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Chief's Corner

We have officially entered the Fall-Winter season; cold weather, rain, slick roads and fog. No snow yet but no doubt it's just around the corner. We hope you had a safe and joyful Thanksgiving and that the holiday spirit will continue through Christmas and into next year.



We are excited about another innovation for our District; an operational "Shared Services" agreement with Garden Valley Fire. In a nutshell, here are some of the things it will mean for us. MFPD and GVFD will be writing mirrored operational procedures so that both districts will do things the same way. Two times each month our Staff and Volunteers will hold joint training sessions with Garden Valley. When appropriate, the two districts will make joint equipment purchases to save money through volume discounts. Both districts will provide volunteer Firefighter Cross Staffing if and when necessary. For example, recently Garden Valley was short a firefighter due to a strike team assignment, Mosquito filled that vacant position (at no cost to Mosquito). Garden Valley is our neighbor and is dispatched to our structure and wild-land fires. If we train together and use the same procedures, we both will be more efficient agencies during an emergency.

Ok, now for some Christmas Safety Tips. They're basic but it's good to refresh our memory.

1. Lights -Take a good look at your strings of lights and make sure they are in good condition. Frayed wires and poor connections can cause a serious fire hazard. If you're stringing lights outside, make sure you use lights designed for outdoor use. If you are unsure, don't use them outside. Connecting too many light strings together can overload a circuit and heat up the wires. Check the package or with the manufacturer to see how many can be strung together.
2. Candles - They get a lot of use during the holiday season and ANY open flame is a potential fire hazard. Keep candles away from other combustible material and make sure they are completely extinguished before retiring or leaving the house.
3. Trees - Make sure that the stand will adequately support the tree. A tipped over tree can be a potential fire hazard. If you choose a freshly cut tree, make sure you keep it in water as long as possible - they dry out quickly in a heated environment and can become a fire hazard.

Our Dwindling Resources is an article from the Parcel Assessment Review Committee (PARC) that addresses fiscal concerns facing the district. It can be found on the District's website, www.mfpd.us. We encourage all District residents to take a look at what our fiscal future might hold.

NOTE: To meet a Federal and a County deadline for action on two separate items, the **BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** at the fire station.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)

By the MVFA Board of Directors

The entire MVFA board would like to extend a huge thank you to Darcy Kreiger for all the time she put in acting as the MVFA Treasurer. We wish her and Keith the best in their next step in life!

The annual MVFA Christmas Turkey Dinner and membership meeting will take place on **Saturday, December 9th** at the fire station. This dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our thanks to the wonderful members of our special Mosquito community, our superb Fire Department personnel, and the great many volunteers who work to make our community the best.

Santa arrives at 5:00 p.m. for the youngsters, and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Join your neighbors for this fun event, and MVFA wishes you the happiest of Holidays.

Note: Persons under the age of 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian age 21 or older at all MVFA events held at the fire station.

The Christmas dinner is also the occasion of the MVFA Board of Director's election. Four directors will be up for election at the December 9th dinner and membership meeting. The election will be held before dinner. Conforming to qualifications specified under MVFA By-Laws and to the MVFA Mission Statement, the names of qualified candidates are:

Linda Heyart, incumbent.

Gary Morris, incumbent.

Kim Purcell, appointed incumbent.

Eileen Reisner, candidate.

Statement from **Kim Purcell**:

I would like to submit my name to run for the MVFA board as I was appointed to fill the last year of the term of a prior member. I would be honored to continue working with this amazing group of hard working unselfish individuals (and their spouses) who give so much time and effort for the benefit of our entire community.

Statement from **Eileen Reisner**:

I would like to apply for a position on the MVFA Board. The MVFA organization is one that truly supports our community from Finnon to the fire department. I have served on a few boards in the past as VP, treasurer, and secretary. Over the past year I have attended most MVFA board meetings and volunteered for all functions which includes setup, cooking, and helping with organizing events. I feel that my experience and desire to give back to this community would make me a good addition to the board. Thank you.

MVFA would like to thank Dave Angelo for his many years of service to the community and the board. Dave is not seeking re-election to the board, but will continue to chair the Fish and Wildlife Committee at Finnon.

MVFA is asking for donations of canned and boxed foods for the Community Christmas Baskets. You can bring Donations to the Community Christmas Dinner on December 9th or drop them off at the fire station **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th**. Those wishing to donate either a turkey or a ham please call Sharon at 626-5268 or Mary Ann at 622-5477. Please remember, outdated food, opened boxes, and perishables cannot be accepted. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday season.

