

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)

by Chief Schwegler

Dear Mosquito Community,

What a last few weeks, Covid 19 and then Heavy snow, we received many phone calls at the Fire house, Shar and Teresa did a great job keeping up. If you think's it's enough of an emergency to call us at the fire house then call 911, if we don't answer.



The biggest takeaway due to questions that you asked where as follows: get a portable solar charger for your cell phone, your kids or grandkids can pick out the right one, that way when the phone lines are down you can keep in contact with your family or friends. Keep enough supplies to last 1 week minimum, flashlights spare batteries etc.

With regards to Covid, sing happy birthday twice that's how long you need to wash your hands. If you do have the flu keep hydrated call your doctor.

By the way let me introduce myself, my name is Mark Schwegler I am the interim Fire Chief, currently the board is in the process to hire a new Fire Chief. I want to thank the board for allowing me this opportunity. My wife Shelly and I live in Georgetown we have 8 fantastic kids (adults) you know what I mean and 8 Grandkids. We like Disneyland, Hawaii and cruises, and being with family.

I retired from Sacramento Metro 9 years ago with a total of 30 years in the fire service. My family and I were Volunteers at Georgetown fire since 2013, but that has ended due to the increased family commitments, we enjoyed our time there.

Let me introduce some new staff: our new PIO (Public information Officer) is Lauren Ono, she currently works full time for Folsom Fire as there PIO, but has gracefully come on board to assist our community with her skill set. We have a new Assistant Chief Dion Nugent who also is our recruitment and retention officer. Captain Mike Walters, he retired from the City of Sacramento last year and brings us his skill set in Engine company operations and leadership.

Assistant Chief Todd Hern and Captain Chris Dillender continue to serve their community and now their sons are coming on board and you should be very proud of them. Captain Ryan Purves is currently attending Paramedic school and remains active in the fire District.

In conclusion, after we all get back to normal come by the Fire house the coffee pot is always on and if we are not too busy we will chat this is your community fire house the doors will always be open unless there is a pandemic, remember Easter is coming and it is a time of fresh starts, new beginnings and hope, and hope does not disappoint!

In service to the community,  
Mark Schwegler interim Fire Chief.

**The next MFPD Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 9th, 10am via teleconferencing meeting.**

**On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be a MFPD budget workshop.  
Contact MFPD at 530-626-9017 or mfpd.us for further information.**

## **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)**

by MVFA Board of Directors

The MVFA Board, along with our Fire Department, made the decision to cancel the Cowboy Chuckwagon Dinner due to the Corona virus. We were disappointed, but the health of the community is most important. Unfortunately the same circumstances will affect the Easter egg hunt, which has also been cancelled.

MVFA will be keeping the campground, fishing, walking and disc golf open at this point. Our open space allows visitors to enjoy the park while keeping appropriate distances from each other and exercise is important during this difficult time. Come out and see our Bald Eagle couple, they are enjoying the fish as no one told them about the catch and release policy.

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax exempt entity and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers as well as rents and fees at Finnon Lake - which it owns. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees, and operates with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have several funds including the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides money to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. There are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. A Huge thank's to the many community members who have donated very generously to MVFA - in time and money - over the past years.

MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

As the weather improves and the virus comes to an end MVFA will get back into the swing of our Community events, in the meantime the Board wishes the community good health!

### **You Can Support MVFA from Home**

Due to the current situation many are turning to Amazon to do more shopping from home. Did you know you can support MVFA at the same time? By using this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives."

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your 'AmazonSmile' purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association)

which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. A message appears after each purchase is made successfully...

**"I just supported Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association at AmazonSmile."**

Answers to top Questions about AmazonSmile...

1) How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

2) Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile... On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>), you need to select Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (Not MVFA) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers. You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the SmileAmazon link directly to sign up. Thank you so much – as always – for supporting our wonderful Community! Everyone stay safe and healthy.

<p><b>You are welcome to attend the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 Location TBD</b></p>
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**Fire Grant Project Update**

By Taffy Warner

View from the Top

If you have not had the opportunity to take Rock Creek Rd. into town lately, it is worth the drive. The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council acquired grant funding to implement vegetation management activities on private lands in the area. Last Fall there were several community presentations at the Fire Station by Mark Egbert whose agency, Resource Conservation District (RCD) is tasked with the administration of the grant. This included plan development, identification (mapping) and demarcation of the areas to be cleared, bidding and operator selection, and project oversight.

The project proposes to treat private lands in strategic areas identified in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. In this instance, following Rock Creek Road from the Rock Creek Bridge up through outlying areas by Finnon Lake. The term "treat" translates to 'remove brush and trees up to 12 inches in diameter through grinding or chipping with a masticating machine'.

The project is well underway and has revealed some amazing views from the road. This is truly a case of your tax dollars coming back to work for you!! Community fire safety is of utmost importance to all of the residents on the hill.

