

MOSQUITO BYTE

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MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, (MFPD)

by Ken Joseph

The countdown has started: conditions are already dry and volatile. Cal Fire and US Forest Service are staffed for what will likely be an active fire season.

One of our firefighters, Crosby Markgraf, heard the calling and was picked up by US Forest Service. It is a great opportunity for him to further his career and get a lot of direct experience. We are always looking for new recruits. Whether you are looking to get into the fire service or want to help the community, we have volunteer positions available. Check in at the Fire Station or check our website: www.mfpd.us.

There were several multi acre fires near our district during April. We expect fire season to be declared early. For many of us, the earlier the better. If you are still having controlled burns, check the weather, phone the burn information line (530) 621 5987, and be very careful to take all precautions. Everyone is on high alert so don't be surprised if a fire vehicle shows up on a smoke check.

Speaking of emergency response, who are those people in the bright yellow-orange shirts standing on the side of the road with a STOP sign? If you've lived here very long, you've probably seen them. They are volunteer members of the MFPD Support Group. These volunteers assist our firefighters during an emergency by staffing the

fire station, fielding calls, providing road control, water supply support (pump and hydrants), and food, supplies and childcare for firefighters. They also assist with evacuations and helicopter landings. They are well-equipped and well-trained, meeting once a month to learn more about their duties and to discuss recent emergency incidents in Mosquito. So if you see them out on road control, meaning they have closed a road due to an emergency situation, please remember that they are trying to protect YOU. At the same time they need to keep the emergency scene safe so that our firefighters can quickly and safely deal with the emergency situation.

At the last MFPD meeting, the board agreed to **reschedule** both the May 14th and June 11th regular meetings. The new dates are now **Tuesday, May 26, 2015 @ 7pm** and **Saturday June 13, 2015 @ 10:00 am**. This is not a typical event, but due to the work being done on the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year budget, it was necessary to accommodate vacation schedules and ensure full board attendance.

Be Safe!

In Memory of Doug Floyd

MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION (MVFA)

by Darcy Krieger

We have certainly been all over the chart with our spring weather. The snow was a wonderful surprise, one which was sadly gone way too soon! But the weather for our annual Easter Egg Hunt was perfect, warm and dry. A huge thank you to everyone who donated candy and toys. And, of course, thank you to our volunteers for setting up, running the event and cleaning up afterwards. We had some very dedicated egg hiders and Finnon Lake afforded us plenty of space to spread out and really challenge the kids!

Jan Okumura and Ron Speake have done a great job at the Mosquito General gardens. They just finished connecting the irrigation lines to all the new plantings they've installed. Most of the plants are native and don't need a lot of water. In this time of drought, using a drip system along with native plants makes a huge difference! Thank you, Jan and Ron!

Please be sure to remember the upcoming **Motherlode Century**, which will be Saturday, May 9th. We are expecting approximately 250 bicyclists, who will be riding in on Rock Creek Road and leaving via Mosquito Road between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There will be an aid station at Mosquito General, and a big thank you to Dawn and Gus for accommodating them. Please drive extra cautiously and pass carefully and only when it is safe. If I find myself stuck behind a bicyclist, I just roll down my windows, take a deep breath and enjoy the scenery.

By the time you are reading this, we should only be a day or so away from the Cinco de Mayo dinner. Please join us Saturday, May 2nd, 6 p.m. at the Mosquito Fire Station for chips and salsa, chicken enchiladas, bean and cheese enchiladas (vegetarian), beef tacos, charro beans, rice and Mexican Wedding Cake cookies. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$4 for kids under 12. Takeout will also be available.

Please be sure to check out the next Trading Post, which will be May 16th at Mosquito General. MVFA hopes to have some new items to sell along with our ever popular t-shirts. We'll keep the new items a surprise for now, but we are hoping that they will impress some of our off-the-hill community members when they see you with them!

Speaking of t-shirts, Mary Ann Haywood is putting together a new t-shirt order which she is planning on placing with California Custom Tees in May. Please contact her if you have any special requests and she will be happy to include them. In the past, people have ordered them for reunions, family gifts or just for themselves. It's great to let people know you're from Mosquito, and these t-shirts always seem to get a conversation started with outsiders, don't they? Contact Mary Ann at 622-5477.

