

MOSQUITO BYTE

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A Special Request and Thank You by the MVFA Board of Directors

Last month the MVFA Board asked for donations to help pay for the cost of paving the parking lot of the Mosquito General Store and Deli Cafe. We are very pleased to announce that we have so far received \$1,450 in donations for this purpose, and are thankful to all who donated so far.

As you know, the grant money used to install the bridge and pave the road to the dam cannot be used for the parking lot. Our goal is to raise \$5,982 to pay back the money we borrowed to do this work while the contractor's equipment was up here for the dam road.

We know that this project will be a benefit to the community, and because MVFA is totally self-supportive, we must rely on donations, fund-raiser events and fees from Finnon Lake Recreation Area. MVFA receives no taxpayer funds, nor any funds from SCPOA, and all the money we raise for Finnon Lake is used to improve the site.

If you would like to make a donation for the parking lot project, please send your check with a note specifying so 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 to you.

Thank you for supporting this project: the MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Station 75

Have you noticed how the water level in our ponds is rapidly dropping? Have you noticed that the vegetation that was green a couple of months ago has turned brown? Have you seen the little "dust devils" kicking up on barren spots of earth? This all means one thing – it's very, very dry in our community and the summer fire season is upon us!

Cal-Fire officially declared the start of Fire Season on June 1st but as you have seen on the news, it doesn't take an "official declaration" for wildland fires to start. Look at what has already happened in Mariposa County, Amador County and Southern California. So when the question is asked, "How bad will this fire season be this year?" The answer is simple. California burns every year, just more in some years than others and this year has all of the right conditions to be one of the "other" years.

We have been extremely fortunate here over the past several years. We have not had any large fires and those few that did start were controlled and put out rather quickly. Let's hope our luck continues to hold.

You can do your part to help us at the Fire Station and the community by getting your home ready for fire season. Clearing the grass, weeds and brush from around your house and out buildings. The State requirement is 100 feet of clearance!

(Chief's Corner, continued)

Clean the pine needles and leaves from your roof and rain gutters. There is no need to cut down the large trees on your property, just remove the ground ladder fuels like the grass, leaves, low hanging branches, pine needles and brush around the tree's base. If you need help to determine what should be cut and removed please call the fire station (626-9017) and a staff member will visit your property and give your home and property an evaluation.

Be safe and remember, hot weather, dry grass, and dense brush equals easy ignition and rapid fire growth, especially in the steep terrain all around us!

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSN.

by Teresa Wren

June was another busy month for The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. We started off with our annual yard sale for which we received some great donations from the community. Some of our biggest donators were Barb & Wayne Mikel, Bob DeLette & Taffy Warner, and John & Allison Moalli. Many thanks to Tom Harris and Dave Angelo for sponsoring and organizing the yard sale. A big thank you also to my husband, Bill Wren, for all of his help with this event and for taking all the remaining items to Snowline Hospice. Thank you to Tom Harris for cooking the hot dogs and Sandi Brauns for purchasing the food. Without all of your support and donations this event would not have been so successful.

Our next event was the community picnic at Dyer Lake on June 14th. The turn out was excellent, with 97 adults and 14 children. Joe Lima and Neil Matheny did all the cooking while Linda Lima served food, along with help from Clay Heironimus and Darcy Krieger. Sandi Brauns, Mary Ann Haywood, Karryn Morris and Darcy Krieger baked the cup cakes and the salads were made by Linda Lima and Sandi Brauns. We had a great response from the community donating raffle gifts to MVFA. The folks who donated were Pam & Dave Angelo, Sandi Brauns, Linda Lima, Mary Ann Haywood, Sharon Hern, Terry & Don Randall, Debbie Marshall, Barbara Mikel, Gianna Moalli, Kim Purcell, Karryn Morris and Karen Holley. Thank you everyone for your overwhelming generosity; what a great community we live in!

The work on Finnon Dam is in the last phase of the project. The Steering Committee has worked many years finishing projects not covered by the grant. I don't think a week has gone by that some type of work or preparation has been accomplished. The barrier across the dam should be done in July if all goes well. Please remember to thank the men of the Steering Committee for their tireless commitment to this project: Ralph Hern, Joe Lima, Leo Chaloux, Neil Mathney, Todd Hern and Tom Harris.

