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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: July 21-August 22

Fires- 0

Smoke Check- 1

Medical Aid- 6

Rescue- 2 (Rock Creek Bridge)

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.

The Mosquito Bridge reopened on the afternoon of Tuesday August 9th. The road will remain under road control while crews continue to do prep work for the construction of the new Mosquito Bridge.

Shimmick Construction and County DOT would like to remind Community members using Mosquito Road to reduce speeds and use caution through the controlled construction zone. There have been reports of several near miss accidents.

Our evacuation planning group has added additional procedures for notifying the bridge construction and road control crews if a fire incident occurs which may trigger an evacuation down Mosquito Road or have an impact on the construction area. If an incident occurs during construction hours, we will have additional road control helping traffic leave southbound and limit traffic coming up to us, with the exception of emergency vehicles. Updated bridge information can be found at our website www.mfpd.us

On Friday August 5th, OES Engine 4312 responded to the McKinney Fire, in Siskiyou County, as a part of an OES task force. The crews worked for a week on fire containment and were released on Friday August 12th. The deployment crew was Captain Lugo, Firefighters Elledge and Anderson. During the deployment the engine had mechanical problems and is currently in the OES repair shop. We will have OES 4613 until 4312 is repaired.

Assistant Chief Hern hosted a CPR class (8 attendees) at Station 75 on Sunday July 31. There will be another class set to train additional personnel needing the training. We appreciate Chief Hern for donating his time and expertise to keep us certified. Further information will be coming regarding the next class date.

Tuesday night trainings had special instruction in aircraft emergencies (Steve Loree & Leo Chaloux) and vehicle extrication (Brian Keith & James Young). We appreciate the enhanced training. A special thank you to Steve Loree and the pilots who opened their hangars and

planes to support the aircraft training and to Board Member Linnea Uggle for the donation of a vehicle to use for extrication training.

Our long-awaited station electronic sign was installed on August 15-17. Many thanks to Meredith Blain for her coordination with bids, vendor selection, permits and communication. We are currently waiting for training from the vendor to access the sign controls and program messages. The sign will be officially dedicated at a ceremony before training on Tuesday September 6th @ 5:00pm.

Devin Hern and Coleman Johns have started their Firefighter 1 academy in Sacramento. They will attend training every Friday evening and all-day Saturday with graduation in December (Firefighter 1). Between January-June, the two will be completing an internship at the Consumnes Fire Department and will earn their Firefighter 2 certification. Tuition, travel and books are provided by the FEMA SAFER grant.

Firefighter Heidi Glockner successfully completed Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training.

We are in the process of obtaining permission to purchase new vehicle extrication equipment through our FEMA SAFER grant. More information coming but we are confident we will be able to replace outdated and inadequate equipment soon. More information will be provided as we move forward.

We have obtained addressing kits for residents and have introduced the program to the Community. We located addressing kits in our storage area and will purchase more if needed with residual donated funds in a separate account. Firefighters will put together the address signs and install them at the best location at a resident's property. The initial cost of the sign will be \$35. We have already received ten requests for the signs.

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 September 1 - MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Saturday September 3- First Annual Chili Cookoff- Dyer Lake 12:00-3:00pm

Tuesday September 6, 13, 20, 27- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Saturday September 10- Monthly Support Group Training- Station 75 - 9am

Saturday September 17- Special Meeting- Final Budget Workshop- 10am- Station 75

Thursday September 22- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

The next MFPD board meeting will be on September 22nd 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.

