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National Fire Prevention Week

By **Edward Dwyer, Interim Mosquito Fire Chief**
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October is a wonderful month and we witness Mother Nature's grand changes as she prepares for her winter slumber. These changes are seen in the glorious colors of fall, and the final harvest of the year. We set out decorations to scare the little ghouls and goblins whom on Halloween night will be running throughout our streets trick or treating (or attending the Trunk 'r' Treat on 10/29!).

We also look to October for Fire Prevention Week. This year, Fire Prevention Week is Sunday, October 9th through Saturday, October 16th.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge was the first American President to proclaim a national recognition of Fire Prevention Week. In our modern era, the National Fire Protection Association is its sponsor.*

National Fire Prevention Week actually has roots that date back to the Great Chicago Fire, where it is rumored that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern burning down much of the Windy City. In 1911, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of that fateful day, the National Fire Marshals Association sponsored the first Fire Prevention Week.*

Fire Prevention on "The Hill" holds great importance, as we balance fire prevention in the wildland interface and in our homes. This is the time where we should start the building of defensible space by clearing brush back from our homes to at least 200 feet, and removing dead trees and ladder fuels from our property. We should clear the pine needles off our roofs, clear out our attics, decrease the clutter in our yards and ensure that our driveways allow access for emergency vehicles. We should have our chimneys inspected and cleaned, check our heating systems to ensure they are in proper working order, including changing filters. We should also make sure that we change the batteries in our smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.

The members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District are here to assist you with any questions or concerns regarding fire prevention and we will be more than happy to do a home inspection, to assist you in identifying your fire prevention needs. To schedule a home inspection, please call the Fire Station [\(530\)626-9017](tel:5306269017).

*Source material National Fire Protection Association, Wikipedia.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, October 13th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

MVFA

By Tom Harris

The annual MVFA Spaghetti Feed was held at the Fire Station on September 17th, and was a terrific success! A big **Thank You** to all who attended helped with cooking and set-up, and those who donated so many great raffle gifts. Special thanks to committee chairs Gary and Karryn Morris and Mary Ann Haywood. Great job, everyone! Look for photos of this event at www.GoMVFA.org.

Halloween is fast approaching! Don't forget to make plans for this year's "Trunk 'R Treat" event to be held at Finnon Lake campground on **Saturday October 29th**. (The Fire Station will be our alternate venue in case of rain.) MVFA Trunk 'R Treat for Halloween provides a safe environment for kids in the community to go trick or treating accompanied by their parents. Community members aka '**Trunkers**' arrive at 6:00 p.m. to set up their decorated vehicles in the campground along with treats they want to pass out. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Kids aka '**Treaters**' go from car to car gathering the goodies. Prizes will be given to the best decorated vehicles. To be a '**Trunker**' or for more information, call Eileen Guell at (530)642-3588, or Elisabeth Bingham at (530)306-2350. You can find some fun pictures from last year on the www.gomvfa.org website. It was a really fun event and everyone is welcome to participate!



The next MVFA dinner event will be our annual Christmas turkey dinner which will be held on **Saturday, December 10th** at the Fire Station. This dinner is a free and fun event provided by MVFA to show our appreciation to the wonderful members of our special Mosquito community. Please look for details in the November Byte. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 (530)642-2333. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area!

For up-to-date information, photos from MVFA events and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org.

Join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

In Memoriam
Dennis Eldridge

Shopping for the Holidays!

By Eileen Guell

The holidays are coming quickly and a great way to support your community is by shopping online via a method joyfully utilized by many already - Amazon! Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives."

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association) which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. A message appears after each purchase is made successfully *"I just supported Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association at AmazonSmile."*



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Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers. You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the Smile Amazon link directly to sign up. Thank you so much, as always, for supporting our wonderful community! Happy Holidays to all!

Don't Bother Me, I've Paid My HOA Dues!

By Roger Stenbock, President SCPOA

In Swansboro, we live amongst more than one thousand other community members, yet a mere handful show up at our monthly board meetings. So the board receives input from only a very few dedicated members and we thank them. However, I believe we can do better. Many of you can probably relate to the following statement: "I pay my dues, which is all I am required to do, so don't bother me with newsletter articles about getting involved or lecture me about my obligation to participate in committees, serve on the board or attend meetings. If there is something wrong, I will make my opinion known. Until then, leave me alone!"

Fortunately, not all owners feel that way, but it is a sentiment that is shared by many owners who, if they thought about it a little, could contribute much to the betterment of our community.

Suppose you invest \$300,000 with a brokerage firm whose responsibility to you is to do everything possible to preserve and grow that investment. The only responsibility you have is to pay their transaction fees. However, during the course of your relationship with this firm, they continually plead with you to take a more active role to learn what your money is doing and how to best invest it. Would your attitude be the same towards your brokerage firm as it is towards your association?

