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Chiefs Corner

Snow in April! Not the first time that it has happened. In fact, I'm told that we generally get a dusting of snow every April. Perhaps that's Mother Nature's way of ushering in Spring here "On the Hill". Speaking of Spring, it's here and with it we can expect dry conditions and probably an enormous amount of vegetation from the late moisture we received. Please, be extra vigilant with open flames or other potential ignition sources when you are in or around vegetation.



The District:

The District is in the process of developing the 2018-2019 Budget. It's unfortunate, but once again we are most likely going to have to take money from our Reserve Fund to balance the budget. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Reserve funds were needed to maintain the current level of service. If this continues without an increase in revenue, our Reserve Fund will be depleted in 3-4 years. Want to have a say in how the District spends its revenue? Well, come to the **May 10th** Board Meeting (7PM at the fire station) where the Directors will again be trying to find ways to reduce expenditures or increase revenue.

The Department:

During the month of March, the district was staffed during normal duty hours with Paramedics for 25 days. This translates to 60% of the medical calls that occurred in March had Fire Based Paramedics on scene before ambulance arrival. The District also had ALS (Advanced Life Support) Coverage in the overnight hours during those periods of severe, inclement weather when the potential for road closures due to slides was the greatest.

Personnel:

We have added a third EMT Volunteer to cover the district 12 hours per week in the overnight hours. This provides us with three EMT Volunteers who, on completion of a year's service commitment, will be sponsored by the District for the Firefighter Academy at Sierra College.

The Station:

The electrical panel at the station has been upgraded. The upgrade included separating circuits and upgrading circuit breakers.

Equipment:

Our aggressive maintenance programs have provided a cost savings to the district. It keeps minor repairs minor, is cost effective, and at this point of the year, is under budget.

Engine 275 Experiencing rear hub seal issues. Our contract mechanic is in contact with the chassis manufacturer to identify the best repair process. The engine also had dash lights and minor air leaks repaired. The engine remains in service.

Water Tender 75 Had the new light bar installed.

Calls for Service Last Month:

Medical: 5 Public Assist: 3 Traffic Collision: 0 Debris Fire/Smoke Check: 1
Structure Fire/Alarms: 0 Electrical Hazards: 0 Move up and Cover: 3

Safety Tip

Access to your residence is paramount when we respond to a call for service whether fire or medical related. You can help us get there quickly and safely by maintaining: 1) Address numbers easily visible from the street. 2) A driveway clear of overhanging branches and debris. 3) A clear and unobstructed path to your front door. If you can do these things for us, we will be able to do more for you, quicker.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday May 10th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.
You are welcome to attend!**

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

By the MVFA Board of Directors

MVFA conducted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th. The event was moved from Finnon Lake to the fire station because of inclement weather, but games were set up inside, and the kids had a great time. For pictures, go to www.GoMVFA.org.

Cinco de Mayo

The annual MVFA Cinco de Mayo Dinner will be held at the fire station on **Saturday, May 5th**. There will be a gift raffle at dinner, and we ask that any donors bring a gift, or drop one off, to 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 PM. Dinner is \$10 for señores y señoras and \$4 for niños age 12 and under. Serving will begin at 6:00 PM and take-outs will be available. Major credit cards accepted. The 2018 schedule of MVFA events is at www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Click the "EVENTS" button.

BINGO!

Don't forget our next BINGO Game is scheduled for **Thursday, May 24th**. Games start at 7:00 PM at Frank's Diner. Half the game proceeds go to the game winners and half goes to the MVFA Community Funds including the MVFA Station 75 Fund which supports the Fire Department. Frank will provide dinner at a special Bingo price. Frank also offers catering, at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Call Frank for more information at (530) 409-1977 or visit: www.franksmosquitodiner.com.

MVFA Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 9th** for the annual MVFA Yard Sale at the fire station parking lot from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This year, MVFA will not be selling at its own table or taking donations to sell. Booth space for vendors 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 the MVFA Community Funds which includes the MVFA Station 75 Fund. Hot dogs, chips and a soft drink will be available for a donation of \$5.00 starting at 11:00 AM. For more information contact: Tom Harris at (530)642-2333 or Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

MVFA would like to thank the Swansboro Pilot's Association (SPA) for their generous donation of \$500 to help defray the cost of 30 new market chairs for the café patio! You may remember, SPA had also paid for all the tables and chairs inside the café.

