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MFPD

by Station 75 PIO

The Mosquito Fire Protection District has three cadets attending the Divide Academy hosted by Garden Valley and Georgetown Fire. Our district participated in a live fire training in the burn building at Georgetown Station 62 on Saturday March 16th. The cadets have been training on pulling charged hose lines, throwing ladders, forcible entry, ventilation and rescue operations.



The academy ends in mid-May, after completion of wildland fire training, and we look forward to pinning three new district firefighters this spring.

Also, with spring gearing up in full swing and the weather progressively getting warmer, it's a reminder for us to take advantage of this time to make our spaces defensible. Please remember to use proper personal protective equipment when working in the yard.

For all emergencies please remember to dial 9-1-1 to reach emergency service dispatch. Calling the station will cause a delay in dispatch – DIAL 9-1-1 for all emergencies.

Follow Mosquito Fire Protection District on Facebook and Instagram to get notifications and see what's happening around the district. Log-In and check us out!

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**The next MFPD Board meeting is
Thursday, April 11th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.**

MVFA

by Friends of MVFA

The annual **MVFA Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at Finnon Lake, 11:00 AM on **Saturday April 20th**. In case of rain, the hunt will take place at the Mosquito Fire Station. Look for details in this edition of the Byte.

Place **May 4th** on your calendar. It's the date of the **MVFA Cinco de Mayo** dinner event. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the Byte. For a complete list of all MVFA events for 2019, go to: www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click on the "EVENTS" page.

We are entering the second year of the return of Frank, Heidi and Chana. Frank and his family have developed the Diner into a community hub where folks can meet, eat and be surrounded by friends and neighbors. The patio and pavilion dining and meeting areas continue to be improved, with new lights and new outdoor chairs donated by the Swansboro Pilot's Association.

It's been a tough winter in Mosquito, and many of us are anxious to get out of the house. Frank's Diner has a new summer menu, and they also want to increase the number of community events at his lakeside diner. Watch the Byte and social media sites for upcoming events at Frank's this year.

If a wedding or group party event is in your future, please consider Finnon Lake. Frank's Diner offers catering services for your special event, onsite or offsite. Frank also offers the diner for private parties and dinner events after regular hours of operation. Call Frank at **(530) 409-1977** or visit www.franksmosquitodiner.com for more information.

Operating a diner in a remote location like Finnon Lake presents a unique challenge. Our community is grateful to Frank and his family for accepting this challenge.

The **Annual Day Use Pass** for Mosquito residents is now available for sale for \$50. A two-year Resident Pass is \$75. To obtain a pass, call Dave Angelo at **530-621-3688**. Camping is \$25 per night per site. Exclusive use of the entire 19-site campground is also available for groups. For campground reservations, go to our website at www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click the "Camping" button. Call **(530) 409-5515** for more information.

Because of its history, MVFA has always had strong ties to the Mosquito Fire Department. Former Chiefs and firefighters have been members of the MVFA Board of Directors. MVFA by-laws have ALWAYS specified giving Fire Fighters and Support Group personnel priority in the nomination process for membership on the MVFA Board of Directors. MVFA is fortunate to have two active members of the MFPD Fire Department on the board - Chris Dillender and Andrew Gregory. Most MVFA board members also serve as volunteers on MFPD Support Group. They are Gary and Karryn Morris, Kim Purcell, Eileen Reisner, Tom Harris and Linda Heyart's husband, Nick. The MVFA board looks forward to working with MFPD on issues such as In-kind contributions for fuels reduction grants and working with the Mosquito Firefighters Association (MFA) on fundraising efforts.

If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA or seek a position on the board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees for events at Finnon or at any MVFA annual event.

MVFA maintains the Station 75 Fund, to which anyone can donate at any time, and the money is used to buy tools, equipment, station improvements and other non-budgeted items at the Chief's request. Recently, MVFA Station 75 funds helped pay for a new storage shed at the fire department.

All the proceeds from the CRV recycle efforts at the fire station as well as a portion of the proceeds from MVFA fundraiser events taking place at the fire station automatically go to the MVFA Station 75 fund.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. If you would like to donate, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville

CA 95667. Or visit www.GoMVFA.org and major credit cards accepted. 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 upon request.