Our first summer event will be the Community Yard Sale in June (see the article for more information in this month's Byte). Following that will be our Community Picnic on July 11th, at Finnon Recreation Area. More information about the picnic will be in next month's Byte.

Please remember you're welcome to join us for our next MVFA Board meeting, Thursday, May 7th, 7:00 PM at the GENERAL MARKET.

Hope to see you all around The Hill!

Cinco de Mayo Dinner
Saturday, May 2nd
6:00
at the Fire Station

(take-out dinners available!)

FROM SCPOA (SWANSBORO COUNTRY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION)

by Connell Persico

Our meeting of April 16 suggested we are making progress on achieving our stated goal of increased communications among Association members. We had a substantial number of members and guests joining the Board in a discussion of several important community issues. As our communications increase, so do the stresses of the transition. The tensions between the new and old leadership surfaced and so there were moments of anger, shouting and accusation. We will continue to seek ways to move the agenda of the community ahead and bridge these disagreements.

First, let me share some important dates coming up quickly. There is an Airport/Runway committee meeting scheduled at the Fire Station for Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how this part of our common area operates and to ask questions you might have.

We also encourage you to attend a special Board meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station where the only topic will be our roads. This will be preceded by a Roads Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. to which you are also invited. At these two meetings, we will be identifying the roads that will be worked on this summer. To be clear, the Roads Committee (**composed of all members who attend the meeting**) will look at all the remaining roads and road sections needing to be done and prioritize them. Then the Board will receive and review those recommendations and determine the roads to be completed. Several days later the Board will meet in executive session to review the bids received (we are hoping for and expecting three bids) and award the contract. We expect the work to be completed by July 31, 2015.

The Dyer Lake issue was resolved in favor of adding water to the lake using the EID connection. The Board approved an allocation of up to \$6,000 which, if fully utilized, would allow us to raise the level of the lake by three to four feet. I believe it is

fair to say that the sentiment in favor of this solution comes from the belief that we should have every available source of water in the community available for fire suppression. We still have issues of evaporation and timing to consider as we begin to implement. And we will continue what has been a very cooperative and enlightening conversation with EID. We are aware that additional restrictions on the use of water will be forthcoming and so we want to proceed with this project in a way that is respectful of those changes.

The Dyer Lake decision was made on a 4-3 vote. That vote seems to reflect the sentiment of the community on this issue. Given that, I want to express my appreciation to the members of the community who have spent hours sitting with each other expressing their positions and listening to the positions of others and helping the Board arrive at its decision. Thank you.

Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, 7:00 pm at the Fire Station.

CRAFTERS

by Sharon Hern

ATTENTION LADIES (men too if you want) –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 will be working on our summer crafts getting ready for our annual summer craft sale at the Community Picnic in July. Our next meeting is on **May 22nd**. (See time and location below).

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 **22nd of May**.

MOSQUITO BRIDGE UPDATE

by Janet Postlewait, El Dorado County Community Development Agency

The Mosquito Bridge was programmed under the Highway Bridge Program for \$32 Million using very preliminary cost estimates for a wide range of alternatives. A more detailed range of cost estimates for three basic alternative locations (low, mid and high) is currently being investigated in close coordination with Caltrans and FHWA for a feasible bridge solution.

In the meantime, County engineers are presenting an update on the Mosquito Bridge to the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2015 at 2:00. This presentation will be available on the County Board of Supervisors at

<https://eldorado.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=4317&GUID=8D6AEF28-D72E-4E85-9BCE-93169FD91B4F>.

The focus of this agenda item is to present the status of the Mosquito Bridge Project planning phase after the completion of geotechnical investigations, screening criteria, two public workshops, and recent Caltrans meetings to review alternatives with preliminary cost estimates. This presentation is for information only - no action is requested. Following this presentation, the power point will be made available on the Mosquito Bridge website. <http://www.edc.gov.us/MosquitoBridge/>.

