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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: June 21-July 21

Fires- 2 (small vegetation out on arrival) (Water Tender to Shingle Springs- Structure Fire)

Fire Alarm- 1

Smoke Check- 2

Medical Aid- 8

Vehicle Accident- 1

Power Line Down- 1

The District continues to focus on a dangerous fire season ahead with increased staffing, training, community interaction and patrols. We are fortunate to have an alert and prepared Community. Incidents, so far, have been minor.

We look forward to the Mosquito Bridge reopening on August 12th. The contractor for the new bridge has been working doing tree removal and prep work for construction. Updated information regarding the new bridge and other important safety issues (evacuation preparedness) can be found at our website www.mfpd.us. We are also advocating all community residents to sign up for a membership for medical helicopter transport by Reach and Cal Star. The link is also on our website: <https://calstar.org/membership/>.

In addition to training and preparedness, our fire crews have been assisting with fuel reduction projects on Log Cabin Lane and at Finnon Lake. We are able to assist obtaining defensible space around a home for those who cannot achieve it on their own and lack the resources to get it done. Contact Captain Lugo for more information.

We were finally able to enroll in the CERT Train the Trainer course, hosted by FEMA in a virtual format. Chief Hern and I will complete the course in December and provide dates for the CERT basic training course, which will begin in early 2023. Residents waiting for the class can participate and train with the Support Group, which includes attendance in the July CPR class. Our current grant from the California Foundation has been extended to accommodate the delays in getting the required FEMA training course.

Grant Update:

FEMA SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant: Active and in use to support staffing, recruitment, training and equipment for new volunteers. Also is funding the new digital sign for Station 75, which will be installed in August. We are making preparations to remove the existing sign soon and have everything ready for the contractors arrival. This grant expires at the end of 2023.

50/50 Grant: This year is closed and we completed purchase of \$20,000 of necessary wildland gear and equipment. We have submitted for \$10,000 reimbursement. Next year's grant application has already been approved.

AFG Grant- For breathing air compressor- Still awaiting decision (any time now).

AFG Grant- For mobile, portable and pager radios- Regional with Georgetown FD- Still awaiting decision.

AFG Grant- For breathing apparatus- Regional with Georgetown and Pioneer FDs- Breathing apparatus in service.

FEMA SAFER Grant for 24/7 Station staffing- Still awaiting decision (this fall)

Our Fire District staff is fully committed to our Community. We stand ready to assist our residents with any needs they may have, to prepare, support and provide the most up to date information. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. This fire season will be every bit as serious and dangerous as last year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday August 4 - MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Saturday August 6 - Support Group monthly training- 10am- Station 75

Thursday August 25 - Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

The next MFPD board meeting will be on August 25th at 7:00 pm at the Fire House

MVFA Update

MVFA Board of Directors

DUE TO HIGH FIRE DANGER NO CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED AT FINNON LAKE AND CAMPGROUND.

The summer months keep us pretty busy at the campground and June was no exception. The campers continue to leave us great reviews which is nice to hear how much everyone enjoys it. The day use area remains heavily used as well. We appreciate all the community members that come and use the day use and lake area. We purchased a new storage container that is located in the overflow parking across the dam. This was a great

addition for MVFA as it allows us to have the extra storage space to consolidate the maintenance equipment and supplies.

MVFA's Annual Harvest Festival will be held on October 15th at Finnon Lake Campground. We will be serving a free lunch along with other activities. We wanted to start early and find vendors that would like to sell their goods. For vendors selling food you will need to obtain an El Dorado County health permit prior to the Harvest Festival. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact MVFA via email at mvfa95667@gmail.com. There is no charge for vendors.



MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

October 15, 2022 Harvest Festival
October 29, 2022 Trunk or Treat

December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner

MVFA Recycle and Donations

Thank you to all of the Mosquito/Swansboro community donators of recyclable containers and the volunteers who help sort and redeem the materials. In the past year the MVFA recycle program has generated \$2,394.55 which is allocated to the Station 75 account for exclusive use by the MFPD fire department at the Fire Chief's request. The funds this year have been used to purchase a new kitchen stove for \$870 and overhead lighting for the fire station at a cost of \$1,368.



In addition, the MVFA has donated in the same timeframe \$9,730 for fire hose, \$150 for firefighter rehab and \$480 for evacuation traffic control equipment to the MFPD from the organization's general fund. Tax deductible donations can be made to the MVFA and earmarked to be specifically used for the purchase of materials and equipment for our fire department by designating as such, when the donation is made.