And don't forget our Toys for Tots toy drive. MVFA is teaming with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. There is a donation barrel located at the fire station. Gifts for children should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the children's ages and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. Thank you from MVFA.

Bingo will not be held in December because of the holidays. Bingo will start up again in January, 2018 - at Frank's Diner! Watch the future Bytes for details.

MVFA is a limited membership 501(c)(3) non-profit community support organization and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fund raisers and 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 entirely 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 a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at Finnon Lake Recreation Area. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

For up-to-date information, photos from MVFA events and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org and www.finnonrecreationarea.com.

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. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, and wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. We can also be contacted at mvfa95667@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Notice: The MVFA Board of Directors values the privacy rights of its board members - who are private citizens and not public servants. Membership on the MVFA board does not constitute a waiver of this right to privacy. Public display of a photograph or video recording of any board member without his or her permission is considered a violation of their right to privacy, and legally actionable.

Please join us for the monthly MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, December 7th at Frank's Diner. The Community Dinner and membership meeting on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Finnon Lake Recreation Area

By Tom Harris

It's a busy time of year at Finnon Lake. After the recent rains which amounted to over six inches, the water level at Finnon Lake has risen quite a bit. Also, Disc Golfer attendance increases dramatically in the cooler months. Maintenance work continues on the Disc Golf course. Recently, MVFA volunteers and members of the Hangtown Disc Golf Club, who built the course, organized a work day to prepare the course for a tournament the day after Thanksgiving. The ongoing poison oak eradication program is showing signs of success. It's our goal to eliminate poison oak from the course, and all the hiking trails at Finnon, so wish us luck.

Winter work at Finnon will entail spreading more gravel on our roads, improving the roadside drainage, and preparing the spillway for another wet season.

The Finnon Property Committee has a list of over 40 residents who have volunteered in the past and expressed an interest in continuing. For a brief history of the Finnon Dam Restoration project, go to www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click "ABOUT".

The Finnon Lake Restoration Project involves construction of the new dam, restoring water storage, enhancement of fisheries and aquatic habitat, improving 5.5 acres of wetland habitat, improving 5.9 acres of forested habitat and securing a sustainable water supply to combat wildfires. Finnon Lake Recreation Area was designated as the secondary safe zone to the Swansboro Airport during the King Fire. Indirect benefits include supporting beneficial uses such as public access, camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boating and other uses associated with the campground. Future projects call for an addition to the bathrooms for handicap access, and pedestal grills in the Day Use area.

MVFA is a non-profit community organization. All adults living in the Mosquito Fire Protection District are general members of MVFA. If you would like to enrich your membership, apply for a seat on the board, or otherwise become a member in good standing, please become an MVFA Volunteer. Board meetings are open to general membership and held at Frank's Diner at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. Please feel free to attend an MVFA board meeting, or contact any board member with specific questions you may have. Visit www.GoMVFA.org for up-to-date information and photos of events.

MVFA owns and manages the Finnon Lake Recreation Area, and is financially independent and totally self-supporting. MVFA receives no income or financial support from MFPD or any other tax source, nor from any homeowner's group. Neither MVFA nor Finnon Lake has any affiliation with SCPOA or dues paid by property owners. MVFA does not endorse or support any political candidates or parties. MVFA has no paid employees. Maintenance work at Finnon and the work involved with all MVFA events is accomplished solely through the efforts of community volunteers. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

SCPOA Report

by Roger Stenbock

I want to thank all of you who attended the November 16th SCPOA board meeting. We had a greater than usual turn out. Your participation and comments are very helpful to the board. Among the highlights was a discussion of the activities at the Dyer Lake restrooms from Eileen Reisner, the bark beetle project update by Connell Persico and the Bylaw Restatement Committee progress by Debbie Harris. Official meeting minutes will be published at SCPOA.INFO when approved.

Dyer Lake Restrooms

It appears the illegal drug use at the restrooms at Dyer Lake has been a source of concern for quite some time. Thanks to Kevin Birks of SCPOA maintenance, the problem is not as bad as in past years, but it persists. The board did set up a liaison with the El Dorado County Sheriff. Unfortunately, this did not prove to be effective. There were a number of suggestions from the floor such as video surveillance and more signs. The board is making solving this situation a high priority.