Upcoming MVFA Event

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is excited to host the annual Harvest Festival at Finnon Lake Campground Saturday, October 15th. Please save the date to come out and enjoy this family fun community event that will feature local vendors selling their goods. There will be arts and crafts, entertainment, kid activities, and many local safety agencies. There will also be a free lunch provided for all. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Registration for vendor booths will be open until September 30th. Please contact us at mvfa95667@gmail.com



Voices From The Campground

We routinely receive very positive feedback from our campers who in many cases want to book their next visit before they leave the campground. Here are some comments from the past two months-

April says:

Part of me wants to say it was terrible there and leave a bad review - only because this place is AWESOME for camping and I don't want the secret to get out! So beautiful, clean, quiet, well-maintained, and every other positive adjective u can think of. It is our go-to camping place - I hope we can get in another stay before it closes for winter! Thank u for a great time!

Erin says:

The best! We loved swimming and floating in the lake all day! We walked around the lake, threw some discs at some baskets, and visited Frank's Diner. Unfortunately, the eagles weren't home but we hope to see them in future visits!

Shauna says:

Love this place.

Chia says:

Absolutely beautiful, yes other campers were there but we made the best of friends with our neighbors so were thankful to have them close by next door! Will return. Thanks!!

Gabriela says:

Loved our time even though it was a short stay. The site was lovely, everyone one around us was super friendly and respectful and can't forget super clean bathrooms!! Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work, it doesn't go unnoticed. We'll definitely be back for longer stay.

Julie says:

I absolutely loved this campground!! So peaceful and quiet! Lots of wildlife to watch! A true hidden gem!! And Frank's diner is amazing!!

Shauna says:

Beautiful, waterfront camping. We brought our vintage trailer here and had so much fun. The water was perfect, the eagles and bullfrogs were entertaining and the kids loved trying to fish. Franks diner wasn't open which was a bummer but we caught him on our way out. Already booked another trip and will definitely be back. Super close to our house and, oh, they have CLEAN BATHROOMS! Ha.

Michelle says:

I loved how quiet and peaceful the property was. I loved the cleanliness of the property especially the

bathrooms. The host was very kind . We stayed an extra night because we loved it there. The kids loved Frank and his cooking skills at Frank's Diner. We will for sure return again!

Sarah says:

Found a new favorite spot. Small quiet campground. Perfect for relaxing & watching the bald eagles. The reservoir is perfect for floating swimming or fishing. Note: even though the cafe is closed on Monday and Tuesdays. Wood is still available with a honor pay system. Once the cafe is open, be sure to get a meal there. Excellent fries! And the staff is very friendly and helpful. Can't wait to go back to this beautiful spot!

MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

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

December 10, 2022
Christmas Dinner



The next MVFA board meeting will be on October 6th at 3:00pm at the Fire House.

Mosquito Bridge Project Update

By Shimmick Construction

Shimmick Construction, is asking the community who uses Mosquito Road to reduce speed, use caution, and be patient as they travel into and through the work zone. There is a lot of equipment moving around the site and we want to keep everyone safe.

During the coming weeks, there will be continued intermittent traffic control through the construction site. This work may also include weekends, so please be aware of an active site as you travel on Mosquito Road. Please allow extra time to arrive at your destinations.

El Dorado County Department of Transportation's Mosquito Road Bridge Construction Website is located here:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/dot/Bridge%20Projects/MosquitoBridge/Pages/Mosquito-Bridge-Project-Construction.aspx>

On the right-hand side of the above web page, there is a "Subscribe to Mosquito Bridge News" link where you can enter your email address. When the page is updated, an email will be sent to you letting you know. The Transportation department plans on updating this page throughout the duration of the project.

FINNON LAKE UPDATE

By MVFA Board of Directors

The MVFA would like to thank the Fire Department for assisting in the clearing of the Finnon Lake dam of heavy weed and grass coverage. This allows our resident predators to control the burrowing varmints who breach the dam.



AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

By Swansboro Pilot Association

Local pilots will be displaying their aircraft from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday, September 9th Saturday, September 10th and Sunday September 11^h. Come down to the airport and have a look.

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafters have been busy working on crafts for the November sale in Placerville. We are meeting at the pavilion outside of Frank's on 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 September 23rd. For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 or email me at eileenreisner@yahoo.com.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for August. The next bird watch is scheduled for September 10th. 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.