Keep your recyclable plastic and aluminum containers coming; it is making a difference for our firefighters and the station!

**The next MVFA board meeting will be on August 4th
at 3:00pm at the Fire House.**

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for June. The next bird watch is scheduled for August 6th. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



5 Canada Goose	2 Bald Eagle	1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
1 Mallard	31 Acorn Woodpecker	20 Western Bluebird
2 Pied-billed Grebe	2 Steller's Jay	8 Lesser Goldfinch
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	2 California Scrub-Jay	2 California Towhee
20 American Coot	1 Oak Titmouse	2 Spotted Towhee
1 Great Blue Heron (Great Blue)	2 Barn Swallow	
	2 Wrenit	

Number of Taxa: 18

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafter have been busy working on crafts for the November sale in Placerville. We are meeting at the pavilion outside of Frank's the last Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. We welcome new crafters to our meeting or if you don't have time to meet we accept donations for the sale. All proceeds go to the Station 75 Fund used solely for the Mosquito Fire Department. Our next meeting will be on August 26. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 or email me at eileenreisner@yahoo.com.

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

By Swansboro Pilot Association

Local pilots will be displaying their aircraft from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday, August 12th Saturday August 13th and Sunday August 14th. Come down to the airport and have a look.

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning." – Natalie Babbitt

Thank You for celebrating the Fourth of July with us. A big thank you to all who came and to Dave and the Detonators for Rocking our 4th..



Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

- 3rd -Chicken Chana
- 10th -Curry
- 17th -Stuffed Bell Peppers
- 24th -Chef Salad
- 31st -Roasted Pork Loin

Let's go out to the garden and make a classic dish with our ingredients. You can always trade produce with your neighbors if you are missing anything, or go to the farmer's market to pick up more produce.

Frank's Summer Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 8 pm
Friday 12 pm - 8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 8 pm
Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Recipe of the Month - Easy French Ratatouille Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided, plus more for serving
- 1 1/2 pounds eggplant (1 large), large dice
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds zucchini or summer squash (3 to 4 medium squash), large dice
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 pound tomatoes (3 to 4 medium), large dice
- 1 large bell pepper, large dice
- 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced, plus more for serving

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the eggplant, season generously with salt and pepper, and cook, occasionally stirring, until browned in spots, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl.
2. Add 2 tablespoons of the oil to the pot. Add the zucchini, season generously with salt and pepper, and cook, occasionally stirring, until browned in spots, about 2 minutes. Transfer to the bowl with the eggplant.
3. Reduce the heat to medium. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil and the onion, season with salt and pepper, and cook, occasionally stirring, until softened and just beginning to brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the garlic, thyme, and bay leaf and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes and bell peppers. Add the reserved eggplant and zucchini and gently stir to combine.
4. Bring to a simmer, then turn down the heat to medium-low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for at least 20 minutes or up to 1 1/2 hours. A shorter cooking time will leave the vegetables in

larger, more distinct pieces; longer cooking times will break the vegetables down into a silky stew.

5. Remove the bay leaf and thyme sprigs. Just before serving, stir in the basil. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Serve, sprinkling each serving with more basil and drizzling with more olive oil.
Enjoy the bounty of your harvest.

MVFA SWAG

by Paula Paynter

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a variety 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 Paula Paynter at: 530-621-3286



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00		
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00		
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00
Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00		
Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00		
Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

Amazon Smile

If you have been ordering through Amazon, we would encourage you to use Amazon Smile. In doing so you can choose a charity and they will donate a small portion to your chosen charity. If you don't have a specific charity, you have already chosen, we would appreciate your considering Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association.

MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM



Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.



NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic water bottles **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. Lids/caps can be included for redemption. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

MVFA THANKS YOU!

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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 (0000)

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN for installation of generator fuse panel with house fuse panel. Please call with est. 530-295-1531

FOR SALE

Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

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 am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

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Specializing in repaints contact Steven

Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or
americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

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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. (1222)

WELDING & FABRICATION

Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

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Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase. www.SierraShield.com or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0622)

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. (0722)

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! (0622)

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. (0622)

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. (0322)

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 (0622)

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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 or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, 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 (0622)

Local 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 (MFOM)
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<http://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	3 Frank's Family Night Chicken Chana	4 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	5	6 Support Group Training 10am Station 75
7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	8	9 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	10 Frank's Family Night Curry	11	12 Aircraft Display Day 10 – 2pm	13 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am Aircraft Display Day 10 – 2pm
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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 meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. 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 your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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