Due to the drought and lack of a permit, MVFA will not have a 4th of July celebration and fireworks this year. Hopefully next year thing will be wetter and better.

See you at our next MVFA Board Meeting on Thursday, July 3rd, at 7pm at the Fire Station.

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Our June meeting ended up being a very long session in order to cover a number of agenda items: fencing, finances, mergers, sick leave policy, and the feasibility of the DC&R rewrite.

A motion was passed to amend our current budget in order to spend up to \$18,000 to replace the fences along Rock Creek Road with new vinyl fencing. Actual costs and requirements will be determined and a final decision made next month.

A long list of questions from our treasurer was discussed in order to clarify items such as: the purpose of specific accounts, format for monthly reports, and methods to make it easier to track these reports in our current budget and reserve study. It was decided that we would invite our CPA to a budget meeting in order for the Board to better understand the financial reporting from our accountant. We will plan to have a budget meeting next month along with our normal board meeting.

The June packet is being prepared to send out and one of the items in it will be a brief survey. This survey is an effort to get feedback from owners on the importance of various items and DC&R requirements within the association. We ask that you take a few minutes to fill it out and give us your comments. Many members are unable or don't wish to attend meetings so we hope this is a more convenient way to express your opinions.

(SCPOA report, continued)

The Board has discussed the possibility of a sick or personal leave policy for our three employees. The Board reviewed two different options and approved the personal leave policy which would allow one week of paid time off for each year of employment, to a maximum of two weeks. The additional cost for this could be \$1540 plus FICA cost of about 15% for all three employees in the first year. After that it will be cost neutral in the budget.

A revision to the merger resolution was also approved. A change was made to allow previously merged properties to maintain the single assessment even after the property changes hands.

A request was made to use Dyer Lake for the new Trading Post activity. The Board will check with our insurance company to see if any additional coverage would be required such as is done for other events.

Our next meeting will be held at the fire station on July 17th starting at 6:00 PM.

"2015" Mosquito Phone Book

by Sharon Hern

The Mosquito Phone Book is reprinted every 2 years and now the **2015 Phone Book** is being compiled. The phone book will be printed in November and available for purchase in early January 2015. This phone book is for only those residents living in the Mosquito/Swansboro area.

Want to be listed in the Mosquito Phone Book?

If you are in the current 2014 Phone Book you'll be in the new one. **BUT**, any additions, corrections or other changes must be received by **October 1st**. Many have changed from land line phones to cell phones. Please check the phone number that is listed for you in the 2014 Phone Book to be sure that it is correct. Any telephone numbers currently listed in the Phone Book that are disconnected will be removed from the 2015 Phone Book.

To add your name and telephone number to the Mosquito Phone Book or to change your listing in any way, please contact me at 626-5268 or mail your listing or corrections to: MVFA Phone Book, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

Want to Advertise in the Mosquito Phone Book? You can have your business card printed in the advertising section of the phone book for a fee of \$5.00. If you are interested please send your business card and a \$5 check to: MVFA Phone Book, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667-9040. Need to receive it by **October 1st** to be included! If you have any questions, please contact me at 626-5268.

Water Conservation on the Hill

by Barbara Beacham

As you have probably read, 2014 is the worst drought year since 1999. With this drought we have to be extra vigilant in our usage of water in our area. Whether you are on a well or EID, we should all be conserving water! Here are some ideas that you can implement at home to help save water. Every little bit counts!

- Repair any dripping faucets. One drop per second on a leaky faucet amounts to 2,700 gallons per year!
- Do not use running water to thaw foods. Thaw them instead in the refrigerator overnight!
- Check your toilet for those silent leaks they can have. By putting a bit of food dye in your tank you will be able to tell if you have a leak as the color will come into the bowl.
- Remember this saying: "If it's yellow it's mellow, if it's brown, flush it down." Depending on the type of toilet you have, you could be using 5-7 gallons per flush. Home Depot has a toilet available for around \$99 for a two flush option toilet. It uses 20% less than a regular toilet.
- As you warm up the water in your shower each day, consider collecting that water that would go down the drain in a bucket for use in your toilet or for watering those plants around your home.
- Soap up in your shower with the water off. Turn it back on to rinse. And, limit your time in the shower.
- If you turn the water off when brushing your teeth or shaving and you will be saving 2 1/2 gallons of water.