If you have any questions about MVFA please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner. All board members can be reached by email at: mvfa95667@gmail.com. For Fish and Wildlife questions, contact committee chairman Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688. For information about the Disc Golf Course, contact Disc Golf Committee chairman Chris Dillender.

Thank you for your support.



Finnon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires January 1, 2020. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and expires January 1, 2021. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.

Notice: The views expressed in public, in the Byte or on social media by individual board members or other contributors may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.

You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

Annual MVFA Easter Egg Hunt

by MVFA

The **EASTER BUNNY IS COMING OUR WAY!!!!** The Annual MVFA Easter Egg Hunt will be held at **11:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, April 20th** at Fannon Lake Campground. **No day use fee's are required for this event.** Parents/Adults with children ages 2 to 12 should **arrive by 10:45 a.m.** for locations and directions. Teenage brothers and sisters are welcome to help our volunteers where they might be needed. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. In case of rain that day, the hunt will take place at the fire station.

The Easter Bunny and its helpers need the help of the community to provide small wrapped candy to fill plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off at the fire station now through **Wednesday, April 17th.**

SO, HOP TO IT AND DON'T BE LATE! We look forward to seeing you April 20th!

SCPOA Report

by Friends of SCPOA

The new treasurer, David Blain, has been reviewing accounts and noted over \$300,000 in a basic checking account, and he will be researching alternatives to earn interest on these funds. He noted that last year the budget was over by \$71,000 with three areas as main

causes, legal, bad debt and contingency fund. He questioned whether amounts budgeted for this year were adequate and was advised they should be fine. Some of the legal fees should be paid back and there shouldn't be any large bad debt write offs. The playground was the reason the contingency fund overspending. He also wants to have comparisons of several year's budgets to see trends, develop guidelines for future treasurers and standards for authorization of the management company when writing checks for non-routine expenditures.

The bylaw committee has completed an updated set with corrections for the board to review.

The El Dorado Conservation District has been chosen to manage the fire safe grant that was recently received. Mark Egbert, who was very involved in the Finnon Dam Project, will be the manager assigned. Forms are being developed to allow homeowners to account for their time working on their own property. This time will be able to be counted as "in kind" work required for the grant. Jerry will be the SCPOA representative to the fire safe council for the grant project. The fire safe council has also funded the chipping program again this year which allows homeowners to have their brush chipped at no charge. Information and the form to fill out can be found on the El Dorado Fire Safe Council's website. <http://www.edcfiresafe.org/>

An update was given on the Department of Transportation (DOT) report and requirements for the airport. Tom Best has been in communication with DOT and will be working with them as well as homeowners to bring needed items into compliance. SCPOA will need to repaint some markings on the runway to comply.

The common area committee will meet to discuss lake treatment, as well as determine how low the water level in Dyer Lake should be before adding water. The plan is to use the well to keep water levels up and a larger pump could be purchased if the current one cannot keep up.

The board voted to change the time, day and location of future board meetings. The will now be held the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 AM in the maintenance shed.

A brief discussion was held about purchasing a snow plow for just under \$4000, no decision was made.

A discussion was held as to whether SCPOA should make the annual donation to the fire station of \$2400. Since the item was budgeted, it will be made.

**Next SCPOA meeting will be the third Saturday, April 20th,
at the maintenance shed at 10:00 AM**

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

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 have many projects lined up for this year so be sure to come this **Friday, April 26th** to join us in our "Craft" work projects. We are planning on two Craft Sales this year with lots of new items!

Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of each month from **10am to 12pm** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **April 26th**.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Request from Franks Diner for Bird Watchers -- We have been asked by Heidi to please park out behind the diner. This way, it won't seem like the diner is already too full because the parking lot was full.



Our next Bird Watch will be on the third Saturday of the month, which will be **Saturday, April 20th** at 9:00am. We will meet out at the "day use" parking area on the north shore of the dam.