**The new 2015
Mosquito Phone Books
are available at:
Mosquito Station 75**

\$5.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE TRADING POST?

by Vicki DeKay

We are gearing up for another great season! Our first Trading Post will be held at the Mosquito General Market and Kitchen (café) on Saturday, May 16, from 10 - 12. To celebrate our opening, we will feature fresh baked goods, free hot coffee, jams and jellies, local lavender products, plant starts and mature plants, homemade soaps, a book exchange, T-shirts and sweatshirts, crafts and other goodies. **NEW THIS YEAR:** we will have eggs! We will also have raffle baskets with local products. The café will be also open for hot breakfast items. Come visit with neighbors and enjoy the beautiful view of Finnon Lake. Keep an eye on the eagles. Sip and nibble, chat awhile.

The schedule for the Trading Post is:

May 16th Saturday at 10-12 at Mosquito General

June 6th Saturday at 9-11 at the yard sale at the Fire Station

July 11th Saturday at 10-12 at the General Market; to be followed by community picnic at Finnon Lake

August 1st Saturday at 9-11 at the General Market

September 12th Saturday at 9 - 11 at the General Market

October 17th Saturday at 9 - 11 at the General Market

If you wish more information, wish to become a vendor at the Trading Post or to join Friends of the Trading Post, please call Joyce or Vicki at 626 7062.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

by Kim Purcell

Please come and learn some facts about this inexpensive yet valuable asset to our community on Monday May 4th at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station.

MVFA YARD SALE

by Tom Harris

The annual MVFA yard sale will be held this year on June 6th at the Fire Station parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. MVFA is seeking donations of saleable items (please, no junk). One of our committee members will pick up items at your home, or you can bring them to the sale at the Fire Station on June 6th.

If you would prefer your own booth, space 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 Finnon Lake projects. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter stating your contribution will be provided on request. Unsold items donated to MVFA will be taken to Snowline Hospice.

Hot dogs, chips and a soft drink will be available for \$5.00 starting at 11:00 am.

For more information, to reserve a booth, or for item pick-up, contact:

Tom Harris

642-2333

tuco@internet49.com or

Dave Angelo

621-3688

dsangelo14@gmail.com

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

by Tom Harris

Thanks to the many "Friends of Finnon" who volunteered their time and fuel at "Mow Day" on Saturday April 18th. The weed whackers, bush hogs and string mowers are greatly appreciated by MVFA, and this group left the campground and day use area looking beautiful.

PILOT'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

The Swansboro Pilots Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for a college scholarship. If you live in our community and are a high school senior going on to college next fall, you can apply for the scholarship.

To apply, send at least a one-page, double-spaced, typed essay (*postmarked no later than 6/30/15*) that states: any community service or projects you have done, what college you plan to attend, your life plans, why you should receive our scholarship and how it will help you. Also, you will need to include your high school grade point average and your address, phone number, and e-mail address. Send your essay to: Pilots Association, 2724 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

THE MOSQUITO BYTE HAS FOUND A NEW EDITORIAL TEAM!

by Candy Lupient

Beginning with a transitional period in June, editing of The Mosquito Byte will be accomplished by a newly organized team. New Editor Joyce Radmanovich will receive all submissions and make necessary changes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. Karen Rapponotti will be Senior Editor, responsible for receiving edited pieces from Joyce and formatting them for printing. She will also work on developing a site whereby the Byte can be viewed by the community electronically. Details will be made available when this is in place. A printed version of the Byte will be available as long as needed or desired by community members. Vicki DeKay has volunteered to be responsible for the mailing committee. She will get the finished copies from the commercial printer in Placerville, organize and host the gathering of volunteers who apply labels and stamps, and see that the finished copies get to the post office. Thanks to all!

MOSQUITO PANTRY

By Sharon Hern & MaryAnn Haywood

Need a small helping hand to get through some temporary hard times? The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association maintains the "Mosquito Pantry" where donated, non-perishable food items are available to any member of the community who might find themselves in need. The Pantry is located at the Fire Station and is available anytime the Station is open. So if you find yourself in need, don't hesitate to visit the Mosquito Pantry!

WANTED!!!

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

Please drop off bags from 8-5at the Fire Station.

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
Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association
so **MVFA THANKS YOU!**

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refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible
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MARKET AND KITCHEN**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am-
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530-295-4980
or mosquitogeneral@live.com

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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

May 2015

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Personal Events

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