At the last MFPD Support Group meeting on April 7th, 5 of the 7 members of the MVFA Board of Directors (one spouse) received new I.D. cards identifying them as members of the MFPD Support Group. The group meets for training on the first Saturday of each month during most of the year.

The MVFA board is continuing to review and make changes to its By-laws. The present By-laws are a carry-over from its pre-2006 days as the 501(c)(4) Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) which purchased the Finnon Lake property. The idea was to rebuild the condemned dam and restore Finnon Lake as a principle source of water for fire control. Since the Finnon Lake dam was rebuilt however, MVFA's financial responsibilities have increased dramatically. Besides the annual dam inspection fee of almost \$8,000 (and rising every year), property taxes and insurance amounts to over \$3,000 annually. The primary reason for reorganizing as a 501(c)(3) and changing its name to MVFA was to separate these financial liabilities from district taxpayers.

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax-exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and rents and fees at Finnon Lake, which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates primarily with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Many thanks to the many community members who have donated very generously to MVFA over the past year.

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner. At the meetings, you can obtain correct information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake, events and volunteer opportunities. You can request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

In the meantime, please visit both MVFA websites for legal, historical and event information: www.GoMVFA.org for By-laws, mission statement, *Mosquito Byte* online and upcoming events. Also, look for the "Amazon Smile" link on the top right-hand corner of the home page. By signing up for "Smile", and indicating MVFA as your charitable beneficiary, 0.5% of your Amazon purchases will go to MVFA.

Visit www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click "EVENTS" for the 2018 MVFA events schedule. Click "ABOUT" for the message board and historical information about Finnon Lake Recreation Area and MVFA. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. Or contact the board at mvfa95667@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

IN MEMORY OF
Tyler (Darr) Rivard

SCPOA REPORT

By Paul Beacham

The internet began life in 1969, when scientists working for the US Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA, now known as DARPA) connected computer networks at the University of California and the Stanford Research Institute. 1969 was the same year Swansboro Country Property Owners Association became a reality. Forty-nine years later both are still here. The internet can be a wonderful resource and can link us to any part of the world. Your website, www.SCPOA.INFO, was created to be a rebirth of the old scpoa.net website. Websites can be in many forms depending on what they offer. Your www.scpoa.info website's purpose is to give Swansboro property owners information.

Want information about the association, its By-Laws? Maybe a quick check of the DC&Rs just to make sure there won't be any issues. Who are the board members, and what is The Management Trust? These are just a few things that can be found on the website.

Recently an area of the website was created to provide you blogs on what has happened at recent committee meetings. A calendar was added to let you know when board and committee meetings are held as well as things such as the roadside vegetation spraying. Information about drone use has been added as well as a section for important announcements.

Forms have been made available in different formats to make them more widely applicable to your computer's format. Trying to make the website as user friendly as possible and to give the members the tools they need to interact with the board and management company shall be an ongoing endeavor. The entire purpose is to try and keep you informed with recent information and provide you the tools to know the who, what, and when of Swansboro.

As the new sign a Dyer Lake reads "Want to know? Then go to – SCPOA.INFO.

The SCPOA Board meets Thursday, May 17th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

Crafters

By Sharon Hern

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 have many projects lined up for this year so be sure to come **May 25th** to help us with our new summer and fall projects. We have a lot of new and some *challenging* projects to work on. Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12PM** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to you on May **25th**.

MS75

By Lisa Hampton

You = AWESOME! Us = Grateful. The Firefighters' Association pancake breakfast was a smashing success, and it is all because of You! It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say thank you to all who came out to help - both to those who flipped the omelets and those who ate them. We have a long wish list of items we are fundraising for and this breakfast put us well on our way to turning those wishes into reality. We won't have another breakfast until July, but you don't have to wait that long to see our smiling faces again. We are pleased to announce that we will be co-hosting our Second Annual Fire Preparedness Day Picnic with the Mosquito Fire Safe Council on **May 19th**. It should be another great day, so be sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more details to come!