The February Bird Watch was re-scheduled for February 25th.
Below are the results:

6 Canada Goose	4 Mallard/Mexican Duck	4 Bufflehead
9 Common Merganser	4 Pied-billed Grebe	20 Band-tailed Pigeon
1 Anna's Hummingbird	2 Common Loon	6 Double-crested Cormorant
1 Great Blue Heron	10 Red-winged Blackbird	1 Yellow-rumped Warbler
1 Great Egret	2 Bald Eagle	1 Belted Kingfisher
8 Acorn Woodpecker	4 Northern Flicker	2 Black Phoebe
8 Steller's Jay	4 California Scrub-Jay	2 Common Raven
2 Oak Titmouse	1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	16 Western Bluebird
2 American Robin	3 Dark-eyed Junco	2 California Towhee
4 Spotted Towhee	30 American Coot (Red-shielded)	

Number of Taxa: 29

For the March 16th gathering, we had quite a large group of watchers with us!
The eagles were spectacular as usual.

20 Canada Goose	10 Bufflehead	2 Hooded Merganser
4 Ruddy Duck	2 Eared Grebe	30 Band-tailed Pigeon
1 Rufous Hummingbird	14 Red-winged Blackbird	6 Brewer's Blackbird
1 Great Blue Heron	1 Turkey Vulture	2 Bald Eagle
4 Acorn Woodpecker	2 Black Phoebe	1 Steller's Jay
2 California Scrub-Jay	1 Violet-green Swallow	1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
30 Western Bluebird	100 American Robin	1 Dark-eyed Junco
40 American Coot (Red-shielded)		

Number of Taxa: 22



The 2019 Mosquito Phone Book

by Adam Reisner



The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, a Timeline History of Mosquito, Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, and Residential & Business Listings. The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road (530)626-9017 or Franks Diner for \$5 per copy. The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years. For changes to the Phone Book, email us at mosquitophbook@gmail.com or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.

Franks Diner

By Frank Etheridge

April is here! Time to plant the flowers to bloom in May. Thank you for all your patience with all the down time we had last month. We are up and running and feeling blessed to have this community support us. We are launching a new menu this month with some old favorites and some new smaller portions for our light eaters, so come on down and check it out.



Wednesday Night Family Dinners - Always \$10
From 5 pm - 8 pm

3rd Pulled Pork and Potato Salad
10th Gumbo and Salad
17th Tostadas (Beef or Chicken)
24th Asian Sticky Ribs
May 1st Beef Stew

Dates to remember:

Manland Breakfast – Saturday, April 13th
Closed on Easter Sunday – April 21st
Close for a Private Party on April 27th @ 2:00 pm

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

How about a nice salad to go with your Easter dinner? Originally served at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC, this salad will go well with ham and all the trimmings.

Waldorf Salad - Serves 8

Ingredients

1 Granny Smith apple, cubed
1 Golden Delicious apple, cubed
1 Gala apple, cubed
1 Bosc pear, cubed

Frank's Diner Hours:

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com



3 ribs celery, chopped
3/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries

1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon granulated cane sugar
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice (optional)

Directions

Combine apples, pear, celery, cranberries, walnuts, and pecans in a large bowl.
Whisk sour cream, mayonnaise, sugar and lemon juice together in a separate bowl for the dressing.
Pour dressing into apple mixture; toss until evenly coated. Chill in refrigerator for at least 15 minutes before serving.



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. (Sorry, wine bottles do not have CRV, so we cannot use them)

NOTE: 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.



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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3 Frank's Family Night <i>Pulled Pork & Potato Salad</i>	4 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	5	6 Support Group 10 am Fire Station
7	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night <i>Gumbo & Salad</i>	11 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	12	13 Manland 7 am Frank's Diner
14 	15	16	17 Frank's Family Night <i>Tostadas – Beef or Chicken</i> Last Day to Donate Easter Egg Hunt Candy Fire Station	18	19	20 Bird Watch Finnon Lake 9 am Finnon SCPOA Board Meeting 10 am Fire Station Easter Egg Hunt 11am Finnon Lake 
21 Frank's Diner closed 	22	23	24 Frank's Family Night <i>Asian Sticky Ribs</i>	25	26 Crafters 10 am Darlene Rood's	27 Frank's Diner closes at 2pm
28	29	30	1 MAY Frank's Family Night <i>Beef Stew</i>	2 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	3	4 Support Group 10 am Fire Station Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6pm Fire Station

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