# MOSQUITO BYTE



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## IMPORTANT SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING

WHAT: Public meeting on the Mosquito Strategic Fire Safe Plan.

WHERE: Mosquito Volunteer Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

WHY: To allow community members to ask questions and express expectations of the

project and ways wildfire could affect the community.

Property owners who are unable to attend or would like to submit questions before the meeting may submit them at www.mvfd-firesafe.org.

For more information about the meeting or the Mosquito Strategic Fire Safe Plan, contact project manager Nicole Coons at (505) 661-6830 or at info@mvfd-firesafe.org.

# Fire Safe Strategic Plan Contract Awarded First Community Meeting Monday Sept. 29 6:00 PM

Len Newell, Co-Chairman Mosquito Fire-Safe Council

It is interesting to note that the awarding of the contract for developing the Mosquito Fire Safe strategy came just a few days before the 31-acre fire of Sept. 16 that swept across both Buckboard Road and Dyer Way. The nearly-simultaneous events tend to underscore that our community is running a race with time to become fire-safe. The Sept. 16 fire moved uphill very rapidly, in the near-absence of wind. The fire was stopped without loss of homes, though it burned between several of them. Good decisions at the outset by Chief Leo Chaloux– ordering two helicopters and additional engines – and heads-up firefighting by the MVFD and CDF, allowed what could have been a disastrous fire to be controlled with quite minimal damage. Good vegetation/fuels management around several homes protected them also. However, had there been a normal afternoon southwest wind on this fire the outcome probably would have been much worse.

Enter the team from Smith Concepts and Designs, (SC&D) of Los Alamos, New Mexico: Paul Smith, President; Nicole Coons, Project Manager; George Geissler, Forester; and Susan DiMauro, Public Information Specialist. Their proposal in response to the Mosquito Fire Safe Council (MFSC) request for bids was chosen on September 12 by consensus of the Bid Evaluation Committee, for its thoroughness, professionalism, and polish. The MFSC and Chief Leo met with the SC&D Team on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM to Noon, to go over the requirements of the work, agree on the schedule of tasks, and take a field tour of the District.

The SC&D Team will hold the first of three public meetings at the Mosquito Fire Station on Monday evening, September 29, at 6:00 PM They will be listening to your ideas and concerns about strategy for protecting our homes and community from the very high threat of fire that we face. Please mark your calendar now to attend this meeting.

Additional meetings planned are October 21, to present the Draft Strategic Plan to the community, and November 20, to present the Final Strategic Plan. In the meantime, the SC&D Team may be calling on some of you for information and ideas. Please help them to better understand our needs in fire safety, so that our plan will be of maximum use in meeting them.

This planning work is made possible by the Community Protection Grant awarded to the MVFD by the U.S. Forest Service through the Eldorado National Forest. Strategic planning is the first of three phases of the work under the grant. The next phase, to begin in December, will develop detailed implementation plans for 2004 and five years out. The final phase, to begin in April of 2004, will see fuels reduction projects and other recommended actions implemented on the ground. We do not want to see another fire season come without being much better prepared for fire safety! Thanks to all of you who have helped, and who will help, in making the most both of this

funding and of the excellent people – local and from outside – who are working for our fire safety.

# WELL IT FINALLY DID HAPPEN.

Chief Leo Chaloux

On September the 15th there was a wild land fire that threatened a good portion of our District. At about 11 in the morning we were dispatched for a wild land fire at Mosquito Road and Buckboard Road. I was at home on my day off when the dispatch came down and Devery was on duty at the fire station. Camino Dispatch had dispatched us out as a wild land fire with a medium dispatch, which means on the initial dispatch they kicked our equipment out along with three other CDF units. They were coming from Garden Valley and Pilot Hill. As I was responding I heard Bald Mountain Lookout give a report that the fire had a large build on it and just a few seconds later a County Fire Engine on Carson Road stated the fire had a large build and a rapid spread on it. He was seeing it from all the way over there. As I was turning up on Buckboard I saw a large column of smoke heading up and to the Northeast. It turned out the fire was more eastward on Buckboard, about 34 of a mile from Mosquito Road. When I arrived, which was in less than 3 minutes, the fire that had started at Catfish Lake was already bumping hard onto Buckboard Road.

