

Fire Brigade News November 2013

The 20th snuck up on me so I am pounding this out at the last minute.....
October was a busy, busy month!! We have five events we work, all but one of them a fundraising event for the Fire Brigade. We provide communications and first aid for the Old Coast Road Marathon/half marathon, it was another hot day this year for the poor runners! It is a brutal course but they seem to enjoy it.

The Jade Festival had a good turnout, the Fire Brigade and CERT members helped with traffic control and parking this year. Our 33rd annual River Run could have had better attendance but we did well due to the generous sponsors.

The Bal Masque seemed low key but we realized afterwards that we had close to our 400 guest limit. This year the music in the later part of the night was provided by Britt Govea a DJ and was quite a hit. Again all locals won the prizes; "The Village people" were, Shane Stephens, Matt Terry, Felipe Martinez and Sander Koning. Dinner for two at Deetjens. "The Mosquitos", how do they come up with these costumes?), Teveye Morgenrath, Kody Greenwood, Cyrus Bell, John Hyland, Derrick Oliver, Warren Hacker, Tyson Curtis dinner for two at Post Ranch. "Scariest most gruesome" was won by Johnny Mearns and Jeannie, dinner for two at Bakery. And last but certainly not least were "The condors", with Shelby Hawthorne and Andrew Wighton, as Most Original, winning dinner for two at Ventana. Thank you to the Captain Cooper kids for doing the posters for us again. BIG thank yous to the resorts for donating the dinners for two, and of course the BIGGEST thanks to Nepenthe and Kirk and Holly for allowing us to benefit from the party. Next year it will not only be on a Friday night but it will be the 65th party for Nepenthe!

It was mentioned to me that some residents are using the round blue "bot stops" for markers to help people locate their driveways. These are a universal sign that there is a hydrant nearby so it would be great if anyone doing that would change the color to something else.

I have spoken with the Air Pollution Control District and we will be able to use the same burn permits as last year. So those of you that got your permit last year do not need a new one for this year unless there are any changes. Everyone will still need to call the Fire Brigade number and leave a message as usual. Due to a lack of rain it is possible that BURN SEASON MAY NOT start on December 1. I will try and keep everyone informed.

Also the Fire Brigade is still selling our 1 of a kind 40th anniversary calendars! They will be available at the Crafts Fair or you can call the Brigade at 667-2113 or email me at Bigsurfire@gmail.com and we will get one to you. They are \$20 each.

Lastly, the Fire Brigade is again going to put on a Volunteer Firefighter class, we will probably start early February and it will run for several months mostly on weekends. If you are interested in taking the class and joining the Fire Brigade please let me know.

Santa Claus will ride again in December, date TBD. We will send out flyers for the children.

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Chief