

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: May 24-June 20

Fires- 0 (Great job!!)

Smoke Check- 1

Medical Aid- 4

Public Assist- 6

The Fire District hosted the Community Evacuation Drill on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. The planning was extensive, as was the debrief sessions (2) and discussion about what must be considered in an actual event. The main purpose of the drill was to test our Support Group's capability to deploy in multiple areas based on a list of priorities. The main priority, according to our evacuation procedures, is to stop vehicles from accessing Rock Creek Road west of Gravel Road. Rock Creek Road is the primary access for responding fire engines. The next priority is establishing a road checkpoint on Mosquito Road at the Cutoff Road to monitor or stop traffic from accessing the bridge. During the drill, the simulated conditions included the Mosquito Bridge being closed due to maintenance. The third objective was the control and management of the Airport, for evacuees. Organized procedures at the Airport are critical to keep residents safe, in the event the Airport is impacted by fire. We gained a great deal of knowledge regarding vehicle parking, check-in process and the movement of people. It is important to have a well-defined, organized procedure to turn the evacuation over to Sheriff's deputies. Finally, we tested procedures to stage large animals and park RVs awaiting escort out of the area.

We were fortunate to have interested residents participate in the drill by coming to the airport, parking, and going through a check-in process. The weather was hot, and we had a concern about the safety of the residents and Support Group personnel, so time spent outside was limited. We did have the opportunity to speak with the residents about safety issues and what we were trying to achieve. Overall, the drill was extremely valuable, and our staff is prepared for this fire season. We will have a community drill annually but will move future dates to a Saturday in May, in the hope for cooler temperatures and more residents able to attend, as compared to busy June weekends of graduations and other family events.

We will soon begin the process of planning and creating procedures for a "King Fire" scenario, which starts as a volunteer evacuation and progresses into a mandatory evacuation with threat to the Community. This is a much different scenario from an immediate fire crisis we have been training for. There is much to consider in a King Fire situation, so we will reconvene our planning team to discuss and agree on best procedures.

There is much discussion about Mosquito Road north and east into the forest, being used for evacuation. The road is passable and viable, to Georgetown, but the Sheriff's Office will not officially authorize it to be advertised as a solid consistent official evacuation route for an

actual fire, due to the possibility of the fire spotting into an evacuation route while people are present. The Sheriff will work in concert with Cal Fire to confer on using the Forest Road, on a case-by-case basis. The primary escape route for passenger vehicles (no trailers) is Mosquito Road to the Mosquito Bridge, provided the bridge is open and there is no fire impacting the area.

Our evacuation planning process coincides with the actual closure of the Mosquito Bridge starting the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>. The bridge will be closed for routine maintenance and to accommodate the official start and preparation of the new Mosquito Bridge. The closure is scheduled for ten weeks with reopening to coincide with the beginning of the new school year. We expect many challenges and calls for service during this period, as there will be heavy equipment being transported in from Rock Creek Road and eventually the Mosquito Forest Road. More information will follow about road closures and impacts due to the new bridge construction. All road closures require two weeks' notice by the County. There will be electronic sign boards posted at strategic locations in the Community and updates through the County's website. Information, as we receive it will be transmitted through our social media and website links.

Cal Fire will be conducting random vegetation management inspections in our community soon. Inspectors will be out enforcing defensible space regulations around homes (30-100 foot clearance). The purpose of the inspections is educational, but they do have the option to issue warnings and citations. Please give us a call if you would like a safety inspection of your property.

Congratulations to Engineer Devin Hern his successful completion of EMT academy. The EMT academy involves over 160 hours of classroom in Roseville, 40 hours of homework study and 24 hours of time in the field with on duty paramedics in Stockton. This is not an easy class to get through. Students cannot miss more than 10 hours of class and cannot fail more than two major tests. All failed tests must successfully be retaken. Academy costs are approximately \$3,000, requires a background check and an extensive health screening, including full mandatory vaccinations. Our student costs were primarily underwritten by our FEMA SAFER grant. We appreciate Devin's service and commitment to our Community. Firefighter Heidi Glockner is beginning Emergency Medical Responder training (80 hour) through Sierra College Roseville and will be completed in early August.

We will continue to send volunteer firefighters to EMT, EMR, Firefighter 1 and wildland academies with our FEMA grant which lasts through the end of 2023. We will attempt to request a one year extension to the grant, but cannot apply more than a month or two before the scheduled end of the grant.

With the assistance of Assistant Chief Hern, we will host a CPR class at a date to be determined in July. The priority will be to train and certify current volunteer staff and those who submitted recent interest in the CERT training program. If there is enough interest by community members, we will host another class to accommodate everyone.

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.

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:**

Thursday July 7- MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75  
Saturday July 9- Support Group monthly training- 10am- Station 75  
Tuesday July 5, 12, 19, 26- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome  
Thursday July 28- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

**The next MFPD board meeting will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Fire House**

### **MVFA Update**

MVFA Board of Directors

The annual community yard sale was a success again this year. Thank you to everyone who came out to the MVFA Annual Yard Sale. We had over 12 participants who filled the Mosquito Fire Station parking lot with lots of great items for sale.