I gave my report to Camino Dispatch of a 3 to 4 acre fire in moderate fuel with a rapid rate of spread and three structures threatened. I then asked Camino to take this to a second alarm, which meant I was requesting 10 more engines to respond. The plan at this point was to stop the fire on Buckboard, but as Devery arrived in the new Engine 75 the fire spotted

across the road and was making a run on us. Devery and I pulled about 300 feet of line straight up the hill in an attempt to get in front of the fire and hopefully hook it



back onto Buckboard. The fire was running so fast that we could simply not get in front of it so at that point we broke off the attack and started doing structure protection. Devery went for the houses on Buckboard and I went to determine how and where this fire was running. I first checked out Casey Ryan's house and found the fire heading up the hill towards Dyer Way. I

used a garden hose at his house to put out a few spot fires that were a threat. At that point I asked Camino Dispatch for a third alarm and aircraft. Hopefully, I would have five more county engines coming our way. As I was leaving Casey's house Engine 275 came on the radio with Joe Lima driving. I asked him to go to Dyer Way and wait for me. Joe went to Dyer Way and Dyer Court as I drove up and down driveways trying to determine which house to go after first. The immediate threat was to a structure and one that fit into the new plan, which was stopping the fire on Dyer Way, was on the north side of Dyer. The house was for sale and no one was at home. I got Joe to come up to the house and start protecting it. Only problem was the poor guy was all by himself. I left him alone telling him I would get someone there to help him as soon as they arrived. Within a few minutes Clarence Hogrefe (who came from his business in Diamond Springs) arrived and off he was sent to help Joe. I then heard George Kellison (who came from his business in Placerville) along with Floyd Baumgartner (who came from his job at El Dorado High School) responding to the fire in Tender 75. They arrived and started supplying water to all the engines on Dyer Way. Walter Graves from the Support Group brought Jim Robinson (who was on his way home from Placerville) and Ken Joseph (who came from his job in Folsom). They were assigned to Devery on Engine 75, as he was also alone. Soon afterward Curtis Schelth arrived (he came from where he was working in Jackson) along with Guy Barritt (from his job at EID), Gail Barritt (from her job in Placerville) and Todd Sorrell (from his job site on Cold Springs Road). They soon ended up with assignments on the fire. Later Todd Hern arrived from his job in Sacramento and stood by to provide relief. Stacey Stefan a new mother with the help of her husband provided relief on Tender 75 on the night shift. Nathaniel Chaloux who had just got back from fighting fires in Oregon also provided relief on Tender 75. Jerry Okumura stayed home from his job as a nurse at Marshall Hospital to provide relief on Tender 75. Tenders are usually on the fire throughout its duration

in order to supply water to all the engines on the fire during the fight and the mop up afterwards.

The Fire Department



Support Group with the management of Dean Edson quickly started providing services to the community and the fire fighters. Ralph Hern, Norm Nester and Vic Garcia quickly set up pump 75 at Trout Lake. Mary Joseph, Mike Villarreal, Henry Wilkinson, and Esten Attwood did Road control. Walter Graves transported fire fighters to the fire ground. Ralph Hern with the help of Steve Loree set up Dick Roods hanger for possible evacuation. Lee Edson, Pat Relfe and Sandy Nester did communications, food and other great services at the station.

I hope I did not leave anyone out. I was busy there for a few minutes so I apologize if I did. I just want all members of the fire department to know that what they did was greatly appreciated for without all their help and the team effort that went into what they did this fire could have been devastating. Thank you all.

During this time engines from every fire departments in the County was responding to our District, a total of 15. County Fire had sent two engines and two Battalion Chiefs over to help. CDF had sent ten engines, four aircraft and two bulldozers and several Battalion Chiefs to set up command. The US Forest Service had sent three engines and two helicopters. All these units and people put all their efforts into protecting homes and stopping this fire that was now spotting north of Stope. The new plan quickly became to stop the fire at Stope. With the help of all the agencies, their equipment and the fire fighters that responded not a single house was lost and the plan to stop the fire at Stope became a reality. All in all 31 acres were burned with at one time 10 acres burning off in six minutes. In the foot print of the fire and immediately surrounding it were 15 homes threatened. The grateful event to come out of this was no homes were lost, no one was killed and no one was hurt. All in all, as a community we escaped the possibility of a catastrophic event. But let me state one more thing, we are not out of the fire season yet and if we get through this year without any more fires we should consider our

s e I v e s fortunate. However, we should as a group of people who live here work on making this as much of a fire safe community as possible. After



all summer will be here again next year.

