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Alert Notification System – CodeRED

By **Mike Hazlett**, Fire Chief Mosquito FPD



The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office - Office of Emergency Services Alert Notification System provides a number of ways in which the county may contact the community in the event of an emergency such as evacuations due to wildfires or hazardous material spills or urgent law enforcement operations. The El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services has partnered with the CodeRED emergency notification service to alert residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents.

The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phone books. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The home page of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office website, <http://www.edso.org>, has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page where you can register online. After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you save each number in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the Police or Fire department.

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office will receive a report of undelivered calls and can instruct the CodeRED system to begin another round of calls to busy numbers. It is best to have an alternate phone number in the calling database for these situations.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, May 12th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station
You are welcome to attend!**



Friday, May 27th!!

In Memoriam

Shannon Allen-Woods
Patrick Williams

MVFA

By **Tom Harris**

Thanks to all who donated and participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt! It was a great success! We had so many children participating; we had to quickly fill more eggs so there were enough eggs and prizes to go around. We were also happy that it was a beautiful day at the Finnon Lake campground. Pictures are posted on the www.gomvfa.org website.

There are many upcoming activities for the community to enjoy and help support the many projects of the MVFA!!



The annual MVFA Cinco de Mayo dinner will be held on **Saturday, May 7th**, at the fire station with full Mexican fare and a southwestern flare! There will be a gift raffle at dinner and donors are encouraged to bring a gift or drop one off ahead of time. Call Eileen Guell at 642-3588 for more information. In addition, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Get your raffle tickets early starting at 5:30 p.m. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for niños. **MVFA now accepts major credit cards.** Join your neighbors and have some fun.

The Swansboro Pilot's Association (SPA) will resume the practice of the Airport Evacuation Drill this year on **Saturday, June 4th**. MVFA will co-sponsor this event with SPA. Watch the Byte and the GoMVFA.org website for more details.



The annual MVFA Yard Sale will be held this year on **June 11th** at the fire station parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MVFA is seeking donations of saleable items (please, no junk). One of our committee members will pick up items at your home, or you can bring them to the sale at the fire station on June 11th. If you would prefer your own booth, space is available for rent for \$10 for the day. MVFA will provide a table, and you may bring your own items to sell. Booth fees and donations will benefit MVFA community funds. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter stating your contribution will be provided on request. Unsold items will be donated to Snowline Hospice.

Hot dogs, chips and a soft drink will be available at the sale for \$5.00 starting at 11:00 a.m. For more information and for item pick-up, contact:

Tom Harris
642-2333
tuco@internet49.com or

Dave Angelo
621-3688
dsangelo14@gmail.com



Visit our website to see photos from all MVFA events at: www.goMVFA.org

**The MVFA Board meeting is Thursday, May 5th, at 7:15 p.m. at Mosquito General.
We hope to see you there!**

SCPOA

By Roger Stenbock

Did you know that we, as part of the Swansboro Country Home Owners Association (HOA), a close-knit community with many common values and an easy going country culture, don't all live by the same rules? Sounds shocking, but it is true. Having lived here for more than nineteen years, I still have a hard time understanding our "diversified" Bylaws and DC&R's. Add to that California Civil Code §4930 (Davis Stirling Act) and my eyes begin to glaze over. A perusal of the HOA governing documents reveals that there are nine units, each with its own set of By-Laws and Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions (DC&R's). They are identified by specific references to lot numbers.

Check these examples:

Unit 1-4 Lots 36 through 39, both inclusive, and Lots 70 through 96, both inclusive have one set of restrictions:

ARTICLE VI BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Uses and improvements. Does not require review by an architectural committee.

ARTICLE VIII GROUNDS Section 2. Barbed wire shall not be used for fencing purposes on any lot or plot in this subdivision nor shall any electrically charged wire be used for fencing. No fence erected on any portion of any lot or plot shall exceed six feet in height.

Now check these restrictions:

Unit 9 for lots 740 - 750 have a different set of restrictions:

ARTICLE VI BUILDING RESTRICTIONS (a) An Architectural Control Committee has been created by the Declarants consisting of the officers of Swansboro Country, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII GROUNDS Section 2. All fences must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Homeowners' Association.

They both are similar subject matter, but can be interpreted differently depending of your understanding of the legalese therein (pun intended).

There are numerous other examples with differences among the nine units. Some of the differences fly in the face of Federal and State law. While State and Federal laws trump our Bylaws when there is a conflict, only an attorney experienced in HOA law can tell us which of our Bylaws are legal and which are not.

Some might feel that this is just the way it is and it has worked pretty well for all these years. If you look at it carefully though, that really is not the case. Your HOA has spent quite a bit of money over the years sorting out our mishmash of governing documents, and in some cases, spent tens of thousands of dollars litigating to protect our HOA (that's us).

So what can we do? There are three options: 1) Do nothing 2) Amend and 3) Re-state our governing documents. Here is what I was able to dig up and it is my personal opinion only.

1. **Do nothing.** In the short term, this seems to be attractive, because it costs nothing and we don't have to do anything. It is the status quo. It might be the way to go so long as you can find members to serve on the Board and continue to struggle with the expense and complexity of the current situation, while exposing them individually. There is no need for our attorney or

management firm to produce anything. We might continue to get lucky, if we can make it work somehow. But what if we can't? It could get very expensive in the long run.