A second grant has been submitted to provide brush reduction and clearance on Mosquito Rd. from the vicinity of LaPaz down toward bridge. A response on whether Mosquito was awarded the grant and, if so, the amount of the grant, will not be known until later this Spring. This is both a shout out to all those individuals who are working behind the scenes to make things happen on the hill, and an invitation to all of you to take a drive on Rock Creek Rd. to truly appreciate the magnitude of the project and the amazing results.

**Crafters**

by Linda Heyart

Due to circumstances out of our control, the March Crafter's meeting was cancelled. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 24. Hopefully we will all be able to get together for a very productive craft session. July 4th will be right around the corner. We will have our craft table set up at Frank's Diner for our first sale of the year at Frank's 4th of July BBQ. For any of you are new out there who like to do crafts come join us at Darleen Roods on Friday, April 24, from 10 AM to 12 PM at 2211 Swansboro Road.

**MVFA SWAG**

By Maryann Haywood

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a verity of sizes and colors, Tote Bags and Local Phone books are also for sale at Frank's Diner during normal business hours or at MVFA sponsored events. Custom orders can be taken and delivered on the next re-order schedule. For custom orders, contact Mary Ann Haywood at: 530-622-5477



<b>T-Shirts S-XL</b>	\$20.00	<b>Hooded Pullovers S-XL</b>	\$35.00
<b>T-Shirts – XXL</b>	\$22.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper S-XL</b>	\$40.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL</b>	\$30.00	<b>Hooded with Zipper XXL</b>	\$42.00
<b>Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL</b>	\$32.00		
<b>MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are:</b> 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00			

**Birding at Finnon Lake**

by Dave Angelo

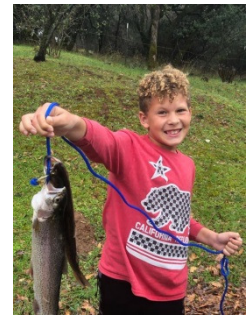
The March Bird Watch was cancelled on March 14th because of the weather. This month's bird watch is scheduled for the 11th of April. If you wish to join us, please park and meet in the Finnon Day Use Area at 9:00 am.



## **Finnon's Catch and Keep Event**

By Dave Angelo

The "Catch and Keep" Trout event was held on Saturday, March 14th was a success considering the weather we had. We had 25 brave souls in attendance and most everyone caught the freshly stocked trout. The MVFA board is looking to repeat this event later in the year so stay tuned for further information.



## **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](mailto: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 Ethridge

Well, March came in like a lion and left like a T-Rex. On to greener pastures and April showers. "April is the perfect month to sit in the balcony and enjoy its wind, most important of it that seeing wind hitting the leaves of the trees, I love that part of April.



Due to the Coronavirus situation the dining room is closed until further notice but we are open for takeout orders during normal operating hours. Feel free to call ahead for menu updates and to go orders. Though we make plans here at Frank's Diner, menu items may be subject to change depending on what is available.

### **Frank's Diner Hours:**

Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm

(530) 409-1977

[www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

Stay Safe.... 530-409-1977

### Wednesday Night Specials

1<sup>st</sup> Tostadas-Chicken and Beef  
8<sup>th</sup> 1/2 Wrap and Soup  
15<sup>th</sup> Hungarian Goulash  
22<sup>nd</sup> Chili and Cornbread  
28<sup>th</sup> Baked Chicken

**Veggie options are available  
Always \$10.00**

### April Dates to Remember

11<sup>th</sup> Manland-Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7 am  
12<sup>th</sup> CLOSED-Easter Sunday

### Recipe of the Month - Potato Cheddar Frittata

by Frank Ethridge

A great dish for Easter or any other day.



#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb potato\*
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt
- A dusting of paprika optional (about 1/4 tsp)
- 2 scallions sliced
- 4 oz freshly grated cheddar cheese
- 8 large eggs
- 2 tbsp heavy cream

#### Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
- Using a mandolin, slice the red potatoes thinly (no need to peel the potatoes, unless you want to).
- Add the olive oil to an ovenproof 12-inch nonstick skillet that has a lid available, then layer the sliced potatoes in a single even layer.
- Season the potatoes with a pinch of salt (about 1/4 tsp), and a light dusting of paprika, if using.
- Place the pan over medium heat, and cover with a lid. Cook for about 8 minutes\*\* until the potatoes are fork-tender.
- In the meantime, whisk the scallions, cheddar, eggs, cream, and 1/4 tsp salt in a large bowl, until combined and a little frothy on top.
- Once the potatoes are cooked, pour over the egg mixture.
- Place the skillet into the oven and bake for 15-18 minutes until the frittata is cooked through.
- You'll know it's done when there's no visible liquidy egg on top when the pan is jiggled.
- Cut into slices and enjoy!

#### **Notes**

\*I have used both russet potatoes and waxy potatoes like red potatoes or Yukon, and they both work. Russet potatoes will be a bit fluffier in texture.

\*\*Cooking time really depends on the thickness of the potato slices. Go by doneness, not by time.