Swansboro Pilots Association - Scholarship Offering

By Kim Purcell

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again pleased to be offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for this \$500 college scholarship. If you are a high school senior going on to college next fall we hope you will apply. We've had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more! To apply, send at least a one-page, double spaced, typed essay that states:

- Any community service projects you have completed
- What college you plan to attend
- Your life and college plans
- Your high school grade point average
- Mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked **no later than June 30th** to:
Swansboro Pilots Association
2724 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions please call 621-1049.

Birding at Finnon

By Dave Angelo

The Finnon Recreation Area Bird Watch is held monthly on the third Saturday which is **May 19th**. It starts at the Diner's Pavilion at 9:00 AM. This is a leisurely walk around the lake and takes about 1.5 hours. These are the bird watch results for April 21, 2018.



2 Barn Swallow	1 Bald Eagle	7 Acorn Woodpecker
8 Red-winged Blackbird	1 Anna's Hummingbird	1 Killdeer
4 Goldfinch	4 American Coot (Red-shield)	2 Common Raven
3 Turkey Vulture	1 Double-crested Cormorant	1 Bufflehead
1 Canada Goose	3 Western Bluebird	1 Pied-billed Grebe

Number of Taxa: 15

Finnon Lake Fishing Report

By Dave Angelo

Largemouth bass, Bluegills and Red-eared Sunfish are starting to show along the shoreline shallows and across the dam front. But we haven't yet seen them feeding on surface lures or flies. Leech patterns are working well on all four species (sub-surface). Trout still can be seen rising in the early mornings and evenings and several are big enough to indicate they are holdover trout from last May's CA Fish and Wildlife's stocking. This years stocked trout have been a little less aggressive, but are being caught from time to time.



Fannon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires on the January 1, 2019. The 2-year pass is \$75.00 and expires on the January 1, 2020. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.

News from the Diner

By Frank Ethridge

We have some up and coming events at Fannon and Frank's Diner

- **May 5th** - 2nd Annual Hang Town Disc Golf Tourney
- **May 13th** - Mother's Day (Breakfast starts at 8 am) we will have specials throughout the day.
- Upcoming - **June 1 – 3, 2018** will be the Yoga Retreat at Fannon Lake. Contact Dee Hromyak (Dee Yogi) at 530-417-1731
- **July 4th** - BBQ at Fannon Lake

Recipe of the Month - Old Fashion Potato Salad

By Frank Ethridge

Ingredients

- 4 cups *cubed peeled potatoes*
- 3 *hard-cooked eggs, chopped*
- 2 *celery ribs, thinly sliced*
- 1/4 cup *chopped green onions*
- 1/4 cup *diced red onion*
- 1/4 cup *sweet relish*
- 1/2 cup *mayonnaise*
- 2 tablespoons *Champagne vinegar*
- 1 teaspoon *Dijon mustard*
- 1/2 teaspoon *salt*
- 1/4 teaspoon *pepper*

Directions

Place potatoes in a saucepan and cover with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cook for 20-25 minutes or until tender; drain, while still hot drizzle the champagne vinegar over the potatoes and let cool. Place in a large bowl; add eggs, celery and onions.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over potato mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Frank's Family Nights for May

2nd Herb Roasted Chicken
9th Beef or Chicken Tostadas
16th Pasta Primavera
23rd Asian Sticky Ribs
30th Chef Salad
Meals are \$10.00 each starting at 5:00pm.
Takeout available 530-409-1977

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- Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with health-minded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or AdamsAmigos@gmail.com for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

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Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Closed Monday – Tuesday

Order our Take and Bake Pizzas for a fresh delicious meal!

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Frank's Family Night <i>Herb Roasted Chicken</i>	3 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	4	5 Support group 10am
6	7	8	9 Frank's Family Night <i>Beef or Chicken Tostadas</i>	10 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	11	12
13 <i>Happy Mother's Day!!</i> <i>Frank's Diner is open!</i>	14	15	16 Frank's Family Night <i>Pasta Primavera</i>	17 SCPOA Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	18	19 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 am Finnon Lake Pavilion MS75 Fire Safety Council Event
20	21	22	23 Frank's Family Night <i>Asian Sticky Ribs</i>	24 Bingo 7 pm at Frank's Diner  <i>See Article for Dinner Specials</i>	25 Crafters 10 am at Darlene Rood's house	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day - Thank you to our vets!</i>	29	30 Frank's Family Night <i>Chef Salad</i>	31	1 June	2

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