Bark Beetle Update

Connell Persico gave a detailed report. In part it included ...Since we began in September, our Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) Jeff Shurtz, has worked on over 30 properties on both our permit and additional 150' exemption permits. His crew has averaged two truckloads of wood per day for five days per week out of the community. At a rough average of 4,500 board feet per truckload, they have removed about 360,000 board feet of trees. There are several properties lined up rain permitting. We have learned a lot from this project to date:

1. The project doesn't work the way we thought on some properties. It becomes cost prohibitive for a property owner with 3-5 trees in a gully at the back of their property with no immediate neighbor participation to get their trees removed.
2. Absentee and/or non-responsive neighbors can delay or stop tree removal from participating owners. The LTO needs approval to transport logs across properties of an owner he is unable to reach.

3. Properties adjacent to each other with cooperating neighbors enable quick and comprehensive tree removal.

These realities have played a role in the way our LTO has proceeded within the community. As the rain causes a delay in the work, we have begun a discussion about next steps.

Our LTO will continue to work on tree removal when the weather permits. On some properties where there is a safety issue, but where he can't get his equipment on the property, he is prepared to drop the trees (at low cost) but will not be able to remove them. And if we can generate steady work he will stay in the community.

Bylaw Restatement Committee

Debbie Harris, Co-Chair of the Bylaws Committee, gave her report. She thanked committee members, Robert Keel, Laurie Teague, Gordon Smith, Toni Neukirchner and co-chair Marty Dominguez. She reported the committee had been meeting nearly 6-8 hours a month since April. We are nearly finished and hope to get the draft of the Restatement of Bylaw's to the SCPOA Board by the December 21st meeting. It will then be in the board's hands to get legal advice and adopt the final draft which will go to the membership. We will have Town Hall meetings to discuss the draft with the membership and get their input before taking it to a final vote of the membership. Our goal has been to have a final draft which combines the character and history of our original Bylaws and update them to comply with current laws. Unfortunately, Marty had to resign for family reasons in October. Our committee wants to thank her for opening up her home to us, having snacks for us and sharing her business & numerous talents for keeping us all together. Gordon Smith will now be the Co-Chair with me.

The 2018 budget report will be presented during a special meeting scheduled for **Monday, December 4th** at 7 p.m. at the fire station. The next regular SCPOA open meeting will be **Thursday, December 21st**, at 7 p.m., also at the fire station.

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MS75

By Lisa Hampton

Can you believe it's the end of 2017 already? I don't know where the time goes, but we must have done something good with it, because we were able to raise about \$10,000 this year. Most of it went to purchasing three sets of turnouts for our volunteer firefighters. Also known as structure gear, these are the heavy-weight coats and pants that we wear when fighting fire in a burning building. They are super-duty to withstand the high temperatures associated with structure fires. And because they have to be top-notch, they cost a pretty penny. But thanks to those who flipped pancakes, and those who ate them, we were able to order three new sets.

With the funds we had left over, MS75 also purchased winter-weight sweaters to keep us warm while we shovel mud and rocks off the roads, and, after a long year of hard training, treated ourselves to a movie night ("Only the Brave" - based on the true story of the nineteen Hotshots who lost their lives during the Yarnell Fire). A heart-felt thank you goes out to all of those who help slice, dice, and serve during our events, and all of you who braved the blazing summers and rainy winters to come to partake of the good food and even better company. Happy holidays, from our house to yours! See you in the New Year!

Crafters

By Sharon Hern

The Firehouse Crafters wish to THANK all of you who have supported us this year at our Craft Sales, both here on the hill and off the hill in town. Our proceeds are used to help support the needs of our Fire Department.

We are taking a Holiday break and will resume our Craft meetings in January. Happy Holidays to All!

Christmas Basket Food Donations

by Sharon Hern & Mary Ann Haywood

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Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday.

MVFA Community Christmas Craft Bazaar

By Kim Purcell

Please join the MVFA crafters, Trading post participants and community artists **Sunday December 10th** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the fire house for some Christmas shopping. Come see the talent of our community members, do some shopping for yourself or others, visit with neighbors and friends as well as have a hot beverage and snack.

If you would like to participate it's a \$10 donation to the MVFA Station 75 fund for a table. Please contact Sharlyn Fields at 440-0240 or Kim Purcell at 621-1049 to arrange for a table, we would love to have you join us.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By Dave Angelo

Our next bird watching will be on **Saturday, December 15th** to 9:00 a.m. We meet at the Finnon Lake Pavilion. The community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. Hope to see you there!