2. **Amend.** Swansboro HOA may be at risk if there is any language in the governing documents that is discriminatory according to Government Code §12956.1. Are our governing documents fair and equitable? Do our documents prohibit renting to other than single families? Do we restrict access to our ponds to all minors (those under 18 years old) unless accompanied by adults? Do our documents prohibit manufactured homes or material which can cause glare? Any of these and many other regulations might cause the Association problems if incorrectly enforced. A legal "audit" of the documents is critical. The law allows a Board to remove discriminatory language and re-record the documents (with certain technical requirements followed) but the law does not allow replacement of language with something different without a vote of the members or a judicial order. The documents may need amendment for this (to avoid penalties) so now might be a good time to have them reviewed.
3. **Restate.** Restated and updated documents are a "Plus" when dealing with lenders, insurance professionals, directors, officers and hostile HOA members. While there is certainly a cost in restating our DC&Rs, and some of you may feel strongly that this expense is too high; the price of not cleaning up our DC&Rs can be much greater. For example, if we are seeking insurance bids, having updated documents that conform to new laws is helpful. Some insurance companies will not even give bids to associations for Directors and Officers acts coverage if the Bylaws are outdated. That may mean that, in addition to the HOA being at risk, the individual BOD members may not be indemnified and could be sued personally. Naturally, to a lender or insurance professional, such an association would present a higher risk than an association with updated documents. If the Bylaws do not reflect legal operations, obligations and limitations, uncertainty will surely create questions and conflict. Some of you have attended BOD meetings and witnessed that first hand. You have experienced the inordinate time consumed as we struggle to manage the affairs of the HOA. How will we as BOD members really understand our duty? If the DC&Rs are not up-to-date to guide the BOD and owners with respect to maintenance, compliance and use of our properties, it presents an unnecessary obstacle to us all.

The bottom line is this: it is up to all of us. Regardless of what your BOD recommends, any amendment or restatement must meet the voting requirements of the entire HOA membership. If your eyes are glazed over, don't feel like you are alone. Mine are too. As always, I welcome your thoughts on this and any other issue concerning your community.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, May 19th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!

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 on 2 or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688. Also, Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale for 2016 and beyond. 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.

Donations to MVFA

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. The easiest way is to click the 'Donate' button at www.goMVFA.org. There is the opportunity to add a comment to make your donation specific to Finnon Lake projects if you'd like. You can also send a check with a



note specifying your choice to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided back to you. Also, please continue to attend our fundraiser dinners and other events! Thank you for supporting MVFA and your Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Crafters

By **Sharon Hern**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - If you're 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 **Friday, May 27th**. The time is getting short as we have lots of projects to finish and a several new projects to start in preparation for our big "On the Hill Craft Sale" at the MVFA Community Picnic in July so come join the fun!

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the 27th!

New Trading Post Directory

By **Joyce Radmanovich**



In order to provide a supportive resource for Mosquito-Swansboro producers of homegrown and homemade products, The Trading Post will be offering a Trading Post Directory this summer. If you wish to offer homegrown produce and plants, homemade baked and/or other "cooked" goods, and/or arts and crafts, please call 626 7062 for more information. We'll be very glad to include you and your goods to be traded or sold in this new source of local advertising.

Further, you may also begin shopping for Trading Post plants and products at the MVFA Yard Sale on **June 11th**, at the fire station. The new Trading Post Directory of homegrown and homemade product producers will also be available for a \$2.50 donation.

Sunday, May 8th is MOTHER'S DAY!

Children, ages 4 and up, are invited to create something special for Mother's Day on **Saturday, May 7th** from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$20 includes all materials. Call me for more details and to register. Space is limited!



Order your custom designed flowers for your Mom, Grandmother, Daughter, Aunt or that Special Someone who is 'Like a Mother' to you! Please pass my phone number to let out of town children that want to bless their Mom with flowers. Delivery to Swansboro/Mosquito addresses is ALWAYS FREE!

Sierra Life Flowers

Elaine Galvan

530.295.0503 or 530.621.2433 cell

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts For Sale

By Eileen Guell

MVFA has a limited selection t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. They come in adult sizes small through 2XL. Hooded w/zipper sweatshirts are \$35 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black and Forest Green. Short sleeve t-shirts are \$20 each. Colors: Ash Gray, Black, Cardinal Red, Forest Green, Navy, Red and Sapphire. Please call Mary Ann Haywood at 622-5477 for more information.

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 can't 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.

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



Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo

Here are the findings from our April 9th outing. Our next outing will be **Saturday, May 14th**. We meet at the Mosquito General Market & Kitchen. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. The community is invited to participate. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.

US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519

Apr 9, 2016 8:58 AM
Traveling 1.10 miles 60 Minutes
All birds reported? Yes
Comments: Raining, then drizzling. 58 degrees
Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.1.5 Build 44

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| 4 Canada Goose | 2 Mallard |
| 3 Hooded Merganser | 0 Common Loon |
| 15 American Coot | 2 Acorn Woodpecker |
| 4 Steller's Jay | 2 Bushtit |
| 8 Western Bluebird | 4 American Robin |
| 6 Yellow-rumped Warbler | 3 California Towhee |
| 3 Black-headed Grosbeak | 30 Red-winged Blackbird |
| 1 House Finch | |

Number of Taxa: 15



CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE

Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty! You haul. Call Tim at (408)859-3182.

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2 ACRE PARCEL of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or power ready. Make offer. Call Donna Borchin at (209)624-3918 (7)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for Men/Women/kids/young adults. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503.

SERVICES

MADISON PAINTING AND DECORATING - House painting and more, since 1974, free estimates and senior discounts available. Call Priscilla Madison 644-4395

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OPTOMETRY CLINIC – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eye Care, 118 Main Street. Open Tues - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday by appointment. Call (530)622-8300. Most insurances accepted. New patients welcome!

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PET CARE - Pet feeding while you're away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Dylan and Shelby's Pet Feeding Service at (530)295-9165.

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Studio open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

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NOTARY SERVICE – I am a mobile Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503.

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10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday
(530)295-4980 or

mosquitogeneral@live.com

Watch for Specials on our Community
Facebook page!





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