4 Pied-billed Grebe
1 Anna's Hummingbird
20 American Coot
1 Great Egret
20 Acorn Woodpecker
7 Black Phoebe

2 California Scrub-Jay
2 Barn Swallow
16 Western Bluebird
2 Lesser Goldfinch
1 Spotted Towhee

1 Great blue heron
1 Red winged blackbird
1 Belted Kingfisher

Number of Taxa: 14

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

Summer is almost done fall is around the corner. We will be closed for a Wedding up in Oregon Sept. 17th thru the 26th, going to be able to spend some much needed family time.



Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

- 7 – Lasagna
- 14 – Soft Tacos
- 21 - Closed
- 28 – BBQ Chicken

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

by Frank Ethridge

End of summer chipotle chicken cobb salad with cilantro vinaigrette

INGREDIENTS

For the Chipotle Chicken:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 chipotle chilies in adobo, *finely chopped*
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3–4 chicken breasts or thighs

For the Summer Cobb Salad:

- 3–4 cups greens
- 4 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 8–10 strawberries, quartered
- 2 ears corn on the cob, kernels removed
- 1–2 ripe avocados, sliced
- salt and pepper
- Cilantro Vinaigrette (below) is so yummy.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prep the chicken:** Combine the oil, chipotles, garlic powder, cumin, oregano, black pepper, and salt in a bowl. Place the chicken in the bowl and toss to coat the chicken in the marinade. Place in the fridge and let it marinate for at least 1 hour.
2. **Grill the chicken:** Heat an outdoor grill (or grill pan) to about 400 degrees. Place chicken on the grill and grill for 5-6 minutes per side, until cooked through. Remove the chicken from the grill and let rest for ten minutes. Slice against the grain.

3. **Salad:** Arrange the greens on a large platter and top with the bacon, strawberries, corn, avocado, and grilled chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Toss with the cilantro vinaigrette and serve!

4.

INGREDIENTS FOR CILANTRO VINAIGRETTE

1 huge bunch of fresh **cilantro** (2 cups packed)
1/2 cup **olive oil**
2 tablespoons **white vinegar**

1 clove **garlic**
1 teaspoon **kosher salt**
1/2 teaspoon **red pepper flakes**
1/4 to 1/2 cup **water**, *if needed*

INSTRUCTIONS

Blend everything up for about a minute until smooth. Add the water if you need more volume in the blender to make it run smoothly. Season to taste!
PUT ON EVERYTHING! I actually do mean everything. So delicious.

The 1st Annual Mosquito Firefighter's Chili Cookoff

by Scott Reiman

Saturday, September 3rd, Noon – 3:00pm

Set-up starts at 11:00am

Get ready for the hottest competition of the season! With an Airplane and Car displays by the Swansboro Pilot's Association!



To participate in the Chili Cookoff, please rsvp to sreiman@mfpd.us

To participate in the Airplane/Car display please rsvp to kimbaair@aol.com

Please be prepared to bring your own table and heat source (bbq, chaffing dish, etc.)
If you don't have these items, please respond to sreiman@mfpd.us, and we have additional resources available. Everyone is welcome to compete, or just eat!

\$20 recommended donation for all entrants.

\$2 recommended donation for all attendees.

All proceeds go directly to MFPD.

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 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

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 THANK'S YOU!



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70" Hitachi projection TV to good home. Works great! And has good picture for 4X3 standard. 530-642-8620

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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.

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

MEETINGS

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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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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)

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

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 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)

<http://www.gomvfa.org>

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

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<http://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	2	3 Chili Cook-off 12-3pm Dyer Lake
4 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am	5	6 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	7 Frank's Family Night Lasagna	8	9 Aircraft Display Day 10am – 2pm	10 Support Group Training 9am Station 75 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8 am Aircraft Display Day 10am – 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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