



# SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - April, 2019

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Welcome to the April newsletter.

**MONDAY—APRIL 22nd ROADSIDE AND RUNWAY VEGETATION SPRAYING TO BE CONDUCTED.**

## CAN'T GET BETTER THAN FREE -

Last month the association president, Jerry Pullin, indicated that the plan is to follow up the removal of over 120 logging truck loads of dead trees with a Defensible Space Campaign. Working closely with the Mosquito Fire Safe Council, which was revived in 2015 alongside the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, SCPOA will be offering a “free” chipping program to all our lot owners. A signup sheet will be available on the scpoa.info website throughout the year. Those who sign up will be contacted for scheduling.

That sign up sheet for the SCPOA sponsored chipping program can be printed out, filled in and then submitted, or can be filled out on line and submitted. Click [HERE](#) for access to the form.

This is a free program that the SCPOA Board created and put in place to help our property owner’s create, maintain, and promote a fire safe community. It is also a reminder to all living in the area that fire safety is everyone’s responsibility and cannot be attained without everyone participating. Hopefully those that don’t think this is an important endeavor aren’t your next door neighbor!



A request was made in March to the county to place traffic signs near the Dyer Lake area alerting drivers that a playground is nearby. Needless to say the county’s Department of Transportation has their own formula to place safety signs in such areas. According to El Dorado DOT the following must occur before they see a need to make our children safe:

- 1– 5,000 or more vehicles must pass by in a day’s time.
- 2– Over 100 children must use the area in a day’s time, or
- 3– over 40 kids per hour.

Hard to say where in the county that these criteria are met, other than the traffic flow along a free-way where a playground wouldn’t be. We suppose the county simply views children's’ safety differently than us non-bureaucrats. The SCPOA BOD will review and make recommendations.

WE FIRST BROUGHT THE ARTICLE BELOW TO YOU LAST MONTH. IT IS BEING INSERTED AGAIN AS MANY OF OUR SENIORS AND VETS HAVE NOT YET HEARD OF THIS PROGRAM. IF YOU KNOW A SENIOR OR VET THAT NEEDS ASSISTANCE PLEASE MAKE THEM AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM.

### **ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS AND VETS** *Seniors and Veterans Defensible Space Assistance Program*

Need assistance with creating a defensible space at your primary residence in El Dorado County's west slope area? This service is only available to veterans (including surviving spouses) regardless of age and/or seniors age 60 or older, who are financially unable to afford vegetation removal on your property and physically unable to do the work. Find out more about this free service by clicking [HERE](#) if you are viewing this electronically, or copy and paste the following link:

[www.edcfiresafe.org/veterans-defensible-space-assistance-program/](http://www.edcfiresafe.org/veterans-defensible-space-assistance-program/)

This program is brought to you by -



## RESTATED BYLAWS UPDATE -

The necessary corrections to the restated bylaws have been done. Those corrections have been reviewed by the committee, and the association's attorney. The next step is for the board to review and advise and then instruct the management company to provide the membership with copies and voting ballots. This is expected to occur at the April open session meeting; if so then you will receive your information in late April and ballots should then be counted at the June meeting.

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### KEEP TRACK OF YOUR FIRE SAFETY PREPAREDNESS WORK -

It finally looks as though the rainy season may be coming to an end, and we know by August everyone will wish it would start again. However, it is during these next few months that most yard work gets done. SCPOA is hoping that residents, not only within Swansboro but in the entire Mosquito District, will participate in the "in-kind" portion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan grant. Things you may already do to mitigate a fire's growth are part of the in-kind participation. The only caveat is that you have to keep track of the time spent. To do that a simple to use form was created and can be printed out and filled in by hand, or can be downloaded to your computer and filled out using any PDF software. SCPOA is also planning to place a pick up / drop off box near, or at, the maintenance building. There you can pick up new blank forms and return them when completed. So why not get credit for something you probably already do? Hopefully everyone within the Mosquito District will participate to create defensible spaces and make the area as fire safe as possible. Click [HERE](#), or copy and paste the following to get your form.

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/89a706ea-31e2-4554-8b7f-3eb2b56591e4/downloads/Volunteer%20Activity%20Tracking%20Log%20V4.20.pdf?ver=1554661561352>

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**COMMITTEES** were announced at the February open board meeting. The following is a list of committees and their chairs / co-chairs. Airport; Gordon Smith, Tom Best. Roads; Jerry Pullin and Paul Beacham. Communications; Paul Beacham and Jerry Pullin. Common Areas; Debbie Harris and David Blain. Finance/Budget; David Blain. Architectural Review; Tom Best. Although committees are comprised of board members, and any association member that wishes to participate, this is a reminder that these committees serve in an advisory capacity only. They can only advise and make recommendations to the board. Committees such as these are not required to hold open meetings or post agendas, however SCPOA wishes transparency in these matters. Due to this our committees are open to all members, and dates, times, and location can be found on the SCPOA Calendar located on [scpoa.info](http://scpoa.info), under the 'More' menu tab. There may not be any scheduled meetings for any one committee, and meetings may be called only when necessary, so always refer to the calendar. Generally committees give their reports, if any, at the next open board session.

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### PICNIC— PICNIC—PICNIC

Our local fire safe council affiliate, the Mosquito FSC is planning a Preparedness Day Picnic and has scheduled it for Saturday, June 1, beginning at 4PM at the Dyer Lake recreation area. Smokey Bear will make a presence as well as the US Forest Service; the Red Cross and they will have sign ups for their free smoke detector with installation program; AirMedCare air ambulance services; wildfire home protection—Harden your home; El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness and Response; and the Mosquito Firefighters. All of these groups will have information tables set up and will be available to answer your questions. In addition there will be music, games for adults and children, Piñatas and children gift boxes and evacuation 'to go' bags.

On top of all of this there will also be free burgers, hot dogs, and side dishes.

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