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Before You Burn

By **Mike Hazlett**, Fire Chief Mosquito FPD



Winter is here and this year's fire season was particularly devastating to California's forestlands, wildlife, economy, people, and without question, its air quality. Proper clearing of vegetation around homes can help prevent and minimize wildfires in the future. Cleared vegetation should be removed as green waste or composted. If you must burn, the Mosquito FPD and El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) wishes to remind residents of the "What, When, Where and How" of proper and legal outdoor Open Burning. Instead of Burning, use green waste collection or compost it!

What

- Dry vegetation originating from the property on which it will be burned.
- If it's going to rain, cover your pile to keep it dry. Do not burn the cover.
- Don't burn just pine needles as they will smolder; add wood for more heat.

When

- On designated Burn Days (call the BURN LINE 530-621-5897 or 866-621-5897)
- When local weather conditions are appropriate.
- With a burn permit available at Mosquito Fire Station 75 or CAL FIRE.

Where

- On the property from which the dry vegetation originated.
- In areas where it's safe to burn, away from combustibles, with an adequate water supply and means to contact emergency personnel.

How

- In accordance with Air District Rule 300 Open Burning.
- In accordance with any other applicable requirements from the Mosquito Fire Protection District, CAL FIRE, or US Forest Service. (CAL FIRE (530) 644-2345)

Smoke nuisance complaints are the most common complaints the AQMD and MFPD receive during burn season. While you are allowed to burn vegetation under certain conditions, you do not have a right to inundate your neighbors with smoke and cause a nuisance. The information above and at the Air District's Open Burning website below is intended to help residents burn properly and avoid creating a nuisance and degrading air quality:

[http://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Burn_Information_\(Outdoor\).aspx](http://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Burn_Information_(Outdoor).aspx)

As a reminder, the California Health & Safety Code Section 42400 gives AQMD the authority to levy fines to persons who violate AQMD Rules, including Rule 300 Open Burning. The AQMD also has a compliance course that violators may be required to complete.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, March 10th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station
You are welcome to attend!**

MVFA Cowboy Chuck Wagon Dinner

By Tom Harris

The MVFA board has changed its St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner to the Cowboy Chuck Wagon Dinner. With apologies to the Irish folks among us, the traditional fare of Corned Beef and Cabbage will give way this year to Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cornbread, Pasta Salad and Coleslaw. All are welcome, and all are encouraged to dress up in Cowboy, Cowgirl or Western attire for MVFA's first event of the new year.



There will be a gift raffle at dinner, and donors are requested to bring a gift, or drop one off at a board member's home ahead of time. In addition, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Get your raffle tickets early and enjoy live music - starting at 5:30. This event will be on **Saturday, March 12th** at the Fire Station. Dinner is \$10 for Cow pokes and \$4 for little Buckaroos. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. So y'all mosey on down now, ya hear?

The MVFA Board meeting is Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:15 p.m. at Mosquito General. We hope to see you there!

Finnon Lake Update

By Tom Harris

You may have noticed a lot of sand added to the Northwest "Thumb" area on the shore of Finnion Lake. This is our planned beach and swimming area. The beach area was prepared and barriers were placed on February 16th and twenty-four tons of sand was delivered on February 17th.

Many thanks go out to Dave Angelo for the preparation, delivery, and scheduling of the MVFA volunteer crew to place the barriers and spread the sand. The crew consisted of Dave and Marc Angelo, Ralph Hern, Nick Heyart and Gary Morris. Special thanks to Joe Lima, Milo Laguna and Dick Rood for bringing their tractors - which made the job a lot easier.

The beach area is now about half full with sand. The remaining sand will be delivered at a later date. The preparation for the beach area has been a long process. Now, with the rising lake level, the plan is becoming a reality. It should be a great place for folks to relax this summer!!

SCPOA

By Roger Stenbock

As my initial comments to the community, I've included a little introductory information. On a whim, in the summer of 1997, my wife Florene and I landed at the Swansboro airport on runway 27 (westerly). We were immediately greeted with open arms by the folks hanging out by the runway and politely informed the default landing runway is 09 (easterly) - oops. We were given a tour of this beautiful place. So in short order, we decided to build a home here. So began our long love affair with Swansboro Country.

Fast forward nineteen years. The community remains an easy going place in which to live, with a friendly and warm country culture. This is in large measure a credit to the SCPOA boards which served the community over the years. I personally thank the past board members for their hard work and contributions all done voluntarily to benefit us all.