Probably not. The successful investor wants to know everything about their investments and will gladly read everything sent to them about the status of their investment in hopes of learning something that will help make them more successful.

In reality, the attitudes about your community association should be no different. Both are charged with preserving, maintaining and enhancing your investment. The only difference is that the investment that your community association is protecting is your home. Our attitudes about our home can be much more emotional and our attachments much different from our attitudes and attachments about our money (although, ultimately they are one and the same). Our home is our castle and the owner is king of the castle. Anyone who dares to tell the king what to do and how to behave outside of the castle, and get involved, is perceived as a meddler and threat to the quality of their life. Our money, on the other hand, is a tool used in order to make more money.

Let's challenge the thinking that rationalizes our non-participation by remembering that involvement is not solicited in order to intrude upon our lives and lay siege to our castle. Participation is needed to contribute to the betterment of our community and improve the quality of life for everyone in it. Every member of our community has knowledge, skills and experience that our association and your board would love to access. Consider the desire to be a successful community member with the same passion that you would desire to be a successful investor. Transcend the 'I' 'me' and 'mine' thinking that keeps us from sharing our time and energy with our association, to moving toward a consciousness of our entire community's needs and opportunities, resulting in 'we' 'us' and 'our' thinking. This leads to involvement, support and cooperation, and guarantees an improvement in everyone's life.

Here are a few ways to help our community:

Attend meetings. Don't just attend only to vent a problem or complaint. Accept a nomination to serve on the Board or appointment to a committee. Be prepared when asked to contribute; plan details of an event, coordinate with other owners and friends. Contribute whatever time you have available for the benefit of the community. Become a dependable, constructive member of the association.

Keep an open mind and look for the benefits to the community whenever a new program is being initiated. While our professional management firm does many of the difficult day-to-day administrative tasks, it is under the scrutiny of your board. However, the directors, officers and committee members are all volunteers, so don't be overly critical.

When attending Board meetings, remember that the only time you should address the Board is during the open forum session. Don't interrupt during the business meeting. Read your newsletter and correspondence from the management company. Introduce yourself to new owners. Let them know that our community is a great place to live and that you look forward to their involvement. I hope to see you at our next board meeting.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, October 20th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

Crafters

By Sharon Hern

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS – This is our last Craft Meeting before our Annual Holiday Craft Sale in November at the Cold Springs Community Church in Placerville. 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. We have many projects to finish. Our meeting this month is on **Friday, October 28th**.

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 **October 28th**.

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 **October 8th**, 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.

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

Sep 17, 2016

9:03 AM

Traveling 1.10 miles

81 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: 70's

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.2.6 Build 75

2 Canada Goose

1 Turkey Vulture

1 Cooper's Hawk

20 American Coot (Red-shielded)

4 Acorn Woodpecker

3 Black Phoebe

3 Ash-throated Flycatcher – Confirmed

2 Hutton's Vireo

4 California/Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay

7 Violet-green Swallow

Number of Taxa: 10



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.

MVFA THANKS YOU!

The New 2017 Mosquito Phone Book

by Sharon Hern

The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years and will be available for purchase in January 2017. The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, A Timeline History of Mosquito, Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, Residential & Business Listings.

If you are already in the book, you will be included in the 2017 edition as well. If you are currently listed but have changes to your listing or wish to have your phone number removed, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you aren't currently in the 2015 edition (and weren't an add-on over the past two years) and wish to be added to the new 2017 Mosquito Phone Book, you can call me at (530)626-5268, email me at sahern1943@gmail.com or mail the information to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667 and I'll be happy to include you.

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 (530)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.

Attention Mosquito/Swansboro Shoppers

By MaryAnn Haywood

Now that it's fall and the weather is getting cooler, this is just a reminder that the MVFA has Station 75 short sleeve T-shirts and a limited number of hooded zip sweatshirt jackets on hand for sale. It's also a great time to start thinking about holiday gifts too!

We will be doing an order in late October/early November. So, with winter coming, you might also consider a crew neck or hooded sweatshirt, or a long sleeve t-shirt in your favorite color(s). Let me know as soon as possible, so I can include your special order. You can reach me at (530)622-5477 and we can meet at the Fire Station, my house or yours.

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October 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 MFPD Support Group 10 a.m. Fire Station
2	3	4	5	6 MVFA Board 7:00 p.m. Fire Station	7	8 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 a.m. meet at café pavilion
9	10	11	12	13 MFPD Board 7 p.m. Fire Station	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28 CRAFTERS 10 a.m. 2211 Swansboro Rd	29 TRUNK or TREAT! Set up 6 p.m. Treats at 6:30 p.m. 
30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN					

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