The campground at Finnon Lake has been discovered, many new visitors are calling it the hidden jewel. Weekends are booked and even weekdays are busy with so many enjoying the lake and wildlife. We are so lucky to have this wonderful place right in our own backyard. The lake is a huge firefighting resource for our fire season, which we hope we won't need, and the grounds provide a great environment for wildlife. Our Bald Eagle pair has continued to care for their eaglets, who are now almost as big as the parents, and the Osprey come by regularly to fish. MVFA is always looking for more volunteers to help maintain this valuable resource, if you're interested, please contact any board member or come to our meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire Station at 3:00 PM.

### **MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE**

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

**December 10, 2022** Christmas Dinner

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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 July 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.



25 Canada Goose

1 California Quail

2 Wild Turkey

2 Pied-billed Grebe

1 Mourning Dove

1 Calliope Hummingbird

16 American Coot

3 Bald Eagle

18 Acorn Woodpecker

1 California Scrub-Jay

2 Oak Titmouse

5 Western Bluebird

6 Lesser Goldfinch

1 California Towhee

1 Spotted Towhee

15 Red-winged Blackbird

2 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 17

## **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 July 22. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 or email me at [eileenreisner@yahoo.com](mailto: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, July 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Come down to the airport and have a look.

## **SWANSBORO PILOT'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

by Swansboro Pilots Association

The Swansboro Pilot's Association is again offering Swansboro/Mosquito high school seniors a chance to compete for this \$500 college scholarship. If you are a high school senior going on to college next fall we hope you will apply. We've had some amazing winners and applicants in the past and look forward to seeing more! To apply, send at least a one page, double spaced, typed essay that states:

- Any community service projects you have done.
- What College you plan to attend.
- Your life and college plans,
- Your high school grade point average,
- Include your mailing address, phone number and email address.

Send your essay, postmarked no later than July, 15th, 2022 to: Swansboro Pilots Association, 2724 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA 95667. If you have any questions please contact Kim at 621-1049

## **FRANKS DINER**

by Frank Ethridge

Frank's Diner is happy to bring back our 4th of July BBQ and celebrate our country's birthday with our community. Dynamite Dave and the Detonators will be jamming the blues to keep the party going. We will be serving from 1-5 pm and the price is \$21.00 plus tax (Children 10 and under \$10.00).



### **Wednesday Family Night**

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Closed
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Meatloaf
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Eggplant Parmesan
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Taco Salad

### **Dates to Remember**

July 2nd-CLOSED for Private Party  
July 4th-BBQ 1-5 pm  
July 6th-CLOSED

### **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](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com)

Recipe of the Month - Apricot Ice Cream Soda, Here is a nice hot summer treat.

### **Ingredients:**

2 cans (15 ounces each) apricot halves,  
drained  
2/3 cup sugar

2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped  
2 cups chilled ginger ale

### **Directions:**

1. Press apricots through a fine-mesh strainer into a bowl; discard skins and pulp. Stir sugar and lemon juice into apricot puree. Gently fold in whipped cream. Transfer to an 8-in. square dish. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours or overnight. Divide ice cream among 4 glasses; top with ginger ale. Serve immediately.

## **Community Cleanup Day**

by Swansboro Pilot's Association

This was about the 15th year the Swansboro Pilot's group has done the community cleanup day and it was another successful event. There was a break during Covid so it wasn't consecutive years but we plan to continue this annual cleanup going forward. Thank you to all the volunteers from the Swansboro Pilots group as well as community members who pitched in to help unload vehicles and expertly pack the dumpsters, we had a great group who worked hard and had fun. We completely



filled two 40 yard dumpsters and didn't turn anyone away, we just kept rearranging and stomping to make more room. We also want to thank everyone who made generous donations to our scholarship fund during the event; we look forward to awarding one to a very deserving high school senior.

## **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	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00	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!**

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

### **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) (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](http://mfom.net) or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

### **SERVICES**

#### **HOUSE PAINTER – AMERICAN EAGLE PAINTING**

Residential/Commercial  
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or [americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com](mailto:americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com)  
Lic# 960086

#### **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). (1222)

#### **WELDING & FABRICATION**

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

#### **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). (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)



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### **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

### **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)

### **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 (0622)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>  
<http://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>  
<https://mfpd.us>  
<https://scpoa.info>  
<http://mfom.net>  
[www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Franks Diner - Closed
<b>3</b> <b>MFOM</b> Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>  Celebrate at Franks Diner, BBQ Food, Live Music from 1pm to 5pm	<b>5</b> <b>MFPD</b> Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	<b>6</b> <b>Frank's Family Night</b> Closed	<b>7</b> <b>MVFA</b> Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	<b>8</b> <b>Aircraft Display Day</b> 10 – 2pm	<b>9</b> <b>Support Group Training</b> 10am Station 75  <b>Bird Watching</b> Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am  <b>Aircraft Display Day</b> 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](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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