When the opportunity arose to serve on the SCPOA board, I decided to participate. Our new board is made up of four incumbent and three new directors. I personally wish to thank the community and directors for placing their trust in us and electing the new directors and slate of officers. I take my responsibility seriously and I personally pledge to do my best to diligently work with the community members, the board of directors and officers. I promise to take care of all our assets and preserve the unique country culture while considering all the members interests.

As community issues arise for Board consideration, more details will be available on SCPOA.NET, in the Mosquito Byte, SCPOA Newsletters, direct mail and other appropriate communication channels. In the meantime, I'd love to hear from you. So, as I move about the community, feel free to share your thoughts with me.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, March 17th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to participate!

Easter Egg Hunt

By Ralph and Sharon Hern

The **EASTER BUNNY IS COMING OUR WAY!!!** The Annual MVFA Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:45 a.m. on **Saturday, March 26th** at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. Parents and children ages 2 to 12 should **arrive by 10:30 a.m.** for locations and directions. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m.



The Easter Bunny and its helpers need the help of the community to provide small wrapped candy to fill the plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station now through Monday, March 21st.

SO HOP TO IT AND DON'T BE LATE! We look forward to seeing you the 26th!

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 on 2 or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at 621-3688.

Also, Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities include swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale for 2016 and beyond. The one year pass is \$50.00. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and the 5 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 621-3688.

2015 Mosquito Phone Book Updates

By **Sharon Hern**

If you are listed in the 2015 Mosquito Phone Book and have changes to your listing, please let me know so that the Phone Book can be updated or if you wish to be listed. You can call me at 626-5268 or email me at sahern1943@gmail.com. The 2017 Mosquito Phone Book will be available in December/January.

Listed below are additions and a change to the 2015 Phone Book (page 24 is provided for additional listings):

Additions:

KNIGGE, Matthew & Heather HOWARD.417-7535
6355 Log Cabin Lane or 209-256-0774

NEUKIRCHNER, Peter & Toni. 626-0411
6460 Deer Canyon Court

Changes:

RANDALL, Teri **277-3971**

EI Dorado County Community Programs

By **Linda Heyart & Sharon Hern**



Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)-The EI Dorado County Home Energy Assistance Program can help EI Dorado County families pay their utility bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Households may qualify for assistance with their electric bill or receive a \$400 credit towards their propane, wood, pellet or kerosene. Households can apply for HEAP once a year. If you are currently on the CARE Program, you are still eligible to apply for HEAP.

Answer these **five** questions to see if you should apply for HEAP.

I have received HEAP assistance in the last 12 months	Yes/No
I currently have a past due notice on my PG&E account	Yes/No
In winter, I use propane, wood, pellets or kerosene in my home	Yes/No
In winter, my heating bill goes up and it's difficult to pay my utility bills	Yes/No
I would like to save money on my home energy costs	Yes/No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, you may qualify for HEAP.

The application process is easy and takes less than 15 minutes. Pre-approval can be made over the phone.

Contact the Home Energy Assistance Program – 937 Spring Street, Placerville – 530-621-6150

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, and goodies. Our meeting this month is on **Friday, March 25th**. We have lots of projects to finish and a several new projects to start, so come join the fun!

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on March 25th.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo

In February, we had our largest group attending our monthly bird watch to date. This group meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Beginning **Saturday, March 12th**, we will change to a **9 a.m.** start time. We meet at the Mosquito General Market & Kitchen. Many thanks go to Dee and Mike Taylor for their leadership and commitment to this program. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. The community is invited to participate. For more information, call Dee Taylor at 626-1196.



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

Feb 13, 2016 9:53 AM

Traveling: 1.10 miles 105 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes Comments: Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.1.5 Build 44

1 Canada Goose	10 Bufflehead	2 Common Loon	1 Great Egret
5 Turkey Vulture	1 Cooper's Hawk	41 American Coot	1 Bald Eagle
5 Band-tailed Pigeon	13 Western Bluebird	5 Steller's Jay	3 Spotted Towhee
5 Western Scrub-Jay	1 California Towhee	3 Anna's Hummingbird	
1 American Robin	2 Common Raven	4 Acorn Woodpecker	

Number of Taxa: 18

Hello Mosquito/Swansboro Shoppers

By Eileen Guell

We are at the cusp of spring and it is a wonderful time to order up some sweatshirts for the evenings outdoors and t-shirts for the other activities we all enjoy! MVFA has a limited selection of both available on hand in adult sizes Small – 2XL. We have hooded w/zipper sweatshirts: \$35 each – colors: Ash Gray, Black and Forest Green. Short sleeve t-shirts: \$20 each – colors: Ash Gray, Black, Cardinal Red, Forest Green, Navy, Red and Sapphire.

