



SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the May, 2019 newsletter.

USPS Parcel Delivery Issues?

By now most residents probably know that our long time U.S. Mail carrier, Ginger, transferred to another route. Thanks go out to her for her many years of delivering our mail. Yet, since her leaving our area you may have experienced parcels left on the ground at your mailbox, on top of your mailbox, or who knows where. That is not proper USPS Rural Carrier training. Their training requires that any parcel that does not fit in your mailbox be brought to your house if it is within 1/2 mile of the mailbox. They are to sound their truck's horn and if no one responds then leave the parcel at your front door. If you have experienced issues having a parcel delivered by the USPS you can obtain their form 4232, Rural Customer Delivery Instructions. This form instructs the carrier where to deliver parcels that do not fit in your mailbox. The form can be obtained at the main post office in Placerville. When filling out the form you will need the Route Number and for all of the Swansboro area it is 95667R005.



The Mosquito Fire Safe Council (MFSC) and SCPOA wish to remind all residents within the Mosquito Fire Protection District of the upcoming **Fire Preparedness Day picnic which will be on Saturday, June 1st, 4 PM at Dyer Lake**. Karen Pullin, Events Coordinator for MFSC has worked hard for this event and has been able to have the following organizations participate— SCPOA; MFPD and their support group; the Mosquito Firefighters Association to present educational information at joint community events that will bring the community together for a mutual goal of fire safety and community awareness; US Forest Service with Smokey Bear; Red Cross; AirMedCare; Wild Fire Home Protection; El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness and Response; and El Dorado County FSC representative Heather Campbell. Tentative response from Animal Services as they are looking for available representatives for June 1. Trading Post rep. Jenny Berg gave a positive response and will let us know how many can participate. MVFA board President Linda Heyert has responded via email to the MFSC that they are not available to participate.

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CalFire wishes to remind all Californians that as of May 1, 2019 a burn permit is required. Good news is that you no longer have to go to any fire station to get one. If you read this on-line then click [HERE](#) to go to CalFire's website to obtain your burn permit and print it out immediately. If you're offline then type this link in your browser— <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

You probably have noticed that recent newsletters have devoted many articles to CalFire, or the El Dorado Fire Safe Council, and our local Mosquito Fire Safe Council. We do this to keep Fire Prevention Awareness in the forefront. Working together we can make Swansboro and the surrounding Mosquito area a fire safe community. However, this will only come to fruition if we all participate. Neighbors helping neighbors, strangers, and working together will be a benefit to all. Don't wait for another Chile Bar fire, get involved today!

A REMINDER TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR FIRE SAFETY PREPAREDNESS WORK -

The first wildfire near Swansboro/Mosquito occurred northeast of Forest Hill on Friday, May 10th, known as the Sugar Fire. So begins the 2019 fire season. This incident should be a reminder to all of us for the need of fire preparedness and to be prepared for the next evacuation.

How prepared is your property? El Dorado county recently passed county ordinance 5101. In essence it expands the requirements of the defensible space. The 30 foot requirements for a fire free zone by limiting bushes, shrubs, trees has been expanded to 100 feet. A copy of the ordinance can be found on scpoa.info. This ordinance creates a more stringent clearance requirement than the Cal-Fire 30 foot, and 100 foot requirements which can be found on the Cal-Fire website by clicking [HERE](#); and for those not viewing electronically the website is: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

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%](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/89a706ea-31e2-4554-8b7f-3eb2b56591e4/downloads/Volunteer%20Activity%20Form.pdf)

RESTATED BYLAWS

The final, and corrected, restated Bylaws have been mailed, along with a cover letter and voting ballot. You should receive yours soon. Your ballot must be received in the mail by June 14th; or you may bring it to the monthly SCPOA meeting on June 15th. A copy of the restated Bylaws can be found at SCPOA.info.

The SCPOA BoD urges all members to vote, whether it be Yes or a No vote this is an important issue that shall bring SCPOA's Bylaws into the 21st century.

MONTHLY RECIPE



Chicken Tacos

Ingredients:

1tbsp.extra-virgin olive oil; 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1" strips; Kosher salt; Freshly ground black pepper; 2 tsp. chili powder; 2 tsp. cumin; 1/2 tsp. garlic powder; 1/4 tsp. paprika; 1/4 tsp. cayenne; 8 corn tortillas, warmed

Toppings:

Thinly sliced red onion; Diced tomato; Shredded Monterey jack; Diced avocado; Fresh cilantro; Lime wedges

Instructions:

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Season chicken with salt and pepper and add to skillet. Cook until golden, 6 minutes. Add spices and stir until coated, 3 minutes more.
2. Build tacos: In tortillas, layer chicken and desired toppings. Serve with lime wedges.

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