To all those in the community that have called and thanked us, I thank you. Often all those who are volunteers both fire fighters and support group members do not get the thanks they deserve. We also, need to thank all those from the other fire departments both paid and volunteer, CDF, the aircraft pilots, the convict hand crews and the US Forest Service for without them this fire would still be burning.



# FOR SAVING MOSQUITO!

# VET VISIT

Dr. Lisa Couper, mobile veterinarian will be at the Mosquito Fire Station on Sunday, October 26 from 9:00 am until noon for walk-ins. She will make house calls in the afternoon. Call 677-4558 and leave a message to make an appointment for the afternoon or if you have a special request.

# THE FINNON PROJECT (CONT....)

We've accomplished a couple more major tasks since the restaurant was last reported on. The range hood job is finally done, thanks to some of our awesome volunteers. Also, the heating and air job is complete by our friends at Gilmore Heating and Air.

Did you notice the junk pile has disappeared? Thank you to all the fire fighters who showed up to help clean that mess up and have it hauled away for good. This leaves us with fixing up the surrounding areas including landscaping this fall. We still need to do some fine tuning on the interior of the building but not too much. It's come a long way and we are excited to be so close to opening.

# IN MEMORY OF GRACE DeHAAN

# **CRAFT REPORT**

Sharon Hern

We made \$550.00 on Craft Sales at the Diamond Springs Fire Department Labor Day Bazaar. Many thanks to all who helped that day.

A BIG THANK YOU to our community for their continued support of our Craft Sales and events. The total to date earned for our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department is as follows:

Craft Sales \$1595.25 Yard Sales \$ 170.00 Raffle Donations \$ 62.50 Total \$1827.75

Our next Craft Sale is the Fall/Christmas Craft Sale on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist Church on Cold Springs Road.

The next craft meeting is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there as we have a lot of different projects that we are working on and need all kinds of crafty help. We do hope that you will continue to help us out by working on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or have them dropped off at the Firehouse. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

Meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at Darlene Rood's home

Next Meeting: October 3, 2003 (special meeting)

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: October 3, October 24 and November 28.

# HALLOWEEN PARTY COMING UP!

It's that time again. Fall is here and it's time for the annual Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Halloween Party! This year the party will be held on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. There will be games, a Cake Walk and free candy for all kids in costume! We will have hot-dogs and nachos available for \$1 each for those who get tired of eating candy, and punch and coffee will be available for free. You can find the party next to the haunted graveyard at the Fire Station. See you there!

In order to make this event a success we need volunteers to help with the games, Cake Walk and candy give away. Please call Belinda Brent @ 621-3377 if you are interested in helping out. Candy donations will be gratefully accepted at the Fire Station the week prior to the party and baked goods for the Cake Walk can be brought to the Fire Station on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

# SCPOA REPORT

Kim Purcell

This last home owners association meeting was very well attended, we can only hope that this will continue. There has been a lot of incorrect information out lately and the best way to stay informed is to come to the meetings, ask questions and give your input.

Our temporary maintenance person, Jonathan Skaggs, has been hard at work getting fences replaced and trying to catch up on the potholes. We will be holding interviews for a permanent person within the next week or so. Anyone with pothole problems should contact SCPOA and let us know about them so they can be repaired. Jonathan also has the bathrooms at Dyer Lake back in good working order and cleaned up, we hope that they will stay that way. So far there has not been any further vandalism to them, we hope that everyone will continue to keep an eye on them so we will not have to lock them up at night.

We have had several complaints regarding non residents using the common areas and several suggestions were made to solve this problem. One suggestion was to issue stickers to all members for each of their vehicles so that it would be easier to identify legitimate users. Another possibility is to look into charging a user fee to non residents that would go into the common area fund.

Research is continuing on the possibility of requiring that a bond be posted when new construction is done to cover any damage done to the roads when heavy equipment is brought for that construction.

The final details seem to be worked out with EID to place the 1½ inch meter at Dyer Lake to provide water. We have not had any water flow into the lake this summer since EID is no longer using the Dogwood wells or the Summerfield Ditch. The proposal to take over the Dogwood well is still in process and we are waiting for a few issues to be worked out.