2 Canada Goose
1 Bald Eagle
8 Band-tailed Pigeon
3 Black Phoebe
8 Bushtit
4 Brewer's Blackbird

2 Mallard
16 American Coot (Red-shielded)
6 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
1 Steller's Jay
20 Dark-eyed Junco
20 Lesser Goldfinch

1 Great Egret
2 Killdeer
1 Red-breasted Sapsucker
3 California Scrub-Jay
10 California Towhee

Number of Taxa: 17



Frank's Diner

As many of you know, Franks Diner is now open for breakfast and lunch, soon to be expanding to dinners. It has been a packed house most of the time but nobody seems to mind as they catch up with friends and neighbors while enjoying Frank's fabulous cooking. It's so nice to have a community place to gather again with good food and friends and everyone is looking forward to family nights. As we come into the holiday season be sure to talk to Frank and Heidi about catering. They can do some amazing dishes that your friends and family will love. Many volunteers put in lots hours cleaning, painting and repairing in order to get the facility ready for business again but it was well worth it. Thank you to everyone, the list is long, for your time and energy!

Chef's Corner

by Frank's Diner

Having friends and family over for the holidays can be tough with all the different dietary restrictions and sometimes we just get caught up in cooking the same dishes every year, so here is a new take on cauliflower you can try on all your friends and family. This cauliflower dish is gluten free, packs a lot of flavor and will go well with your roast turkey, beef or vegetarian feast.

Italian Cauliflower Side

4 cloves of garlic
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
½ a small bunch of fresh thyme
olive oil
sea salt
freshly ground black pepper
1 lemon , zest and juice of
1 large cauliflower , (1kg) with outer leaves left on
4 tablespoons dry sherry
1 x 400 g tin of plum tomatoes
40 g flaked almonds
½ a bunch of fresh flat-leaf parsley
extra virgin olive oil

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Peel the garlic, then add to a pestle and mortar with the paprika and half the thyme leaves. Bash well to a rough paste, then muddle in 2 tablespoons of olive oil and season. Zest the lemon into a separate bowl and set aside.
3. Trim the outer cauliflower leaves. Trim away and discard the stalk so the cauliflower can sit flat, then cut a cross into the base. Rub all over with the paprika paste, then place in a medium casserole pan. Drizzle over the sherry and squeeze the lemon juice on top. Cover and pop in the hot oven for around 1 hour 20 minutes, or until tender, removing the lid for the final 20 minutes.
4. Take the pan out of the oven, then pour in the plum tomatoes, tearing or slicing them up into chunks. Sprinkle over the lemon zest and pick over the remaining thyme leaves. Return the pan to the oven for a further 10 minutes, or until the cauliflower is golden.
5. Meanwhile, place a medium frying pan over a medium-low heat. Add the almonds and toast gently for 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden, then leave to cool. Once ready, take the pan out of the oven. Scrunch over the toasted almonds, then pick, roughly chop and scatter the parsley leaves on top. Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, then carve up and serve with pilaf rice and steamed greens, or as part of a big spread.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

Three Lots in Grizzly Flats for sale

.6 of an acre at 5169 Evergreen Dr, Grizzly Flats CA. Price \$22,500.

.41 of an acre at 4904 Coralaine Dr, Grizzly Flats CA. Price \$20,000.

All lots have water and electricity at the street. Water meter needed at a price of \$6,000 per meter. Cash sale with transfer of deed at County Recorder's office by owner. Mark (916) 873-4522 (1217)

Swansboro Lot for sale

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Nice lot between Buckeye Court and Pawdick Court. A little over 2 acre lot with water meter installed. Nice drive onto property into a nice clearing. Priced at \$50,000 Mark (916) 873-4522 (1217)

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11.5 Acres of paradise. Located at the end of Ringtail Rd, 1.5 Miles from Wentworth Springs Rd off Volcanoville Rd. is this beautiful peaceful lot. Lightly southern sloped lot with many level areas and drive in locations. Power at the road with transformer. Invest in pure paradise for \$95,000. Mark (916) 873-4522 (1217)

MEETINGS

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PERSONAL FITNESS PROGRAM - Improve mobility! Lose weight! Feel younger! Live longer! Enjoy home personal fitness program conducted by certified, insured and experienced Air Force veteran trainer located in Swansboro. 1st session includes a free consultation and fitness evaluation. Call James Porter at (907)328-9544 for a free consultation today. (0218)

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December 2nd & 3rd at 10:00am - 2:00pm.

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Gifts, Hand Crafted Wooden Jewelry Boxes,
Puzzles & Toys, SHOP LOCAL! (1217)

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CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

December 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Donations now accepted for Toys for Tots, Christmas Baskets and Names for Christmas Basket recipients. | 2 Support group 10 a.m. Fire Station |
| 3 | 4 Special SCPOA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Fire Station | 5 | 6 MFPD Board Meeting 7 p.m. Fire Station | 7 MVFA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Frank's Diner | 8 | 9 Community Dinner Santa 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Fire Station |
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