(water conservation, continued)

- Wash only full loads of laundry or dishes. This can save up to 50 gallons per week!
- Scrape food from your plates into a compost bucket or into your trash to reduce the water needed to rinse plates.
- While it will not be pretty, let your lawn brown. Drinking water and water for fighting fires in our area is more important than having a nice lawn. If you do water, do so early in the morning to minimize evaporation.
- Mulching around plants will reduce evaporation of those that you do water.

I hope that you will consider these points as we try to conserve water in this tough drought year! Just remember to be water wise! We need the water in case of fire!

Firehouse Crafters

by Sharon Hern

ATTENTION LADIES – 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, goodies and table talk. The proceeds of our Craft Sales are used to help with items needed by our Fire Department.

Many thanks to all of you who stopped by our "Craft Tables" at the Community Picnic to visit with us and help us support our Fire Department.

Our next meeting is July 25th (see time and location below) and we will be in full crafting mode, working on Fall projects for our next Craft Sale in November.

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10AM to 12Noon** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on the **25th of July**.

Finnon Dam Restoration Project

by Neil Matheny

The Finnion Dam Restoration Project is finally winding down and we can see the light at the end of the bridge. The bridge is in and the road and the restaurant parking lot were surfaced from Rock Creek Road to the spillway.

The concrete anchor for the dam slide-gate mechanism (the valve for the lake drain) was reinforced and slide gate operation was demonstrated. This was a "must accomplish" to satisfy requirements for the construction grant money.

The committee has established a design and parts-list for the barrier along the dam road and we expect to have it installed before September, however, the road is fully usable now. After a contractor digs the post holes, committee members and volunteers will install the posts and rails. Please call Ralph Hern (626-5268) or Tom Harris (642-2333) to volunteer your hands or equipment. Leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.

Other than the barrier, we have only a couple of minor tasks (that won't be visible to the public) to accomplish before the committee is disbanded. MVFA and the Finnion Lake Restoration & Habitat Improvement Project Committee are extremely grateful for all the contributions from the community and the volunteers that made this project successful.

MOSQUITO TRADING POST

Share, Trade, Barter or Donate toward:

*vegetables *baked goods *eggs *herbs
*fruit *arts and crafts *sausages *flowers
*home and garden services

Sunday, June 29th, 8-11 am
at The Mosquito Market and Kitchen

call: 626-7062 for information or to
reserve a space for yourself!

MOSQUITO GENERAL MARKET AND KITCHEN

Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00 am-7:00 pm
 Friday: 10:00 am-8:00pm
 Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am-7:00pm
 Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED

530-295-4980

MOSQUITO GENERAL MARKET AND KITCHEN

by Dawn Moore

Summer is upon us, the weather is warm and fresh fruits are in season. Fresh fruits mean fresh fruit pies! ... For which, we are now accepting orders. In addition to fresh baked pies we are also happy to announce that our breakfast sandwich (bacon, scrambled eggs, American or Swiss cheese on grilled sourdough - \$4.95) has officially made the menu, yay!

Here at Mosquito General - Market & Kitchen we enjoying hearing that we've saved you a trip down the hill, which is why we are adding new items to the market nearly every week in an effort to provide you variety and convenience. Here are a few items we've added to our shelves this month:

Friskies cat food
 Alpo dog food
 Mosquito repellent
 Feminine products
 Tin foil
 BBQ sauce
 A1 steak sauce
 Peanut butter & jelly
 Pasta sauce
 Club crackers

Stop by Finnon to fish and swim and when you get hungry come on in! Our burgers are hot, our drink are cold, our pies are great ... So, we've been told!

(Market and Kitchen, continued)

We are having a Finnon fishing contest! A winner will be chosen in the month of July to receive a \$30.00 gift certificate. Please come into the store for detail & rules. All fishing collected fees support the MVFA.