Breaking news! OMG – Holidays are just around the corner, including St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Memorial Day and Fourth of July to mention a few. So gear up for those hot summer

days and breezy nights. Please call Mary Ann Haywood at 622-5477 with your orders. As always, MVFA thanks you for your support of our great community!

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 can't 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.

This is a very important fund raiser for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and the
MVFA THANKS YOU

CLASSIFIED ADS

Free

Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty!

You haul. Call Tim at (408)859-3182.

Horse/ compost manure for home or garden call Cindy at (530)621-1600.

For Sale

One (1) white, across truck tool box; two (2)white, side mount tool boxes; one (1)diamond plate, truck tool box. For prices and more information, call Fred tenNapel, (530)626-4281. (10)

2 acre parcel of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or power ready. Make offer. Call Donna Borchin at (209)624-3918 (9)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. Groups for

Men/Women/kids/young adults. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website www.mfom.net or call (530)295-0503.

FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES

Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips and resource materials, along with samples provided. Have fun interacting with other health-minded folks, learning healthful lifestyle principles and discovering tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530)642-9441 for dates and to reserve your space. Or email AdamsAmigos@gmail.com.

SERVICES

GREAT ESCAPES LANDSCAPING - Just relocated from Somerset. Now available on the mountain, providing exceptional service for all your outdoor needs. Pruning, Irrigation SM&LG, Clearing, Gen. maintenance & cleanup, Fruit tree spraying (Now is the most critical period to protect from infection) and many others! 530-409-7202.

LOCAL FLORIST - March offers some amazing holidays including: National Pig Day (1), I Want You to be Happy Day (3), Woman's Day (8), Panic Day (9), Arbor Day (12), Everything You Do Is Right Day (16), St. Patrick's Day & Submarine Day (17), Corn Dog Day (19), International Goof Off Day (23), National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day (24), Pecan Day (25), and Easter (27). Now come on, there must be a day hidden in this list that screams, "I want flowers delivered!" Call me, Elaine Galvan, Sierra Life Flowers, your local florist on the hill! (530) 295-0503

SOLAR CONTRACTOR - Don't keep putting it off- go solar today! You can reduce or eliminate your electricity bill. Great rebates are still available, and \$0 down plans are available through the El Dorado County PACE program. Call your **local** solar guy today for a free quote! Dejan "Dan" Obradovic, www.LaibachSolar.com (530)388-5536 CA State Lic. # 1001369

MISTY'S HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES: Deep cleaning, basic cleaning, move ins/outs, one time cleanings, and flexible schedule arrangements. I also do house sitting, vacation care, pet sitting, errands as needed. Call (916)496-5980

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SEARS & SONS LAND MANAGEMENT – FIREWOOD SALES- Wood Splitting - -Tractor Work - Tree & Brush Removal - Dump Runs and More...! Give us a call, free estimates. If we can't help you, we'll put you in touch with someone who can. **FRIENDLY HONEST SERVICE** – Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. at (530)363-4991.

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OPTOMETRY CLINIC – Dr. Dan Morrill in Placerville. Eye examinations, eyeglasses & contact lenses available at Precision Eye Care, 118 Main Street. Open Tues - Fri 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday by appointment. Call (530)622-8300. Most insurances accepted. New Patients Welcome!

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs – Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530)642-2333.

TUTOR – Fully credentialed tutor with 40 years of teaching experience. Homework, reading, English composition and math remediation or

enrichment. Call Joyce Radmanovich at (530)626-7062.

FRED tenNAPEL HANDYMAN SERVICES – Anything from A to Z that you can't do, I will. Home (530)626-4281, Cell (530)417-5986. Lic#044903.

PET CARE - Pet feeding while you're away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Dylan and Shelby's Pet Feeding Service at (530)295-9165.

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www.mosquitoadneighbors.com or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com.

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It's no joke! The March
BINGO DATE is being moved
to
FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

MOSQUITO GENERAL MARKET AND KITCHEN

Open Wednesday – Saturday
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Monday and Tuesday

(530)295-4980 or
mosquitogeneral@live.com

Watch for Specials on our Community Facebook page!



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MVFA Board 7:15 p.m. Mosquito General	4	5 MFPD Support Group 10 a.m. Fire Station
6	7	8	9	10 MFPD Board 7 p.m. Fire Station	11	12 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 a.m. meet at Mosquito General Chuck Wagon Dinner 6 p.m. Fire Station
13	14	15	16	17 SCPOA Board 7 p.m. Fire Station  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CRAFTERS 10 a.m. Bingo changed to 4/1	26 EASTER EGG HUNT Arrive 10:30 a.m. Finnon Lake
27 	28	29	30	31	1 APRIL BINGO! 5 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Bingo Mosquito General	

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