## Fannon Recreation Area Daily Passes

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one-year pass is \$50.00 and expires January 1, 2021. The two-year pass is \$75.00 and expires January 1, 2022. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchase of these passes.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

### FOR SALE

**Tires-** Studded snow/ winter size 225/50R-17, Federal Himalaya WS2 Mud/Snow \$325 916-765-3652

#### **Cleaning out the Barn:**

25 gallon Sprayer on trailer never used (Sears) - \$100, Passlode nail gun with 5 boxes of nails \$100, Joe Boxer Wall Gas Heater - vertical mount \$50, Contact Taffy (530) 626-8689

### WANTED

#### **LOCAL ORGANIC FARM**

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at **THREE GOATS FARM**. (530) 497-4279 or [farm3goats@gmail.com](mailto:farm3goats@gmail.com)

### MEETINGS

#### **MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP**

Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website [www..net](http://www..net) or call (530)295-0503. (0620)

### SERVICES

#### **HARP TEACHER**

Have you always wanted to play the harp? There is now a Harp Teacher in Swansboro. Over 20 years' experience teaching children and adults. I have a few

harps available for rent. For more Information, please call 530-344-1531 and ask for Paula or e-mail: [harppaula@gmail.com](mailto:harppaula@gmail.com).

#### **FACE PAINTING**

I'm available to do face painting for parties or events. \$40 an hour. Call: Dee at 642-2333

#### **SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING**

Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase. [www.SierraShield.com](http://www.SierraShield.com) or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0620)

#### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0620)

#### **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. (0720)



#### **HANGTOWN RANGE**

1540 Broadway, Placerville  
Tuesday – Saturday 9 to 8  
and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10

Indoor Shooting and 8 Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on One training, Basic Pistol Classes, Women's Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for more information. (0620)

## **FREE VEGAN VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES**

Food preparation demonstrations, recipe handouts, video clips, resource materials, generous samples provided. Interact with health-minded folks, learn healthful lifestyle principles and discover tasty new recipes. We meet once a month at the Camino SDA Church, 3520 Carson Rd. on Mondays at 11 a.m. Call Fred Adams at (530) 642-9441 or [AdamsAmigos@gmail.com](mailto:AdamsAmigos@gmail.com) for dates and to reserve your space. (0000)

## **UNIQUE JEWELRY**

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0720)

## **FLORIST ON THE HILL**

Your source for fresh, local, organic and international flowers. All occasions deserve flowers. Call me 530.295.0503 Elaine Galvan for a specially made arrangement or buy individual blooms to brighten your day. Always delivered FREE on the hill! (0619)

## **CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES**

Your office and project support team specializing in office management, business/personal contact management, event coordination, online services, and much more. Visit our website at [www.creativeadminsolutions.com](http://www.creativeadminsolutions.com) or call (530) 295-1779. (0819)



## **MOSQUITO CREEK OUTFITTERS**

3000 Mosquito Road, Placerville, Tuesday – Friday 9 to 6, Saturday 9 to 5, El Dorado County's premier source for the best hunting, fishing, archery and outdoor products. Mosquito Creek Outfitters is always stocked with the best gear to accompany you wherever you may roam. 530-621-4500 (0620)

**HANDCRAFTED GLASS ITEMS** Birdbaths, flowerpots, plates, bowls, etc. Also, handmade wooden jewelry boxes.

Affordable and unique. Studio open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688. (0321)

## **REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

Live the American Dream: the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! You can reach me at [www.mosquitoadneighbors.com](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com) or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, [snlongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:snlongjohns@yahoo.com). (0000)

## **NOTARY SERVICE**

I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503 (0620)

**Due to the current Coronavirus, the April Calendar of events and meetings listed below may change at any time. Contact the organization's for the current status.**



# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Tostadas- Chicken and Beef	2 <b>MVFA Board Meeting 7pm</b> Location TBD	3	4 <b>Support Group</b> 10 am @ TBD
5 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	6	7	8 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> 1/2 Wrap and Soup	9	10	11 <b>Bird Watch Finnon Lake</b> 9:00 AM in the Day Use Area <b>Manland- Men's Fellowship</b> Breakfast 7 am @Frank's Diner
12 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	13	14	15 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Hungarian Goulash	16 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 10 am via Tele- conference	17	18 <b>SCPOA Board Meeting 10am</b> Location TBD
19 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	20	21	22 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Chili and Cornbread	23	24	25 <b>MFPD Budget Workshop</b> Location TBD
26 <b>MFOM</b> 10am Connect 11am Celebration Worship	27	28	29 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Baked Chicken	30		

## Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)  
 Finnon Lake Recreation Area  
 Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)  
 Swansboro Country Property Owners Association  
 Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito

<http://www.gomvfa.org>  
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<https://mfpd.us/>  
<https://scpoa.info>  
<http://mfom.net>

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Editors have the right to edit, limit, or refuse any article submitted for publication. Authors are responsible for article accuracy and their opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the MVFA Board of Directors or the editors.

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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. 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 at 7:00 pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing their name and address to [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com), or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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