For whole pie orders give us a call (530-295-4980) or send us an email at MosquitoGeneral@live.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

Location: El Dorado Disposal Material Recovery Facility
 4100 Throwita Way, Placerville, 95667

Times: ONLY Fridays and Saturdays 9am-4pm

Household items that will be accepted include: paint, brake fluid, adhesives/sealants, batteries, floor/furniture cleaners, anti-freeze, solvents/thinners, pesticides/herbicides, aerosols and photo chemicals.

Maximum limit of containers is 15 gallons of any liquid material. For further information, call 295-2800.

WANTED!!!

**ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER
BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER
BOTTLES.**

Please drop off bags from 8-5 at the Fire Station or call Sandi at 626-6248 for pick up service. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Wine bottles don't have CRV! We can't use them)

**This is a very important fund raiser for
the Finnon Lake Campground, so**

**MVFA
THANKS YOU!**

Dickinson
6367 Log Cabin E Deer fence
Big Red chicken house

CLASSIFIED SECTION

LOST

Black and white male cat. Please call Shannon at 621-2530.
(7)

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MEETINGS:

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VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS – First Thursday of every month. At the Camino Adventist Church, 3520 Carson Road, 11:00 a.m. Have fun meeting new people, learning healthful lifestyle principles and discovering tasty new recipes. Handouts, videos and generous samples included. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441 to reserve your space.

MOSQUITO BOOK CLUB

Join the book club! Meets once of month to discuss a book chosen by the group. The current meetings take place on a Thursday afternoon at rotating houses. The time and day is flexible depending on the schedule of the group. Contact Jeanine at 621-3875 or sjkobza@gmail.com for more information.

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EMBROIDERER'S GUILD – Hanging by a Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Planning Commission Meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Adeline Penn at 621-2639 or <http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.htm>

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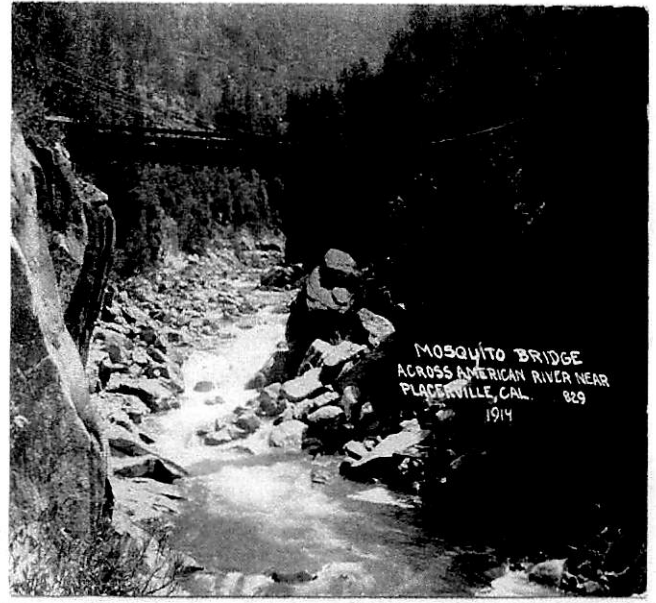
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Fire, Medical, Police Emergency	911
Mosquito Fire non-emergency	626-9017
All other non-emergency	621-6600
CA Highway Patrol non-emergency	622-1110
Burn Day Information	621-5897
Mosquito General Market and Kitchen	295-4980



A Word About Bears

by Rob Lupient

They are awake and hungry and they seem to know when it's garbage pick up day. We should all be aware that California Black Bears are usually harmless to humans and dogs. That's assuming the female is not caring for her cubs or you are wearing a pork chop necklace. An effective technique to keep the bears out of your garbage and off your property is to spray concentrated Pine Sol on and into your garbage can. A bear's sense of smell is so sensitive, it can smell a tube of toothpaste in a suitcase in your trunk. Pine Sol is extremely offensive to them. Ammonia works too.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember: the fire department usually uses water!

July 2014 (MGM&K= MOSQUITO GENERAL MARKET AND KITCHEN)

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