro board may call a hearing for you and your neighbor to state your cases. Or most cities offer free or low cost mediation services which can find an impartial professional to sit down with you and your neighbor. They will help you come to your own compromise. Some will even spare you the pain of calling your neighbor by setting up the time and place of the mediation.

Still No Progress

By this time, most rational people will have found a way to peacefully co-exist. But you may live down the street or next door to someone who's unusually difficult. In this case, small claims court may be a viable option. It will help you get their attention and maybe even a little money.

One More Thing

Whether you are leasing or buying, most states say you are entitled to something called the "quiet or peaceful enjoyment" of your home. You can sue them for nuisance if their noise or other activities interfere with your enjoyment of your property. In the lawsuit, you can ask for compensation for the loss of this enjoyment. The idea of losing money should be enough to give even the toughest neighbor pause.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, September 15th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

It's Almost Time Again.....Yay!!



What: Spaghetti Feed

Who: MVFA

When: **Saturday, September 17th**

Where: Fire Station

Time: Dinner at 6 p.m.

Come join us for the annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed with lots of meat balls, sausage, pesto, marinara, salad, garlic bread!! Join us for the raffle, good food, and a fun evening with your neighbors and the community! BYOB

Scholarship Winner

By **Kim Purcell**

The Swansboro Pilots Association would like to congratulate Dylan Sears as this year's recipient of our scholarship. Dylan grew up in Swansboro and maintained a great GPA through high school. He plans to attend Pensacola Christian College in Florida in the fall. He will be working toward a degree in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in mathematics. He hopes to pursue a career in aerospace engineering. We wish him the best of luck and success!



Aircraft Display Dates

By **Kim Purcell**

The next aircraft display days are **September 15th, 16th, and 17th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the airport. Unique aircraft, as well as some older than 35 years, will be out, and you are invited to come see them. Be sure to remain well clear of the active runway. Please look, but do not touch, without guidance from owners. If you have any questions, would like further information or a guided tour, you can contact Kim Purcell at (530) 621-1049. We hope to see you there!!

Crafters

by **Sharon Hern**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - If you are a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, come join us at our Craft Meeting. You can learn new crafts, meet new friends and enjoy coffee/goodies. Our meeting this month is on **September 23rd. (Note: This is the 4th Friday but not the last Friday)**! We only have two craft meetings until our Annual Craft Sale in November at the Cold Springs Community Church. We have lots to do and need your help so hope that you can make it. Please bring any ideas that you may have for Fall/Christmas items.

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on September 23rd!

Birding at Finnon Lake

By **Dave Angelo**

Here are the bird watch results from our outing on August 13th. Please note a change in the September outing. It is scheduled for **September 17th**, at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet at the pavilion at Mosquito General, and the community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.

9100 Rock Creek Rd - Aug 13, 2016 8:59 AM Traveling - 1.10 miles 90 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: Last Wed, Aug 10: I saw three black-necked stilts when I was kayaking.

3 Canada Goose

3 Turkey Vulture

1 Calliope Hummingbird

2 Ash-throated Flycatcher

25 Violet-green Swallow

Number of Taxa: 15

1 Mallard

4 American Coot (Red-shielded)

10 Acorn Woodpecker

4 California Scrub-Jay

3 Bewick's Wren

1 Great Egret

4 Mourning Dove

2 Black Phoebe

2 Common Raven

2 Lesser Goldfinch



WANTED!!!

ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES. Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Wine bottles don't have CRV! We cannot use them)



NOTE: The "recycle rules" at our new buy back location have changed. Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

We want to give a shout out and THANK YOU to all who help us by donating your bottles and cans! We love to see the young ones involved! What an awesome community that works together for the benefit of all!



MVFA THANKS YOU!



News from the Trading Post

By **Vicki DeKay**

The next Trading Post will be held at the café on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Let's hope it is a cool day! We will offer jams, jellies, salsa, BBQ sauce, soaps and accessories, home baked goods, crafts, plants, produce, lavender, and of course, free coffee. Come on down to visit with your neighbors and enjoy the view.

Support MVFA

MVFA coffee mugs and grocery totes are still in stock and for sale. Coffee mugs are \$5.00 each, and grocery totes are \$4.00 each. Extra savings are offered for two or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688. Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include access to swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale. The one-year pass is \$50.00. The two-year pass is \$75.00, and the five-year pass is \$175.00. Passes are good for the entire family, and one pass will cover up to 3 vehicles registered to the same address. Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

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