As we stated last month we had a significant increase in our directors and liability insurance and apparently, according to the association attorney we are very lucky to have gotten it as low as we did. At this point the only insurance that hasn't gone up is for the airport. Earlier this month a special assessment was mailed out for \$36.00 to cover the cost of this unexpected approximate \$25,000.00 increase. This figure was arrived at by taking the excess cost of our insurance and dividing it by the number of lots, unfortunately it exceeds the 5% maximum allowed. We are all volunteers and can and do make mistakes, and this one was pointed out by a former board member

who unfortunately had been unable to attend that meeting. A new assessment will be sent in the amount of \$19.00 per lot which is the 5% that is allowed, the rest will have to be borrowed since the premium has to be paid.

I strongly urge everyone to come to the meetings and find out what is going on in your community, we need everyone's input.

# **TIDBITS**

We have another FREE tire disposal day coming up on Saturday, October 25th, 9 am - 2 pm, El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

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Thanks to all who donated toys for the children in Mexico. Don't leave any more toys after September 29. Elsie and Keith.

# YOUR PET QUESTIONS

Pam Steinke, DVM

Thanks so much for the response. Your questions help by informing me of what is of interest to you.

**Q**: What is the best food for my dog?

A: There are foods for each stage of life in your pet. You should feed it growth food for the first year, maintenance for most of its adult life, and senior diet for over 6 or 7 years of age. If your dog is overweight, you may want to feed a light diet. A very active dog, such as a hunting dog, may need a more enriched diet. Make sure the food you purchase is of good quality--no generic brands. Stick with the well advertised, proven brands, i.e. lams, Eukanuba, Purina, Nutro, Science Diet, etc.

**Q:** I lost 2 goats this year that appeared to be perfectly healthy. They ate well until they started running into things. They got so bad that I had to put them down. I want to get another pair but I'm afraid they will get sick too. Any advise?

**A:** After further e-mails with this owner I discovered the goats were on a high concentration diet of grain and supplements. The goats first went blind, started having tremors, then stiffening of the limbs and neck followed by convulsions. Although a necropsy would be helpful, it sounds like these goats were suffering from a disease called polioencephalomalacia. The

concentrated feed produces thiaminase which uses up all the thiamine in the body and the animal gets a deficiency which causes the blindness and other neurological signs. Treatment would consist of injections of thiamine (vitamin B1) when signs first became evident. Hay and foliage in the diet would be helpful preventatives.

If you have any questions concerning your pets you would like answered in this column, send them to Pam Steinke, P.O. Box 1992, Placerville, CA 95667 or e-mail to drpjjs@hotmail.com

# THANK YOU, EDITORS

Our editors quite often seem to be taken for granted. I personally want to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication. All of their time and efforts are donated!!! And don't they do a great job!!! We all on the hill would not have a newspaper if not for these two ladies. Thank you Lela Edson and Pat Relfe.

Evelyn Potter.

### **DIFFERENT SALAD**

**Evelyn Potter** 

Here's one I got from my good friend and neighbor, Ellen Penrod about 6 years ago. Tomatillos are not my favorite, but I do like this salad.

# MARINATED TOMATILLO SALAD

Slice into a large bowl---

8 large tomatillos

2 medium tomatoes

1 medium cucumber

one small red onion (thinly sliced)

Dressing----

2 T white wine vinegar

6 T olive oil

1 t sugar

½ t dry basil

½ t salt

1/4 t pepper

Combine, pour over vegetables. Chill at least 30 minutes.

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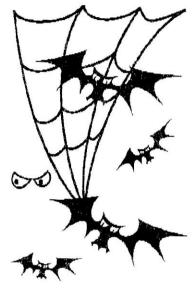
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# HALLOWEEN PARTY







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SNACK BAR
& HAUNTED GRAVEYARD

# OCTOBER, 2003 ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING SEPTEMBER 29 6:00 PM MOSQUITO STRATEGIC FIRE SAFE PLAN			1	MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	3 CRAFT MEETING SEE PAGE 4	SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
5	6	DON'T FORGET TO VOTE	8	9 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00PM	10	11 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM
12	13	14	15	16	17	SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM
19	20	21 FIRE SAFE MEETING SEE PAGE 1	22	23	CRAFT MEETING SEE PAGE 4	25 HALLOWEEN PARTY SEE PAGE 8
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!  VET VISIT SEE PAGE 3	27	28	29	30	HAPPY	



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